

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Room C-12  
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 6:03 p.m.  
Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

PRESENT:           Bob Rogers, Chair  
                      Joe Cimino  
                      Evelyn Dutrisac  
                      Lin Gibson  
                      Russ Thompson

ALSO PRESENT:   P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.  
                      Emily McMillan, N.D.C.A./Gateway Project Researcher

COMMUNICATION:   Jacques Barbeau  
                          Joscelyne Landry-Altman  
                          Mark Signoretti  
                          Anne Watelet

1.     Chair Rogers opened the meeting, welcoming all present. Chair Rogers highlighted the activities he had been involved with since the last General Board meeting. Some of the matters were to be further considered at this General Board meeting.

2.     No declarations of conflict were declared by any member present.

3.     Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2012-35

Cimino - Thompson

That the agenda for the April 12, 2012 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4.     Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a)     March 8, 2012

Resolution 2012-36

Thompson - Cimino

That the minutes of the March 8, 2012 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

Chair Rogers referenced Item 6 (g) in the minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup> dealing with the Nickel District Conservation Authority submission of comments to the City of Greater Sudbury Official Plan Review. Chair Rogers provided detail and recommended that Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. join the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition. After the circulation of additional information, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2012-37

Dutrisac - Gibson

That Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. join the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition as discussed at the April 12, 2012 General Board meeting.

Carried.

Member Landry-Altman had advised she was not able to attend this meeting. Chair Rogers noted that member Landry-Altman had submitted comments in relation to the report to be dealt with later in the meeting concerning the recent Conservation Ontario (C.O.) Council meeting. More specifically, member Landry-Altman was addressing the Low Impact Development (L.I.D.) Paper that had been circulated at the C.O. Council meeting. Member Landry-Altman strongly believes that L.I.D. principles have to be incorporated into the development standards for Greater Sudbury, especially as they relate to stormwater management. Members agreed and P. Sajatovic advised that comments related to this topic will be incorporated into the submission Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. will be making to the City's Official Plan Review process which is underway now.

5. Presentation - Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium - "The Gateway Project" - Emily McMillan

Chair Rogers welcomed Emily McMillan to the meeting. Emily has been involved with the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium - N.D.C.A. since 2008. Emily proceeded with an electronic presentation related to the Gateway Project. Emily also outlined the outcomes of a workshop held on February 21<sup>st</sup> which involved representatives from many different agencies and organizations. Emily will be working to update the Climate Change Consortium website now that the Gateway Project is completed. Chair Rogers noted that Emily will soon be defending her Doctorate thesis and that Liette Vasseur is Emily's advisor. All present thanked Emily for a very informative presentation and hoped she can stay involved with the Consortium and activities to build adaptation capacity in the community.

6. General Business

- a) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report - March, 2012

Resolution 2012-38

Cimino - Thompson

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2012-06 to 2012-07 issued in March, 2012, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

- b) Source Protection Planning Updates

- i) First Quarter 2012 G.S.S.P.C. Update to G.S.S.P.A. - The Source Protection Committee is required to submit quarterly reports to the Source Protection Authority until the draft Source Protection Plan is submitted. The first quarter report was distributed at the meeting and the key highlights in the report were discussed. Chair Rogers thanked Chair Nels Conroy, the committee and staff for the excellent work being done and noted that the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Plan will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment on or before August 20, 2012. Following the discussion a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2012-39

Gibson - Dutrisac

That the 2012 first quarter update report from the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee to the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority be received for information.

Carried.

- ii) March 8, 2012 - G.S.S.P.A. Meeting

At the March 8<sup>th</sup> Source Protection Authority meeting, Resolution 12-07 was passed requesting the transfer of Part IV the Risk Management function to the Source Protection Authority. Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic updated members on this issue. It was noted that a meeting has been scheduled with City staff to discuss this issue and request from the G.S.S.P.A. Further, a request has been submitted to appear before City Council in May, 2012 to provide an update and to continue the collaboration with our member municipality. G.S.S.P.A./N.D.C.A. members will be kept up to date on this initiative.

c) 2012 Provincial Budget Overview (Conservation Authorities Program Impacts)

The 2012 Provincial budget released in late March did not directly address the level of funding to be provided for the Conservation Authorities program in 2012. However, based on the information available, there may be impacts in 2012 and beyond. P. Sajatovic reported on actions being taken to address this situation. Further, Chair Rogers and Vice-Chair Gibson were to provide additional information on this topic later in the meeting. As well, it was noted that the five northern Authorities are planning to hold a video conference meeting in early May of the Conservation Authorities to begin work towards developing a strategy for future sustainability. The Chair and General Manager will keep all members updated on this very important issue.

d) 2012 Action Plan - General Manager's First Quarter Report

P. Sajatovic, using the 2012 Action Plan approved by the General Board, reported on the major initiatives/activities that had been completed in the first quarter. Those activities that are ongoing were highlighted as well as activities not completed, with explanations. Chair Rogers and members had questions for the General Manager and at the conclusion of the discussion noted that a great deal of work has already been completed in 2012. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2012-40

Dutrisac - Gibson

That the General Manager's first quarter verbal report based on the approved 2012 Action Plan, be received for information.

