

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Thursday November 16, 2023

Via MS Teams

Commenced: 4:32 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:34 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Davidson, Chair
Steve Kaufman, Vice-chair
Fern Cormier
Bill Leduc
Pauline Fortin
Jocelyne Landry-Altmann

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, GM, Secretary-Treasurer
Melanie Venne, staff

REGRETS: Natalie Labbé

1. Chair Davidson opened the meeting.
2. No declarations of conflict of interest were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2023-74

Leduc – Landry-Altmann

That the agenda of the November 16, 2023 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

- a) Adoption of Minutes of October 11, 2023

Resolution 2023-75

Cormier – Landry-Altmann

That the minutes of the October 11, 2023 General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

5. General Business

a) 2023 Report on Natural Heritage at Lake Laurentian Conservation Area

In April 2023, the board agreed to enter into a partnership with Living with Lakes Centre at Laurentian University to provide natural heritage research of the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area and other authority-owned lands. Dr. John Gunn and students were in attendance at the meeting to provide an update on the research conducted in 2023. They provided a thorough overview of the written report, including some historical uses at LLCA, current status of fisheries and water quality, and potential future works. Chair Davidson thanked Dr. Gunn and the students for the presentation and their hard work.

Resolution 2023-76

Fortin - Cormier

Be it resolved that the Board receives a presentation by Dr. John Gunn on the Natural Heritage at Lake Laurentian Conservation Area

Carried.

b) Permissions Under Section 28/29

Resolution 2023-77

Kaufman - Cormier

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

Carried.

c) 2024 Budget Approval

Secretary – Treasurer Jorgensen (Carl) presented the 2024 budget and 2025 budget forecast to City of Greater Sudbury finance on November 15, 2023. The budget has also been posted online for 30 days for public consultation. Carl provided an overview of the budget before proceeding to approval.

Resolution 2023-78

Kaufman - Fortin

Be it resolved,

That the 2024 budget in the total amount of \$2 099 639 is approved as presented, and

That the Authority's member municipality, the City of Greater Sudbury, be advised that the 2024 Operating Levy is in the amount of \$895 178 and the Capital Levy is in the amount of \$375 000, and

That the Secretary-Treasurer shall submit the approved budget to the City of Greater Sudbury's Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried.

d) NOHFC Intern

Office Coordinator Melanie Venne provided an overview of a staff report describing a successful Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) internship application and the job posting that will be posted soon. Funds from the Strategic Implementation Reserve will be used to cover expenditures over and above the grant amount for the one-year contract position.

Resolution 2023-79

Leduc - Fortin

Be it resolved, that \$19 500 is allocated from the Strategic Implementation Reserve to help fund a one-year internship for policy development, as described in the NOHFC Internship staff report dated November 9, 2023.

Carried.

6. Adjournment

Resolution 2023-81

Fortin – Landry-Altman

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.