

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 3:50 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:51 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Chair
 Joe Cimino
 John Dennis
 Evelyn Dutrisac
 Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
 Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
 D. Lenzi, N.D.C.A.
 John Cottrill, M.N.R. C.A. Program Policy Advisor
 Residents - Junction Street, Azilda

COMMUNICATIONS: Jacques Barbeau

1. Chair Rogers opened the meeting. The recent retirement of Allen Bonnis was noted by Chair Rogers. He indicated that as the N.D.C.A. works through the Transition/Reorganization process, General Board members and staff will be fully engaged in the process.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2009-55

Dennis - Watelet

That the September 17, 2009 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) June 18, 2009

Resolution 2009-56

Dennis - Watelet

That the minutes of the June 18, 2009 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

7. General Business

a) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Resolution 2009-59

Dutrisac - Dennis

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation be requested to provide \$10,000 to support the Lake Laurentian Environmental-Education Program activities in 2009.

Carried.

b) Section 28 Permit Applications - June, July, August, 2009

Resolution 2009-60

Dennis - Dutrisac

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2009-12 to and including 2009-29, issued in June, July & August, 2009, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried.

c) Request to Purchase N.D.C.A. Owned Land (Paris Street at Nepahwin Dam)

This matter was carried forward from the June, 2009 General Board meeting, based on direction given to staff by General Board members. Staff informed members that all conditions had been satisfied by the applicant and it was now recommended that a resolution be passed to proceed with the land disposition.

Resolution 2009-61

Dutrisac - Cimino

That the N.D.C.A. hereby agrees to sell to Labonte Investments, approximately 369 ± square feet of property described as follows:

- i) Formerly Parcel 53275, Part 2, Plan SR-1263, Township of McKim, and now described as:

AND FURTHER that the agreed upon sale price is \$4,350.00, as outlined in the Appraisal Report prepared by Mr. Art Tworo, Appraisals North Realty Inc.,

AND FURTHER that all conditions and requirements of the N.D.C.A., will have to be included in the legal documents formalizing the sale and registration,

AND FURTHER that all funds received from the sale be placed in the N.D.C.A.'s Lake Laurentian Reserve,

AND FURTHER it is understood that the sale cannot be finalized until written approval is received from the Minister of Natural Resources according to Section 21 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

Carried.

d) Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee Quarterly Report

Resolution 2009-62

Watelet - Dutrisac

That the Quarterly Report dated September 8, 2009, from the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee as per Ontario Regulation 288/07, Section 22 under the Clean Water Act, 2006 be received for information by the N.D.C.A. General Board and Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority.

Carried.

e) Request for Erosion Control Assistance - 93 Junction Street (Landry Creek), Azilda

An application, with detailed background information, by Guy and Claudette Sabourin from Junction Street in Azilda, for erosion control assistance on their property adjacent to Landry Creek was circulated to General Board members. Although the General Board was only considering this specific application, a number of other private property owners from this same area with similar concerns were present. N.D.C.A. staff provided a detailed overview presentation of the issues and site conditions. Many concerns were raised by the applicant and other residents following concurrence from General Board members to receive their input. Chair Rogers pointed out to the applicant and all residents present, that at this time, the N.D.C.A. has no funding to do erosion control work on private or public property. However, based on past precedent, members agreed that the N.D.C.A. should attempt to find funding to complete an erosion study which would have to include a number of properties on this section of Landry Creek. After a very thorough discussion, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2009-63

Watelet - Dennis

That the submission from Guy & Claudette Sabourin for erosion control assistance on their property located adjacent to Landry Creek in Azilda be received,

AND FURTHER the N.D.C.A. hereby advises Mr. & Mrs. Sabourin that the N.D.C.A. has no funding available to undertake erosion control work on private property.

AND FURTHER that the N.D.C.A. will consider undertaking an erosion study on the section of Landry Creek between Notre Dame Avenue and Charlebois Street in Azilda, as part of the proposed 2010 budget.

