NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 2020 Commenced: 4:35 p.m.
Via teleconference and Turbomeeting Adjourned: 6:26 p.m

PRESENT: Lin Gibson
Steve Kaufman
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Bill Leduc
Paul Sajatovic
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Melanie Venne, Staff
Sarah Woods, Regulations Officer
Bailey Chabot, Watershed Planner
Julie Houle, Director of Advancement, NDCF
Madison Keegans, Source Protection Program Manager
Gerry Bilodeau, Chair, Sudbury Source Protection Committee

COMMUNICATION: Geoff McCausland
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

1. Chairperson Lin opened the meeting by noting that while the past few months have been challenging times, staff has risen to the challenge. She congratulated staff for continuing to be productive and getting their job done in a very busy time.

2. No declarations of conflict were made.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2020-60 **Watelet – Kaufman**

That the agenda of the September 10, 2020 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of June 11, 2020

Resolution 2020-61 **Sajatovic - Davidson**

That the minutes of the June 11, 2020 General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

There was no business arising from the June 11, 2020 board meeting minutes.

5. Source Protection Authority Meeting

Resolution 2020-62 **Jakubo - Kaufman**

That we now leave the meeting of the General Board of the NDCA and commence a meeting of the Sudbury Source Protection Authority at 4:40 p.m.

Carried.

6. General Business

a) Section 28/29 Report

Resolution 2020-63 **Jakubo - Sajatovic**

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

Carried.

There was a question about the increase number of permits compared to the same time period of 2019. Bailey Chabot responded that the increase was due to a few factors including the increase in construction activities during the ongoing pandemic.

b) Staffing Update

GM carl provided a verbal update. The Nickel District Conservation Foundation has recently hired a Director of Advancement. Julie Houle was the successful candidate and joined the Board meeting.

The summer staff contingent has recently finished their contracts. There were three students working with Konrad at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. There was also one student, working remotely, supporting the staff at 199 Larch.

With Phase 3 of Ontario's reopening plan, the Conservation Sudbury office is open by appointment only. Most staff continue to work remotely. Working at the office protocols are well established.

C) Maley Dam Rehabilitation Project

GM Carl provided an overview of the project status. The successful bidder for the Maley Dam Rehabilitation project was Dominion Construction. The upstream coffer dam has been put in place and the concrete repair work may be completed by the end of 2020.

d) Early Budget Considerations and Financial Report

Resolution 2020-64 **Jakubo - Watelet**

That the report "2020 Budget Update" be received as distributed.

Carried.

Carl Jorgensen presented the revenue and expenditures as of the 8 month mark (two thirds through the fiscal year) vs the budget amounts for the same period.One of the major changes in this year's actual spending is the lack of expenditures and income from the education program at Lake Laurentian because of COVID-19 pandemic.

Some early 2021 budget considerations were also presented. A more in depth 2021 budget will be presented to the audit and finance committee, and then brought forward to the general board.

*Member Leduc left at this point in the meeting.

7. New Business / Upcoming

a) NDCF Request to Confirm New Member

Resolution 2020-65 **Sajatovic - Davidson**

Given that the Members of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation have endorsed a candidate based on a recently-received application for membership, and that the Foundation's by-laws require the approval of the General Board of the Authority for the admission of a new member, therefore

Be it resolved, that Tannys Laughren is admitted as a member of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation.

Carried.

b) Letter to Chairpersons of local Boards of Education

Resolution 2020-66 **Kaufman – Davidson**

That the letter to the School Board of Chairs regarding programming at Lake Laurentian Conservation Area be received,

And that the letter, as amended, be distributed to the four School Board Chairs.

Carried.

Lin Gibson drafted a letter to be distributed to the chairs of the four education boards in the Sudbury area to highlight the programming available at Lake Laurentian and through the Fast-flowing Water Program. There was a suggestion from the board that the letter also be translated and staff and GM Carl indicated that this was the intention.

8. In-camera

Resolution 2020-67 **Kaufman - Watelet**

That we go in-camera at 6:00 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:25 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session, and there was no forthcoming resolutions.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2020-68 **Watelet - Jakubo**

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.