

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:04 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:44 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Chair
 Jacques Barbeau
 Joe Cimino
 Evelyn Dutrisac
 Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.

COMMUNICATIONS: John Dennis
 Anne Watelet

1. Chair Rogers opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2010-22

Barbeau - Cimino

That the February 18, 2010 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) January 21, 2010

Resolution 2010-23

Barbeau - Cimino

That the minutes of the January 21, 2010 Annual General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic reported on two items not included on the agenda for this meeting. Details were presented to members on plans for a workshop related to the Climate Change Consortium Managing Partners initiative. Ivan Filion, the facilitator hired by the N.D.C.A., is developing plans for the workshop to be held on March 30th. General Board members will be updated as the workshop planning proceeds.

Outcomes from the February 16th and 17th Northern Ontario Conservation Authorities Climate Change workshop and environmental-education regional leads meeting were presented. Chair Rogers, members Dutrisac and Watelet and staff participated in the sessions. Dr. David Pearson and Al Douglas strongly encouraged all northern Authorities to move forward with community based climate change adaptation initiatives for the benefit of watershed residents and the natural environment. P. Sajatovic noted that the N.D.C.A.'s comments on the Province's Proposed Northern Ontario Growth Plan were submitted on February 1st as required.

5. General Business

a) 2009 Performance Measurement Report

Performance Measurement is a necessary and useful tool for organizations to use in order to ensure limited funds are being used effectively to deliver the services required by customers/clients. A combination of financial and non-financial indicators are used to measure program operations' effectiveness and efficiency. The N.D.C.A. 2009 report contents were presented to members by P. Sajatovic. Chair Rogers and members had a number of questions and noted that modifications to the reporting process should be constant. Members expressed satisfaction with the comprehensiveness of the report. Following the discussion a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2010-24

Cimino - Barbeau

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority 2009 Performance Measurement Report be approved as presented,
AND FURTHER that copies of this report be distributed to members of City Council and senior City staff.

Carried.

b) Corporate Strategic Planning Process

At the January, 2010 Board meeting a consultant/facilitator was retained by the N.D.C.A. in order to assist with the completion of the first ever Corporate Strategic

Plan for the Conservation Authority. Following the January meeting, Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic were directed to meet with the facilitator/consultant to develop a detailed scope of work for the Strategic Planning Process. Based on that meeting the detailed work plan from Mr. O'Sullivan was distributed to members. Members reviewed the work plan in detail and were in agreement. The first workshop engaging N.D.C.A. members and staff will be held on April 10, 2010. More detailed information will be distributed prior to the workshop in order to focus the session. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2010-25

Cimino - Barbeau

That the report from Paddy O'Sullivan, of The Creative Moment, outlining the process and timeline for the N.D.C.A. Corporate Strategic Planning Process be approved for immediate implementation.

Carried.

c) N.D.C.A. Working Group Report - Erosion Control Policy and Procedures

At the November, 2009 General Board meeting, a Working Group comprised of N.D.C.A. members and staff was tasked with undertaking a review of the N.D.C.A.'s policy and procedures pertaining to erosion control assistance for private property owners. The direction from the General Board to the Working Group was to come up with recommendations that would establish the framework for the N.D.C.A. to follow in the future related to such requests. The report and its main recommendations as submitted to members were reviewed by member Barbeau and P. Sajatovic. Members agreed with the recommendations and reinforced the need for increased public education and awareness through various techniques. As well, staff was directed to monitor the policy and procedures and report back if any issues arise needing further consideration.

Resolution 2010-26

Dutrisac - Landry-Altmann

That the N.D.C.A. Working Group Report dealing with policy and procedures for erosion control assistance on private property in the N.D.C.A. watershed area, be approved for immediate implementation.

