NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2020
Tom Davies Square, room C-13B
200 Brady Street, Sudbury AND by teleconference **

Commenced: 4:35 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson**
Geoff McCausland
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chair
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann**
Paul Sajatovic
Anne Watelet**

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Melanie Venne, Staff

COMMUNICATION: Bill Leduc, regrets

1. Chairperson Lin Gibson provided some opening remarks via telecom, however was unable to attend the meeting in person. Therefore Steve Kaufman acted as chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

   Lin Gibson mentioned the Conservation Ontario Annual General Meeting is scheduled for April, but may be rescheduled due to COVID-19 closures. The Latornell Conservation Symposium will not be held this year, but this is due to a strategic refocusing of the conference.

   The Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance had a meeting on February 24 and Lin attended. She extended the invitation to the Chair of that Committee to attend the March Source Protection Committee Meeting.

   The February Family Fishing Day at Lake Laurentian Conservation Area was a great success with over 400 people attending, including many new Canadian families.

2. No declarations of conflict were made.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2020-30 **Sajatovic - Davidson**

That the agenda of the March 12, 2020 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of February 13, 2020

Resolution 2020-31 **Davidson - Sajatovic**

That the minutes of the February 13, 2020 Annual General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

b) Business arising from the meeting not addressed below

a) Regarding Item 13

At the Annual General Meeting of February 13, 2020, only two members of the General Board were nominated to the Foundation Board. Our by-laws state that 3 members are necessary and the following resolution was put forward to seek another member.

Resolution 2020-32 **Jakubo - McCausland**

Given that two Members were appointed at the Annual General meeting of February 13, 2020 being

1) Paul Sajatovic
2) Jennifer Davidson

Be it resolved, that the following Member of the General Board is also appointed to the Nickel District Conservation Foundation's board until the Authority's Annual General Meeting in 2021:

3) Lin Gibson

And further that the Chairperson so informs the Board of the Nickel District

Conservation Foundation before its next general meeting.

Carried.

5. General Business

a) Section 28/29 Report

Resolution 2020-33 **Jakubo – Davidson**

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

Carried.

b) Smoke Free Policy at Lake Laurentian Conservation Area

Carl summarized a report that was created by a summer student last year and re-edited recently. The recommendations of the report would make the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area (LLCA) smoke and vape free. The City of Greater Sudbury (CGS) made their parks and recreational spaces smoke free last year and this would bring the LLCA into alignment with CGS spaces.

Resolution 2020-34 **Jakubo – McCausland**

That the Board receives and endorses the recommendations in the staff report for a Smoke Free Policy at Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

c) Labour Action Impacts at Lake Laurentian

During labour action by various unions representing teachers and other educational staff school classes visits were cancelled for 3 of the 4 area school boards. During strike days, when possible, staff have offered day camps. Carl reviewed some of the financial impacts as related to labour action. The impact for January and February shows a drop in revenues of about 8%.

d) Flood Contingency Meeting

Staff hosted the flood contingency meeting on March 12, 2020. Many stakeholders attended the meeting in person but several joined by teleconference. The snow levels are at normal to high normal range; monitoring continues.

6. In-Camera Session

Resolution 2020-35 **Jakubo – Davidson**

That we go in-camera at 5:50 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:06 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session. Direction was provided to staff regarding one item; no resolutions were forthcoming.

Member McCausland departed the meeting at 6:06 after the in-camera session.

7. New Business / Upcoming

a) COVID-19

Staff continue to monitor the situation and follow the guidance from the health unit. As of this point the office remains open, but that may change as the situation develops. Conservation Sudbury's core services will continue.

b) Fast-Flowing Water Contest

Given the school closures until April 6 and the COVID situation, the fast flow water contest may need to be cancelled for this year. Staff will discuss with the organizing committee.

b) Community Builders Awards

Conservation Sudbury had two tickets to this event but it was cancelled. We will be in touch with board members as the event is rescheduled.

d) Provincial Flood Strategy

The Ontario government released a provincial flood strategy on March 9, 2020. This document was shared with Board members in the Dropbox.

e) Conservation Authorities Act Consultation

Online consultation for the Conservation Authorities Act concludes on March 13, 2020.

f) Audit and Finance Committee

The Audit and Finance Committee will meet on March 26 at 4:15 p.m. All committee members are required to attend and all Members of the General Board may also attend. The auditor from KPMG will also be in attendance. A report and recommendation from the committee will be presented at the April board meeting.

g) March 12 Meeting

The meeting of April 9 will be held in room C-12 and will feature a meeting of the Source Protection Authority

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2020-36 **Jakubo - Davidson**

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.