

Resolution 2012-45

Landry-Altmann - Gibson

That the minutes of the April 12, 2012 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

P. Sajatovic referenced Item 6 (b) (ii) in the minutes of April 12th related to the meeting the GSSPA/NDCA had with senior City of Greater Sudbury staff on April 30th dealing with Source Protection Planning implementation. A followup information package that was subsequently distributed to City staff was shared with members. The GSSPA/NDCA is awaiting a response from City staff to the request tabled on April 30th to transfer in full to the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority Part IV responsibilities under the Clean Water Act. It is further hoped that a joint presentation can be made to City Council on June 12th to announce the transfer agreement-in-principle, subject to a final agreement between the City and G.S.S.P.A.

Member Gibson referenced Item 8 (a) dealing with the issue of ice huts and debris left on lakes. Member Gibson informed members that the City, through the Lakes Advisory Panel, will be developing an information brochure which will be ready for distribution in the fall of this year. Member Gibson noted that partners will be included on the publication and that Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. should have a presence. This item will be followed up on by Natalie Webster who is the N.D.C.A.'s representative on the Lakes Advisory Panel.

P. Sajatovic referenced Item 8 (c) dealing with the recent initiatives by Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. related to watershed stewardship and collaboration. P. Sajatovic noted that as Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. has formally agreed to work more closely with the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance, P. Sajatovic will be attending the next Alliance meeting on May 28th.

5. Presentation - Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Activities Update

Chair Rogers, Vice-Chair Gibson and P. Sajatovic updated members on the many exciting things happening at Lake Laurentian. These include the Friends of Lake Laurentian initiative and the Steering Committee which has been formed under the leadership of Member Gibson; the ongoing use of the Conservation Area for special events including the Earth Day community event on April 22nd; the development of a comprehensive Management Plan for the Conservation Area, etc. Chair Rogers emphasized that the N.D.C.A. has significant responsibilities as they relate to Lake Laurentian which must be met based upon formal, written standards. Following a very thorough discussion, a resolution was tabled for consideration by members.

Resolution 2012-46

Gibson - Landry-Altman

WHEREAS the Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) has fiduciary, legal and stewardship management responsibilities for the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area,

AND WHEREAS the Nickel District Conservation Authority and Nickel District Conservation Foundation will always fully support and encourage the growth of the 'Friends of Lake Laurentian' initiative for the benefit of our community jewel,

AND WHEREAS there is total agreement that all present and future activities in and around Lake Laurentian whether or not associated with the strategic priorities of the 'Friends of Lake Laurentian' initiative must be based on formal, written standards that are in harmony with the environmental capacity and values of the Conservation Area lands including Galliard Island,

AND WHEREAS it is imperative that an Environmental Management Plan be prepared for the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area to identify and quantify the carrying capacity of this very sensitive green space,

AND WHEREAS it is essential that a comprehensive Operations Plan based on environmentally sound design principles, standards and concepts for trail development and maintenance, trail head signage, interpretive signage, trail naming policy and other related research/stewardship matters be completed as soon as possible,

AND WHEREAS time is of the essence in order to maintain the enthusiasm and commitment of all the FLL supporters and users of the Conservation Area,

AND WHEREAS the retention of outside professional expertise as required would clearly demonstrate the Nickel District Conservation Authority's commitment to the FLL initiative and allow it to codify in writing its' management responsibilities for the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NDCA hereby agrees to secure outside professional services as required based on the sole source provisions of the current Purchasing Policy to complete the Environmental Management Plan and Operations Plan, and that the total funding not to exceed \$10,000 be taken from the Levy Stabilization Reserve with the understanding that both these plans will be completed before the end of June, 2012.

Carried.

Chair Rogers then indicated that it is very important as it relates to Lake Laurentian to explore the links between the health of the Lake Laurentian watersheds, forests, streams, wetlands and the health and well-being of the community. It is also important to demonstrate that having contact with nature helps to relieve stress, improve physical wellness, etc. In that regard it

was being recommended to members that an Ecosystem Services study be completed for Lake Laurentian lands including Galliard Island. Following a number of questions, a resolution was presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2012-47

Gibson - Landry-Altman

WHEREAS various research and studies clearly shows that the flow of benefits to society arising from renewable natural resources and related ecosystems has real value inside the traditional economic market place,

AND WHEREAS these values can be quantified for a number of human and ecological needs such as climate change adaptation, flood prevention and storm water management, water and air quality control, tourism and quality of life issues amongst others,

AND WHEREAS the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area including Galliard Island, provides 956 hectares of natural ecosystem as part of the Lake Ramsey watershed area and within the larger Greater Sudbury community,

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Area is a significant part of the south shore greenspace complex that has to be effectively managed for current and future generations,

AND WHEREAS the Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) has stewardship management responsibilities for the Conservation Area lands located within the Greater Sudbury,

AND WHEREAS the NDCA can clearly demonstrate its leadership role by completing an Ecosystem Services study for the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area lands and surrounding watershed,

AND WHEREAS the retention of outside professional expertise will be necessary to complete this study in a cost-effective and time efficient manner,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NDCA hereby agrees to secure outside professional services based on the sole source provisions of the current NDCA Purchasing Policy to complete the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Ecosystem Services study, and that the total funding not to exceed \$10,000 be taken from the Levy Stabilization Reserve with the goal that this study will be completed before the end of July, 2012.

