

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday October 11, 2023

Via MS Teams* & Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Nature Chalet

Commenced: 4:37 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:54 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Davidson, Chair
Steve Kaufman, Vice-chair
Pauline Fortin*
Jocelyne Landry-Altmann*

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, GM, Secretary-Treasurer
Angela Coleman, Conservation Ontario General Manager
Melanie Venne, staff

REGRETS: Fern Cormier
Natalie Labbé
Bill Leduc

1. Chair Davidson opened the meeting. She welcomed Angela Coleman, from Conservation Ontario.
2. No declarations of conflict of interest were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2023-68

Kaufman – Landry-Altmann

That the agenda of the October 11, 2023 General Board Meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

- a) Adoption of Minutes of September 13, 2023

Resolution 2023-69

Fortin - Kaufman

That the minutes of the June 14, 2023 General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from the minutes

Since the last meeting, Carl has spoken to City of Greater Sudbury staff and direction was given to produce a full budget for 2024, and a budget forecast for 2025. This will be presented later in the meeting.

5. Presentation by Angela Coleman, General Manager of Conservation Ontario

Angela Coleman has been the General Manager since September 2022, but has worked for Conservation Authorities for 20 years. She provided a presentation titled "Adding Value Where it Matters Most."

The presentation discussed the general structure of Conservation Authorities, the role of Conservation Ontario (CO) including the important role of advocacy on behalf of for Conservation Authorities. She mentioned the role of the Conservation Authority boards in the Section 28 regulations, especially as it relates to hearings.

The board members had questions for Angela, especially as it relates to specific funding opportunities

**Angela Coleman left the Nature Chalet after this presentation*

6. General Business

a) Permissions Under Section 28/29

Resolution 2023-70

Cormier - Labbé

That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the months of September 2023 is received.

Carried.

b) 2024 Budget Considerations

Carl started the budget presentation by discussing the process. The budget must be posted for at least 30 days for public consultation; as a result of this the next board meeting will be shifted slightly. Carl will be presenting the budget to the City of Greater Sudbury's Finance and Administration Committee on November 15.

Board members had many questions about various budget lines, and capital requirements. There was a discussion about shifting some of the capital levy increase

to decrease the levy to the City for 2024. The Members agreed to approve the budget as amended.

Resolution 2023-71

Landry-Altman - Fortin

Be it resolved, that the draft budget for 2024-2025 is received,

And further that the 2024 draft budget, as amended, is approved for consultation purposes with the City of Greater Sudbury,

And further that, the 2024 draft budget, as amended, is posted to the governance section of the Authority's website for a period of 30 days.

Carried.

c) Capital Projects Update

Carl provided an overview of 2023 Capital projects, including the costs and the contributions of each. Many of the larger capital projects for this year are currently out for tender and will commence shortly.

Resolution 2023-72

Kaufman – Landry-Altman

That the 2023 Capital Projects Update report is accepted as presented.

Carried.

7. Adjournment

Resolution 2023-73

Fortin - Kaufman

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.