NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 2020 Commenced: 4:37 p.m.
Via teleconference and Turbomeeting Adjourned: 5:55 p.m

PRESENT: Steve Kaufman, Vice-chairperson
Geoff McCausland
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Paul Sajatovic
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Melanie Venne, Staff
Anoop Naik, Water Resources Specialist
Bailey Chabot, Watershed Planner

COMMUNICATION: Lin Gibson, Chairperson, regrets
Bill Leduc
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

1. Chairperson Lin sent her regrets and the meeting was chaired by vice-chair Steve Kaufman.

2. No declarations of conflict were made.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2020-54 **Sajatovic – McCausland**

That the agenda of the June 11, 2020 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of May 14, 2020

Resolution 2020-55 **Davidson - Watelet**

That the minutes of the May 14, 2020 General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

b) Business arising from the minutes

There were a few outstanding items from the May general board meeting minutes that Carl addressed:

- The pie chart in the RBC Investments presentation was distributed via email, as requested.
- Since the last meeting, Camp Bitobig has been cancelled, after discussions with the Health Unit, due to inability to maintain the proper social distancing protocols within the nature chalet.
- The Nickel District Conservation Foundation chair, Peter Edmunds, sent a letter to the NDCA board to explain some of the choices regarding the hiring process of the new Director of Advancement position. The letter was supported by NDCF/NDCA board members Sajatovic and Davidson. There were no additional questions from the Members.

5. General Business

a) Section 28/29 Report

Resolution 2020-56 **Jakubo - Sajatovic**

That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act *during the month of May 2020 is received.*

Carried.

Bailey Chabot answered a few questions from the board about specific permits.

b) Junction Creek Floodplain Mapping Project Update

Anoop Naik gave a presentation based on the report circulated in the meeting package entitled *Junction Creek Floodplain Mapping Update Study: Summary report, June 2020 (23 pp.)*. The project started in 2018 and was funded by Public Safety Canada. Results were recently finalized and underwent quality control by an external consulting agency. Anoop has reached out to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) regarding public consultation during a pandemic and a plan for consulting affected landowners is still in progress.

Anoop showed some maps of affected areas and the difference between the previous floodplain and the newly mapped one. Vice-chair Kaufman thanked Anoop for his hard work on this project. There were a few questions from the Members and Anoop provided responses. Further information about roll-out of this new mapping will follow in the fall and winter.

c) COVID-19 Update

Carl Jorgensen provided an update of activities during the pandemic and state of emergency. Staff have settled into their work at home situations. As guidance is received from the owners of the Provincial building in which Conservation Sudbury has its office, Carl will work with staff to assemble a return-to-office plan. At the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area, staff continue to monitor the parking lots, especially during peak hours and weekends. New activities, such as paddling and shoreline fishing have recently been allowed.

d) Maley Dam Rehabilitation Tender

The Maley Dam Rehabilitation project is the first time the Authority has posted using the "Bids and Tenders" online platform. There were over two dozen plan-takers and multiple bids were received; a contract will be awarded shortly. The work on the Maley Dam is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2021.

e) Ski Cottage Report

At the request of the Board, Carl prepared and spoke to a staff report entitled *Ski Cottage: status of the facility and the relationship with Bioski Club*. He also provided a report on the expenses and revenues associated with the cottage over the past three years. The current arrangement has expenses shared, with Conservation Sudbury paying seven months of expenses and Bioski club paying the remaining five months. The relationship has been very positive and productive. The next step is creating a formalized agreement between the two parties.

Resolution 2020-57 **McCausland - Watelet**

That the staff report on titled "Ski Cottage: status of the facility and the relationship with Bioski Club", dated June 9, 2020 be accepted.

Carried.

*Member McCausland left the meeting at this point (5:47 PM)

6. New Business / Upcoming

a) Summer NDCA Board Meetings

Resolution 2020-58 **Sajatovic - Davidson**

Be it resolved that the meetings of the authority scheduled for July and August 2020 will be cancelled but may proceed at the call of the chairperson if required.

Carried.

7. In-camera

It was determined that there was no need for an in-camera meeting component.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2020-59 **Watelet - Jakubo**

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.