Carried.

6. General Business

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

Resolution 2012-48

Barbeau - Watelet

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2012-08 to 2012-10 issued in April, 2012, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

b) Fast Flowing Water Program

In August, 2007, Adam Dickie, a 13 year old Sudbury boy drowned in Junction Creek during a severe storm event. This tragic event prompted an appeal by members of the community to find solutions to end unnecessary deaths and injury in fast-flowing water. Lead by City Councillor and N.D.C.A. member Joscelyne Landry-Altman and with the support of many partners, education and awareness became a priority to protect the children in our community. The Fast Flowing Water Safety Program has been a fantastic success. On April 26, 2012, the Fast Flowing Water curriculum package was launched to teach children about the dangers of fast flowing water from JK to Grade 8. The curriculum package is available in English, French and Ojibway. With the release of the curriculum package and planning for the future of this vitally important initiative underway, member Landry-Altman tabled a request that Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. assume responsibility for the program. Members agreed that this would be a significant watershed stewardship initiative that Conservation Sudbury should accept. Following a number of questions and a full discussion a resolution was presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2012-49

Landry-Altman - Signoretti

That Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. assume responsibility for managing the Fast Flowing Water Program, effective May 2012,

AND FURTHER that a sub-committee be formed to manage this initiative with representation from Ontario Power Generation, the City of Greater Sudbury, Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. and other agencies/organizations as necessary,

AND FURTHER that Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. member Joscelyne Landry-Altman be appointed Chair of the sub-committee,

AND FURTHER that funding to implement the annual poster contest and eventually to upgrade the curriculum package be obtained from sponsors and partners including Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A.

Carried.

c) May 1st Northern CA's Video Conference Meeting Report

At the April 12th General Board meeting, Chair Rogers and Vice-Chair Gibson had reported on the April 2nd Conservation Ontario Council Meeting they had attended in Toronto. A key part of that meeting included the presentation from the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources. An outcome from that presentation was an agreement amongst the five northern Authorities to begin to work together on identifying opportunities that will arise as the Ministry of Natural Resources transformation proceeds and to develop strategies to address the financial impacts and changes that are likely to occur. The five northern Authorities held a video conference meeting on May 1st which was a very positive and productive session. The five northern Authorities will continue to meet and will also be part of a special one day meeting being organized by Conservation Ontario for June 26th in Toronto.

d) 2012 N.D.C.A. Financial/Budget Update Report

P. Sajatovic submitted a written report to General Board members dated April 30, 2012 to provide an update on the current financial/budget status of the N.D.C.A. During the 2012 budget deliberations which occurred in October, 2011, many options, issues and scenarios were discussed prior to finalizing the proposed 2012 budget. This report from the General Manager included updates on specific expenditure and revenue trends in the 2012 budget. The most significant issue facing the N.D.C.A. at present is what level of transfer payment the N.D.C.A. will receive from the Province through the Ministry of Natural Resources for 2012. To date no informal or formal indication has been received from M.N.R. Until this issue is fully clarified, a very tight watch is being kept on all expenditure cost centres and activities. Certain activities or initiatives are being delayed or are on hold until the financial picture is clarified. The General Board members agreed that the N.D.C.A. has to be fiscally prudent and be prepared for changes that may occur this year, next year and beyond at the provincial and municipal levels. Members have been kept up-to-date and will receive further information updates as soon as more current information is available.

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

Resolution 2012-50

Thompson - Barbeau

That we go in-camera at 5:10 p.m.

Carried.

At 5:57 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that property, legal and personnel matters had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

8. New Business

a) General Board Meeting Date/Times

Chair Rogers and Vice-Chair Gibson asked members to consider a change in meeting date for the June 2012 General Board meeting. Instead of June 14th, June 20th was proposed and members agreed to the change. Staff were to follow up and confirm the meeting date as soon as possible.

Members next reviewed the start times for the remainder of the General Board meetings in 2012. It was agreed that General Board meetings would now start at 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. The dates for each monthly meeting will not change. Staff were to follow up and send new electronic appointment notices to members to confirm the changes.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2012-51

Barbeau - Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

