

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday April 12, 2023

Via MS Teams

Commenced: 4:34 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Jennifer Davidson, Chair
Pauline Fortin
Fern Cormier
Natalie Labbée
Jocelyne Landry-Altman

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, GM, Secretary-Treasurer
Madison Keegans, Source Protection Project Manager
Melanie Venne, staff

REGRETS: Steve Kaufman, Vice-chair
Bill Leduc

1. Chair Davidson opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance on such a beautiful day. Jennifer and Carl recently attended the Conservation Ontario Annual General Meeting in Markham, and it was a great learning experience for her. Chair Davidson also attended the Source Protection Committee meeting last week, and is pleased that Madison Keegans is here to provide an update.
2. No declarations of conflict of interest were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Chair Davidson requested that Carl provide an update to the flood outlook under new business.

Resolution 2023-31

Cormier – Labbée

That the agenda of the April 12, 2023 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of March 8, 2023

Resolution 2023-32

Fortin – Landry-Altmann

That the minutes of the March 8, 2023 General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

5. Source Protection Authority

Resolution 2023-33

Landry-Altmann – Cormier

That we now leave the meeting of the General Board of the NDCA and commence a meeting of the Sudbury Source Protection Authority at 4:37 p.m.

Carried.

Madison Keegans conducted the business of the Source Protection Authority meeting and it adjourned at 5:08pm.

6. General Business

a) Permissions Under Section 28/29

Listed in this month's report was a permit denial and the members had questions about this process.

Resolution 2023-34

Fortin – Leduc

That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of March 2023 is received.

Carried.

b) Amendment to Additions to Non-Conforming Structures in a Floodplain policy interpretation

Carl spoke to the staff report that was distributed detailing the requested changes to this policy. The intent of the changes was to improve the clarity of the policy and reduce unintentional limitations. Board members sought some clarity on this policy

and this was provided in responses from staff. The Members were reminded that a full review of the floodplain policy is expected in the next few years.

Resolution 2023-35

Cormier – Labbé

That the Board endorses the changes to the Floodplain Management Criteria for additions to non-conforming uses (section 7.3) as described in the staff report dated April 4, 2023.

Carried.

c) Administrative by-law amendment

Melanie Venne provided some details about the administrative by-law amendment. The amendments are two-fold: clerical in nature, as provided by Conservation Ontario relating to additions to the *Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act*, and then a discussion item regarding electronic participation.

The board was in agreement that electronic participation should not be limited and that a hybrid model is preferable.

Resolution 2023-36

Fortin - Cormier

That by-law 2018-01 is revised as presented in the staff report dated April 4, 2023, and that electronic participation be allowed as discussed and agreed upon.

Carried.

d) Natural Heritage Inventory

Carl explained a collaborative approach between Laurentian University and Conservation Sudbury in the description of its lands through a natural heritage lens. This information will be useful for the preparation of the mandatory conservation areas strategy and land inventory. Dr. John Gunn was in attendance to answer other questions.

Resolution 2023-37

Cormier – Landry-Altman

That the Conservation Authority enter into a collaborative partnership with the Living with Lakes Centre at Laurentian University, as described in a Collaborative Research Agreement, and that the collaboration is continued as described in the staff report dated April 5, 2023,

And further, that the Strategic Initiatives Reserve provide the initial \$10,000 for 2023, and that the NDCF is called upon to assist in secure other sources of revenue where possible in subsequent years.

Carried.

7. New Business/Upcoming Dates

a) Flood Outlook

Carl informed the Members that a water safety message for the all watersheds was recently issued. Warm weather and some precipitation is expected in the coming days and this may accelerate snow melt resulting in a sudden rise in water levels. There is still significant snow pack on the ground.

While discussion flood management tools, member Landry-Altman mentioned that the flood monitoring station at Leslie St has been spraypainted and would like to see it beautified with a mural. Other members agreed and the following resolution was passed.

Resolution 2023-38

Landry-Altman - Cormier

That the Authority approves the painting of a mural on the Leslie street flood monitoring station pending funding.

Carried.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2023-39

Landry-Altman - Cormier

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.