

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:04 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:48 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Chair
 Joe Cimino
 Evelyn Dutrisac
 Lin Gibson
 Joscelyne Landry-Altman
 Mark Signoretti
 Russ Thompson
 Anne Watelet

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

COMMUNICATION: Jacques Barbeau

1. Chair Rogers opened the meeting, welcoming all present to the April General Board meeting.
2. No declarations of conflict were declared.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2011-36

Signoretti - Cimino

That the April 21, 2011 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) March 31, 2011

Prior to calling the question on the minutes, Chair Rogers requested that Item 6 (b) in the minutes be amended and reworded to reflect the fact that the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority (GSSPA) had formally met and that the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority adjourned before returning to the regular N.D.C.A. meeting. This will be done and a revised set of minutes will be posted on the N.D.C.A. website and placed in the minutes record book. Following this, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2011-37

Cimino - Signoretti

That the minutes of the March 31, 2011 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved, as amended.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

P. Sajatovic reported to members that meetings will be held within the next week related to Items 6 (e & f) as reported in the minutes. As well, no further update information was available related to Item 6 (i) as reported in the minutes. No other items of business were raised that were not already on the agenda for the April meeting.

5. General Business

a) General Manager's Quarterly Report - (January to March, 2011)

This report had previously been sent to General Board members for their review. P. Sajatovic provided a brief overview of the major components of the report and thanked members and all staff for their support and contributions.

Resolution 2011-38

Watelet - Signoretti

That the General Manager's Quarterly Report, January to March, 2011 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

b) N.D.C.A. Property Portfolio/Land Disposition Process

Member Cimino had suggested a presentation be made concerning the lands owned by the N.D.C.A., how the N.D.C.A. has to deal with land sales, and an indication as to whether or not the N.D.C.A. owns lands that could potentially be sold. P. Sajatovic, using a composite land holdings map, reviewed all the N.D.C.A. land holdings. It was noted that the N.D.C.A. owns approximately 3,750 acres of which many are large holdings such as the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area (L.L.C.A.) at 2,400 acres. As well, the N.D.C.A. paid almost \$19,000 in property taxes in 2010. Members recommended that the land holdings portfolio be evaluated on a regular basis but reaffirmed that key lands such as the L.L.C.A. would always remain in public ownership of the N.D.C.A.

c) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Resolution 2011-39

Signoretti - Watelet

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation be requested to provide \$30,000 in funding to support environmental-education program activities at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

d) N.D.C.A. Employee Wellness Program

Studies continue to show that a healthy, supportive work environment not only improves individual employee health, but it maximizes employee productivity and can lead to cost savings for the employer. The General Board has continued to support the engagement and empowerment of staff since the reorganization process started in late 2009. A report with detailed information on implementing a comprehensive employee wellness program was presented to members. Members had many questions and were assured that the program implemented would have to be developed in consultation with staff and would have to be done within the resources available each year at the N.D.C.A. for staff development and training. Following the very thorough consideration of this item, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2011-40

Watelet - Signoretti

That the N.D.C.A. retain the services of Acclaim Ability Management Inc. to develop a comprehensive Employee Wellness Program,

AND FURTHER that the first step in the process will be to conduct a survey with each employee at a maximum upset cost of \$500,

AND FURTHER that future stages of the program would then be developed based on the survey results with General Board approval required in any year before additional expenditures would occur.

Carried.

e) N.D.C.A./Vermilion River Stewardship Group

The General Board had discussed this subject at the March 31st meeting. A letter had been sent to the stewardship group. It is expected that the stewardship group will appear before the General Board in the near future. P. Sajatovic also advised members that staff from the N.D.C.A. will be meeting with the stewardship group at their monthly meeting on June 7th. Members were pleased with this development and encouraged the communication channels remain open with the stewardship group.

f) Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium Update

Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic updated members on the recent work of the consortium and plans over next two months leading up to a presentation to City Council on June 29th. Chair Rogers, Dr. Liette Vasseur and Janet Gasparini, Executive Director, Social Planning Council of Sudbury will make the presentation. Member Landry-Altman requested that the consortium submit a request to the City to have two members of Council appointed for the new term of Council. Member Landry-Altman who was previously appointed is very interested in the work of the Consortium and hopes to be reappointed by City Council.

g) Conservation Ontario Update

April 18, 2011 Annual C.O. Council Meeting

Chair Rogers reported verbally on the main issues discussed. As well, a written summary report prepared by Chair Rogers was distributed to members. Chair Rogers informed members that Dick Hibma had been re-elected Chair of Conservation Ontario at the annual Council meeting. It is hoped that Chair Hibma will be able to come with Don Pearson, Conservation Ontario General Manager, to attend the May 19, 2011 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting.

h) Spring Runoff Update Report

P. Sajatovic distributed to members a media release sent out earlier in the day, to French and English media, in relation to watershed conditions. It was noted that the runoff has been progressing slowly with no major problems to this date. It was again stressed that public safety is of paramount importance which was emphasized in the release. Watershed partners are continuing to communicate and General Board members will be kept up-to-date on conditions.

6. In-Camera (Legal/Personnel/Property)

Resolution 2011-41

Landry-Altman - Cimino

That we go in-camera at 4:55 p.m.

Carried.

At 5:44 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that four legal/litigation/property matters had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

7. New Business

- a) The 2011 to 2014 Member Orientation Manual was distributed to each member. It was noted that the manual will be added to during the next four years. As well, it was again reaffirmed with members that if one-on-one sessions are required, the General Manager and staff will make that happen.
- b) Member Landry-Altman reported on the Fast Water Program being developed with the support of Ontario Power Generation, which is near completion. She will soon be in contact with Natalie Webster to discuss integration with the N.D.C.A.'s Community Stewardship work.
- c) The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-11.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2011-42

Landry-Altman - Signoretti

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.