Carried.

f) Nolin Creek Erosion Control Emergency Repairs

In 1987 the N.D.C.A. undertook erosion control work on Nolin Creek from Lansdowne Avenue to where the creek enters the box culvert at the former Steelworkers' Hall. The work was done through a special employment program. In the spring of 2008 it was noted that a section of the gabion basket retaining wall had slumped into the creek. Funding limitations restricted the N.D.C.A. from addressing this matter in 2008. The situation became much worse after the July 26, 2009 severe storm event which affected this area. Therefore, it was decided that action had to be taken and staff proceeded to identify an action plan which was presented to General Board members by e-mail poll on August 31st. With the approval of a majority of General Board members, the work plan to deal with the problem as soon as possible was approved. A resolution was presented at the September General Board meeting to formally approve the emergency repair work.

Resolution 2009-64

Landry-Altmann - Dennis

That as per the e-mail poll of N.D.C.A. General Board members dated August 31, 2009, approval is hereby granted to immediately proceed with the erosion control emergency repairs on Nolin Creek,

AND FURTHER it is hereby noted that Member Cimino declared a conflict related to this matter as his wife is employed by AECOM the consulting engineers for this emergency project, and did not vote on the matter, or in any way influence the decision.

Carried.

g) Section 28 Permit Application File Closure

Resolution 2009-65

Dutrisac - Watelet

That in the matter of an application under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act by Grazioso and Deborah Cattapan, it is hereby noted that no hearing has been requested by the applicant before the Conservation Authority within the 30 day notice period,

AND FURTHER that consideration of this specific matter is now final and closed.

Carried.

Member Cimino inquired about the status of a future application should these citizens wish to reactivate this request. Staff outlined what would be required in order for that to occur at the Conservation Authority and members were satisfied with that explanation.

h) 2009 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium

Information related to this nationally regarded event was distributed to members. It was noted that the N.D.C.A. has always benefitted from having members attend. After considering the time frame for the 2009 symposium and other issues, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2009-66

Cimino - Landry-Altmann

That the following N.D.C.A. member(s) will be registered to attend the 2009 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium:

- 1) Bob Rogers
- 2) John Dennis

Carried.

i) 2010 Budget Process

A detailed overview report on the 2010 budget process for the N.D.C.A. had been distributed to members. As well, Chair Rogers advised members that based on a request from the City of Greater Sudbury, he and P. Sajatovic had met earlier in the day with the Mayor, Finance Committee Chair, C.A.O. and Chief Financial Officer related to the 2010 budget process. A very thorough update was provided on the very serious challenges being faced by the member municipality in developing their 2010 budget. It was noted that the member municipality is requesting a draft 2010 budget from the N.D.C.A. by October 13th. Staff indicated that this will be done, however, it may require a special meeting of the General Board as the next regularly scheduled meeting is on October 15th. Staff will distribute the draft 2010 budget to members by September 30th at the latest. Following a discussion related to all the options which have to be considered, the following resolution was passed.

Resolution 2009-67

Dutrisac - Watelet

That the N.D.C.A. draft 2010 budget be prepared based upon the staff report submitted to the General Board at the September 17, 2009 meeting.

Carried.

j) Lake Laurentian Environmental Education NOHFC Intern

The Lake Laurentian Environmental-Education Program is a highly valued service which is provided to schools in the watershed. Based on a number of current initiatives at the provincial level, the N.D.C.A. wants to take the programming to a new level in full partnership with the four local school boards. The General Board supported an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) to hire an intern to work for the N.D.C.A. which was recently approved. A hiring process was undertaken and a recommendation was made to the General Board to hire a candidate subject to NOHFC final approval. After some questions were answered, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2009-68

Dennis - Rogers

That subject to final approval by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, Ms. Carla Mooney be hired as the Environmental Education Intern, for Project 931279,

AND FURTHER that the N.D.C.A. General Board hereby reaffirms its support for this important project as outlined in Resolution 2009-34.

Carried.

8. New Business

i) Special Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority Meeting

Chair Rogers reminded members that the special meeting was being held on Saturday, September 26th starting at 9:30 a.m. The purpose, priorities and expected outcomes from the meeting were discussed. Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee Chair Nels Conroy and the N.D.C.A.'s Source Water Protection Project Co-ordinator, Judy Sewell will also be at this meeting.

ii) Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the N.D.C.A. General Board will be held on **Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-12, Tom Davies Square.**

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2009-69

Dennis - Rogers

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.