Carried.

d) Mayor's Storm Working Group Report Recommendations

On July 26, 2009 a very severe storm caused extensive flooding and damage in a few areas in the former City of Sudbury. The damage to individual residences and property was extensive and costly. Many individuals suffered great loss and were emotionally

impacted. As a result of this storm event various City staff and N.D.C.A. staff came together to understand, analyze and make recommendations about severe weather events and in particular what was learned from the storm of July 26, 2009. A copy of the final report was given to members. It was noted that Councillor/N.D.C.A. Member Landry-Altmann has been dealing with this issue since the storm occurred, as it was primarily centered in her ward. P. Sajatovic highlighted the areas where recommendations/next steps/actions contained in the final report will involve the N.D.C.A. Those areas include enhanced communications, improved community flood response planning, undertaking a storm water management study for the Junction Creek watershed in conjunction with the municipality, etc. Members were pleased to see the N.D.C.A.'s response and involvement and requested regular updates on the activities outlined.

e) 2010 N.D.C.A. Budget Approval

The N.D.C.A. 2010 Budget, Capital Work Plan and Business Plan had been distributed to members under separate cover. It was noted that the City of Greater Sudbury had approved the Conservation Authority's 2010 levy request on February 10th. However, the transfer payment allocation from the Ministry of Natural Resources will not be known for some time. This will delay certain activities/programs contained in the budget including staffing recruitment, environmental education, etc. Staff will monitor the situation and update members as more information becomes available.

f) Drinking Water Source Protection Program Update

i) February 24th Presentation to City Council

Chair Rogers, G.S.S.P.C. Chair Nels Conroy, P. Sajatovic and staff are scheduled to appear before City Council on February 24th to provide an update on the status of the project. As well the other purpose of the presentation is to begin discussions with the member municipality on the future of Source Protection Planning in the Greater Sudbury watersheds after the first Source Protection Plan is completed by August, 2012 at the latest. Discussions will be ongoing between the City and N.D.C.A./Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority in order to identify the needs and priorities for our area post-2012.

ii) Draft Assessment Report Preparation

The proposed Greater Sudbury Source Protection Assessment Report is scheduled to be submitted to the Province on June 8, 2010. Prior to that a draft Assessment Report will be completed and will undergo public review and comment. Members were provided with details on the process. General Board members will be given a copy of the draft Assessment Report in electronic

format when it is posted on March 16th. The Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority will have to endorse the proposed Assessment Report prior to it being submitted to the Province. Members will be kept up-to-date on the process to be used in meeting the regulatory requirements.

iii) 2010/2011 D.W.S.P. Budget/Work Plan Proposal

The 2010/2011 budget/work plan proposal was due to the Province on February 19th. P. Sajatovic has been working with Judy Sewell and the other Source Water Protection Planning staff to ensure all the priority needs are met in the upcoming fiscal year. It is anticipated at this time that the Province will likely continue to provide the same level of funding for the next fiscal year as was received for 2009/2010. However, it will be a number of weeks before the final funding allocation is approved. Members will be updated as more accurate information becomes available.

g) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report

Resolution 2010-27

Dutrisac - Landry-Altman

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2010-01 to and including 2010-02, issued in January 2010, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

6. In-Camera Matters

Resolution 2010-28

Barbeau - Cimino

That we go in-camera at 5:13 p.m.

Carried.

At 5:36 p.m. the Chair of the in-camera session rose to report that a legal/property matter had been dealt with in-camera but that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

7. New Business

a) Ramsey Lake Water Quality Impacts

Member Landry-Altman raised the issue of four season activities on Ramsey Lake which could affect the water quality. Other members who are also Councillors

indicated they have been receiving numerous calls and inquiries. The municipality is investigating what mechanisms are available to possibly deal with some of the obvious activities which could impact the water quality. As well the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee has identified some issues which will be considered during the policy development phase of the Source Protection Planning work. The N.D.C.A. will continue to monitor the situation and will update members as any new and relevant information is received.

b) Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18th at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-12, at Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2010-29

Landry-Altmann - Dutrisac

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.