

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Room C-13B
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:06 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:59 p.m.

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

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

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

Chair Rogers noted two items to be added under New Business. No other changes to the agenda were noted. The following resolution was then passed.

Resolution 2011-68

Dutrisac - Gibson

That the agenda for the October 27, 2011 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - a) September 15, 2011

Resolution 2011-69

Gibson - Dutrisac

That the minutes of the September 15, 2011 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

No items of business were noted that were not already on the agenda for this meeting.

5. General Business

a) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report - September, October, 2011

Resolution 2011-70

Signoretti - Thompson

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2011-40 to 2011-56 issued in September and October, 2011 be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

b) “Conservation Sudbury” Brand Awareness Strategy

During the N.D.C.A.’s Strategic Planning process in 2010 and following the completion of the first comprehensive Strategic Plan, one of the priorities identified was the rebranding of the organization with consideration of the name, logo and slogan. During the summer of 2011, a working group comprised of General Board members and staff had worked with a local marketing firm. The final comprehensive recommended brand was brought forward and accepted by the General Board in September, 2011. In order to launch the new brand, an Awareness Strategy, with various marketing initiatives was presented for consideration by General Board members. Members discussed the strategy and agreed that this would take place starting now and carry-over into 2012. Members also directed that the strategy be implemented in a cost-effective manner based on the various initiatives contained in the awareness strategy. Following a number of questions, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2011-71

Signoretti - Thompson

That the “Conservation Sudbury” Brand Awareness Strategy be implemented in stages as recommended by Petryna Advertising in their submission to the General Board,

AND FURTHER that the associated activities contained in the strategy be implemented in 2011 and 2012 utilizing funding from the Levy Stabilization Reserve.

Carried.

c) “Friends of Lake Laurentian” Launch

The Lake Laurentian Conservation Area is a community jewel within the City of Greater Sudbury. An initiative to enhance the appreciation of, use and future vision of the Conservation Area was launched on Saturday, October 22nd. The day involved the announcement of Patrons of Lake Laurentian, the announcement of donations, the most sentimental being a \$10,000 donation by the Thibault family in memory of their father who had passed away earlier in 2011. Membership and donation opportunities are now available on-line, on Facebook, etc., for the Friends of Lake Laurentian. Chair Rogers thanked all members, staff and volunteers for organizing an excellent day which also included an afternoon of fun events in and around the Conservation Area. General Board members were also advised of a stakeholder engagement meeting being held on Wednesday, November 2nd at Market Square. The purpose of this session is to seek input from external groups, organizations and key individuals related to the new vision and strategic directions for the future of the Conservation Area. This very important input will be added in to all the work done to date to develop a long term Vision/Masterplan for the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

d) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting Update (October 3, 2011)

Chair Rogers distributed a written report to all members based on the Council meeting agenda included with the N.D.C.A. General Board agenda package. Some of the items Chair Rogers reported on included the Conservation Ontario (CO) workplan for 2012, the proposed 2012 CO Budget and the associated levy to the N.D.C.A. which will increase, a time capsule that was shared by the Ganaraska C.A. which included items provided by the N.D.C.A.'s predecessors, presentations by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development Vision 2050, and Ducks Unlimited reporting on environmental goods and services research done as part of a business case for wetland conservation. It was also noted that the 2012 Authorities Biennial Tour will be hosted by the Saugeen/Grey Sauble Conservation Authorities.

e) Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee Update Report

Ontario Regulation 288/07, Section 21, under the Clean Water Act, 2006, requires the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Chair to report regularly until a Source Protection Plan is submitted to the Source Protection Authority. The most recent report was received for the information of members. The report was very comprehensive and informative. Chair Rogers also noted that the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Area proposed Assessment Report had recently been approved by the Province. This is a

significant milestone in the Source Protection Planning Project. Chair Rogers thanked Source Protection Committee Chair Nels Conroy for his leadership in reaching this point and also acknowledged all the tremendous work done by the N.D.C.A.'s Drinking Water Source Protection staff, present and past, in preparing this information rich document for our watersheds. Following these comments, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2011-72

Dutrisac - Gibson

That the Quarterly Report dated September 16, 2011 from the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee be received for the information of the N.D.C.A. and Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority.