Carried.

e) Sudbury Data Consortium

Janet Gasparini, Executive Director of the Social Planning Council of Sudbury, and a member of the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium, had circulated information on the Sudbury Data Consortium. The Data Consortium opportunity through the Canadian Council on Social Development, is an effective way for partners to access data at very specific geographic locations (neighbourhoods) and allows for the development of a collaborative approach to community information sharing. New members are welcome in the Sudbury Data Consortium. The work of the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium can likely benefit from this opportunity and it was recommended that the Climate Change Consortium join. Following a brief discussion, a resolution was presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2012-41

Gibson - Dutrisac

That Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A./Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium join the Sudbury Data Consortium based on the information distributed,

AND FURTHER that the annual Program Administration Fee of \$250.00 per year for five years (2012-2017) and the one-time membership fee of \$550.00 maximum, be charged to the Climate Change Consortium cost centre in the N.D.C.A. budget.

Carried.

f) Recognition of Member Lin Gibson (Sudbury Business & Professional Womens Club)

Lin Gibson, Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. Vice-Chair and member, is the 2012 Bernardine Yackman Award winner. Lin has and continues to make significant contributions to the Greater Sudbury community through dedicated leadership and vision. Chair Rogers, members and P. Sajatovic congratulated Lin on her receipt of this most prestigious award. It was also noted that Lin had donated \$100.00 to the charity of her choice, the "Friends of Lake Laurentian". Chair Rogers thanked Lin for this generous donation in support of our community jewel, the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

g) April 2, 2012 Conservation Ontario Council Meeting

Chair Rogers and Vice-Chair Gibson had attended this meeting. Vice-Chair Gibson prepared and distributed a written report highlighting the meeting outcomes. Many significant issues were discussed, and all present welcomed the presentation from the Honourable Michael Gravelle, the Minister of Natural Resources. Vice-Chair Gibson's report noted that the Minister had outlined four focus items stemming from the provincial budget released in late March. Information recently released by the Deputy Minister was also mentioned. Upon the Minister's departure from the meeting, those present agreed that action is necessary to address the financial impacts and changes that are likely to occur. It is anticipated that a special one day meeting will be held in June in Toronto to further deal with these issues. Chair Rogers concluded by stating he was encouraged by the Minister's comments and is confident that opportunities exist to transform the Ministry to allow the Authorities to be more sustainable. Members thanked Chair Rogers and Vice-Chair Gibson for the very comprehensive report.

7. In-Camera Matters (Legal/Personnel/Property)

Resolution 2012-42

Thompson - Cimino

That we go in-camera at 7:15 p.m.

Carried.

At 7:38 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that legal and personnel matters had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

8. New Business

a) Issue of Ice Huts/Debris on Lakes

Member Dutrisac advised that this issue had been discussed at a Community Action Network meeting in Azilda on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The concerns related to the amount and types of debris left on the ice after huts are removed. Vice-Chair Gibson who is also Chair of the City's Lake Advisory Panel noted that work is underway to develop education and awareness initiatives to attempt to raise awareness about these problems. Also, the Ministry of Natural Resources is seeking assistance from other groups/agencies to address this problem. Chair Rogers noted that Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. can play some type of stewardship role. Vice-Chair Gibson and Member Dutrisac, with staff support, agreed to work on this issue and update members when further information is available.

b) General Board Meeting Time

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Members asked that consideration be given to starting the meeting at 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. Members discussed the reasons for the change in start time and directed the General Manager to follow up on this matter and report back prior to the end of April.

c) Watershed Stewardship/Collaboration

Vice-Chair Gibson reported on the recent reorganization of the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance. Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic noted that Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. has offered to meet with and work more closely with the Alliance on watershed issues of mutual interest and concern. P. Sajatovic noted that a presentation by Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. on watershed collaboration is being made at a Watershed Wellness conference in Lively on April 21<sup>st</sup> as part of the launch of Earth Month in Greater Sudbury.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2012-43

Dutrisac - Gibson

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.