

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday May 24, 2023

Via MS Teams

Commenced: 4:32 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Jennifer Davidson, Chair
Steve Kaufman, Vice-chair
Pauline Fortin
Fern Cormier
Natalie Labbé

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, GM, Secretary-Treasurer
Anoop Naik, Water Resources Specialist
Melanie Venne, staff
Gil Ciulini, RBC Dominion Securities

REGRETS: Jocelyne Landry-Altmann
Bill Leduc

1. Chair Davidson opened the meeting by thanking members for accommodating the rescheduling of the meeting and for attending.
2. No declarations of conflict of interest were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2023-40

Kaufman - Fortin

That the agenda of the May 24, 2023 General Board Meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of April 12, 2023

Resolution 2023-41

Cormier - Fortin

That the minutes of the April 12, 2023 General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

b) Business arising from the minutes not otherwise addressed

The agreement for the natural heritage inventory at Lake Laurentian CA with Laurentian University / Living with Lakes Centre discussed at the April board meeting has been drafted. The research team met with Carl and the process is moving forward.

5. General Business

a) Flood Season Debrief

Anoop Naik provided an overview of the two flooding events of April and May 2023. He provided an summary of Conservation Sudbury's flooding stations. A quick spring snow melt in April led to very high flows, and then two weeks after high precipitation created a second flooding event.

Member Labbee joined the meeting at 4:39

Anoop and Carl responded to questions from the board with regards to flood mitigation structures. Chair Davidson thanked Anoop for the very informative presentation.

b) Investment Update

Gil Ciulini of RBC Dominion Securities is the chosen investment portfolio manager. He presents annually to the Members to provide an update on the performance of Conservation Sudbury's investments. Gil provided a presentation and answered several questions from the Members.

c) Permissions Under Section 28/29

Resolution 2023-42

Fortin – Leduc

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

Carried.

d) Regulation Review Committee Hearing

Member Kaufman sits on the Regulation Review Committee and spoke briefly about the hearing held the week prior. In instances where a Section 28 permit for

development cannot be issued by staff as the proposal does not adhere to policy, the landowner has the opportunity to appeal at a hearing. The hearing on May 18 2023 displayed good collaboration between the landowner and staff. The Committee supports the proposal and recommends that a permit is issued.

Resolution 2023-43

Cormier – Labbé

Given that the Regulation Review Committee (RRC) met with the applicant at a public hearing conducted on the Microsoft Teams platform on May 18, 2023 and that the applicant and Authority staff were provided ample opportunity to explain their positions, to ask and respond to a variety of questions, and

Given that the RRC deliberated in-camera based on the information provided to them, and reached a decision that supported the proponent's position at that time, and

Be it resolved, that the application by Alexandra Stempel and Martin Brosseau for permission for an addition to a single family dwelling not exceeding 31% of the structure's cumulative floor area at 59 Larchmont Drive, Township of Dowling, be granted. The proponent shall satisfy all conditions that are typical of additions in floodplains to the satisfaction of staff before permit issuance.

Carried.

e) Health and Safety Update and Return to Work

Carl spoke about some updates to the COVID-19 safety plan and the enactment of the Return to Work Policy. Employees will required to work in the office setting at least 40% of the time in each pay period as of June 5, 2023.

Resolution 2023-44

Fortin - Cormier

That the Board receives the COVID-19 Safety Plan and Return to Work Policy Staff Report dated May 8, 2023.

Carried.

f) Request for Reserve Allocation, WECl projects

The Province's Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECl) program provides a cost-sharing grant to conservation authorities to maintain and upgrade flood damage reduction infrastructure. For 2023, Conservation Sudbury was successful in receiving funding for four projects and Carl elaborated on each of these.

Resolution 2023-45

Cormier – Landry-Altmann

That the Staff Report entitled Request for Reserve Allocation, WECl projects dated May 17, 2023 is received, and

That the transfer payment agreement for the grant from the MNRF is authorized by the Chair and Secretary-Treasurer, and

That the Special Capital Infrastructure Reserve and the Water Control Preventative Maintenance Reserve are utilized as appropriate in the completion of these projects

Carried.

g) Financial Report, January – April 2023

Carl presented a budget update for the first four months of 2023. The distributed spreadsheets show the income and expenses to date for each program area.

Resolution 2023-46

Cormier – Landry-Altmann

That the financial report for January to April 2023 from the General Manager is received.

Carried.

h) Inventory of Programs and Services Update

Under Ontario Regulation 687/21 conservation authorities must prepare transition plans and enter into agreements with their member municipalities for non-mandatory programs and services. Carl provided an overview on the required agreements. A draft of these has been provided to the City of Greater Sudbury and may be brought back to the Board at the June meeting for approval pending discussions with the City's CAU and select members of its Executive Leadership Team.

Resolution 2023-47

Cormier – Landry-Altmann

That the Staff Report on the Inventory of Programs and Services, dated May 18, 2023 is received as information.

Carried.

6. New Business/Upcoming Dates

- a) The next board meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023.
- b) In June, Carl will make presentations to the City of Greater Sudbury's Planning Committee, the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce's Municipal Advocacy Committee (MAC) and the Development liaison Committee (DLAC).

7. Adjournment

Resolution 2023-48

Kaufman - Cormier

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

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