Carried.

f) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Resolution 2011-73

Thompson - Signoretti

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation be requested to donate \$5,000 to support environmental education program activities at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

g) Provincial Offences Officer Designation - Dennis Lenzi, N.D.C.A. Regulations Officer

General Board members were advised that Dennis Lenzi had successfully completed the Basic Law Enforcement/Conservation Authority Compliance Training Level 1 course sponsored by Conservation Ontario. It was noted that this is a significant accomplishment and all members sincerely congratulated Dennis on attaining this result. This is of great benefit to the N.D.C.A., and the regulations enforcement program. Members asked the Chair to send a letter of congratulations and thanks to Dennis. Chair Rogers agreed to do that immediately. Following the discussion, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2011-74

Thompson - Signoretti

That whereas Dennis Lenzi, N.D.C.A. Regulations Officer, has successfully completed the Conservation Ontario/Ministry of Natural Resources Basic Law Enforcement Compliance Training Level One,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Dennis Lenzi is designated by the Nickel District Conservation Authority as a Provincial Offences Officer related to responsibilities under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

Carried.

h) 2012 Proposed N.D.C.A. Budget

A detailed background package was distributed to members. P. Sajatovic made a presentation to members related to the issues/challenges and opportunities facing the N.D.C.A. in developing a 2012 budget. Members had many questions and requested clarification on many components of the draft proposed budget. Following a very extensive discussion, the General Board members directed the General Manager to prepare a revised submission based on the outcomes of the discussion. The revised proposed draft budget will be distributed to members via e-mail with majority approval of the proposed budget to be confirmed. It was noted that the N.D.C.A. Chair and General Manager must appear before the City of Greater Sudbury's Finance Committee on November 8th. N.D.C.A. General Board members agreed that the 2012 budget and associated Business Plan must, in a cost-effective and responsible manner, continue to implement the strategic directions contained in the N.D.C.A.'s Strategic Plan.

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

Resolution 2011-75

Landry-Altmann - Watelet

That we go in-camera at 5:26 p.m.

Carried.

At 5:49 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.

7. New Business

a) November, 2011 General Board Meeting

Due to a number of planned absences on the scheduled meeting date, it was recommended that the November meeting be cancelled. It was noted that if any time sensitive issues arise requiring General Board approval, e-mail polls will be used. Following this clarification, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2011-76

Thompson - Signoretti

That the November, 2011 General Board meeting be cancelled and that the next regularly scheduled meeting be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011.

Carried.

b) Environmental Education and EcoLeague

Member Lin Gibson reported on a workshop she had attended on October 21st as Chair of the Greater Sudbury Lake Advisory Panel. The Rainbow District School Board has partnered with Learning for a Sustainable Future (LEF) and a number of community agencies, including the N.D.C.A., to offer ECOLEAGUE. The initiative aims to challenge and motivate students to focus on environmental issues that directly affect their own communities. It was noted that Natalie Webster, N.D.C.A. Community Stewardship/Partnership Specialist had assisted in preparing for this workshop. Member Gibson stressed that the N.D.C.A. should remain involved with this initiative. Also, there are future outcomes that will likely be beneficial for the Lake Laurentian programs.

- c) P. Sajatovic advised members that Mrs. Linda Heron, Chair of the Vermilion River Stewardship group, has requested the opportunity to make a presentation to the General Board. The presentation would relate to possible hydro-electric developments on the Vermilion River by Xeneca Power and recent outbreaks of blue-green algae on the Vermilion River. P. Sajatovic was directed to invite Mrs. Heron to attend the January, 2012 General Board meeting to make the presentation.
- d) P. Sajatovic asked members to advise as soon as possible if they will be attending the December 8th N.D.C.A. dinner meeting.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2011-77

Watelet - Thompson

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.