

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Tom Davies Square, room C-12
200 Brady Street, Sudbury

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Jennifer Davidson
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Bill Leduc
Geoff McCausland
Paul Sajatovic

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Sarah Woods, staff

COMMUNICATION: Mike Jakubo
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chair
Anne Watelet, regrets

1. Chairperson Lin Gibson began the meeting by welcoming attendees and providing some opening remarks.
 - a. Carl and Lin met with MPPs Jamie West and France G linas on May 24. MPP West committed to working with his staff or colleagues to have questions asked in the Legislature re. funding cuts to CAs.
 - b. The Junction Creek Stewardship Committee held an event on June 5 to commemorate their 20th anniversary. The ongoing support of Conservation Sudbury was acknowledged and a plaque was presented to Carl who attended on behalf of the authority.
 - c. One student from Cambrian College recently received a \$500 bursary sponsored by Conservation Sudbury.
 - d. The awards ceremony for the Fast Flowing Water contest was held yesterday. The event was well attended by dignitaries including Mayor Bigger. Daniela Stuewer and Petryna did a great job coordinating the contest and the event. Approximately 500 posters and 30 videos were submitted this year, up from last year.

2. No declarations of conflict were made.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2019-52

Sajatovic - Leduc

That the agenda of the June 13, 2019 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Chairperson Lin added two items to the agenda:

- 7. d) Flood conditions
- 7. e) July and August meetings

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of May 9, 2019

Resolution 2019-53

Sajatovic - Davidson

That the minutes of the May 9, 2019 General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Some edits to the attendance list are to be made.

Carried.

b) Business arising from the meeting not addressed below

Under section 6. b) i) the letter was submitted as per the steps outlined in resolution 2019-48.

Under section 6. b) ii) a letter was submitted however it did not follow the steps outlined in resolution 2019-49. Staff had anticipated drafting a letter that closely aligned with the submission of Conservation Ontario (CO), however CO's comments were circulated too late to do so. Upon review of the CO submission, the General Manager and Chairperson decided to draft a more simple letter supporting and concurring with the CO submission, without circulating this letter to the Members.

There are no follow-ups coming out of these two Environmental Registry of Ontario postings. As discussed previously, the CA Act Modernization posting (013-5018) by the MECP helped inform Bill 108, and the Focusing Development Permits posting (013-4992) by MNRF will be followed up with more detailed Regulations.

5. General Business

a) Section 28/29 Report

Resolution 2019-54

Leduc – Landry-Altman

That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of May 2019 is received.

Carried.

b) Climate Change Letter

The draft letter was reviewed and no changes were suggested.

Resolution 2019-55

Leduc - Sajatovic

Given that the City of Greater Sudbury has recently joined with other municipalities in declaring a climate change emergency, and

That the Authority has climate change adaptation and community resiliency as drivers in parts of its work plan and strategic plan, be it resolved

That, the Nickel District Conservation Authority provides a congratulatory letter to the Mayor and Council of the City of Greater Sudbury for making this important declaration.

Carried.

c) Changes to legislation / Bill 108 / Change of Provincial Oversight

Carl went through the emails from Ling Mark regarding some of the logistics / details of how the MECP will be administering the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and from Kim Gavine regarding her meeting with the Standing Committee on Justice Policy regarding Bill 108.

Member McCausland (arrived during this item at approximately 5:00 pm)

d) 50 Million Trees Program Update

Sarah Woods provided a brief update on the program, including the recent announcement that the federal government has committed to funding the program for the next four years. Details are not yet available.

e) Financial Update at May 31

Carl pointed out that the version handed out at the meeting is slightly different than that provided in dropbox as a small error was adjusted. Carl walked the members through the handout and indicated that staff continue to work toward reducing the overall expenses for this year.

6. In-Camera Session

Resolution 2019-56

Leduc - McCausland

That we go in-camera at 5:25 p.m.

At 5:35 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session with no resolutions forthcoming.

7. New Business / Upcoming

a) Chelmsford CIP Trail

Parts of the City of Greater Sudbury's Chelmsford Community Improvement Plan trail are proposed to pass through lands owned by the NDCA. Some of these lands were purchased, at fair market value, by NDCA for the purpose of constructing a trail system therefore this is an appropriate use. The City of Greater Sudbury and NDCA must adopt one of three options for the construction of the trail: 1) a lease of the lands, 2) an easement or 3) the sale of the lands. Board members agreed that the sale of these lands from NDCA to CGS was preferable. Staff will work with staff from CGS and Carl will provide a more detailed report in September.

b) WECI update

Carl indicated that we were not successful in our application to the WECI program for funding support for the Maley Dam Rehabilitation project, nor for a study of the Box Culvert System; no studies were funded in this round.

Communication from Ministry staff suggests that the Maley Dam project scored favourably however an administrative error associated with their online tracking system is responsible for our project not being selected.

Staff are to contact with Ministry to inquire whether our application can get added consideration for the 2020 funding round. Member Landry-Altman asked for a list of successful projects for this round.

c) NDCF AGM

The Nickel District Conservation Foundation will hold its Annual General Meeting on June 19 at noon, at the Ski Cottage.

d) Flood Conditions

Water levels were high in the Wanapitei system earlier this spring but have since receded. No flooding is expected with the rain in the current forecast.

e) July and August Meetings

The NDCA normally refrains from meeting in the summer, unless matters come up in which case the Chairperson will call a meeting.

Resolution 2019-57

Leduc – Landry-Altmann

Be it resolved that the meetings of the authority scheduled for July and August 2019 will be cancelled but may proceed at the call of the chairperson if required.

Carried.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2019-58

Davidson – McCausland

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.