

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Thursday January 10, 2024

Via MS Teams

Commenced: 4:32 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:26 p.m.

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

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

REGRETS: Natalie Labbé
Jocelyne Landry-Altman
Bill Leduc

1. Chair Davidson opened the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year.
2. No declarations of conflict of interest were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2024-01

Kaufman - Fortin

That the agenda of the January 10, 2024 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

- a) Adoption of Minutes of November 16, 2023

Resolution 2024-01

Cormier – Kaufman

That the minutes of the November 16, 2023 General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

5. General Business

a) Permissions Under Section 28/29

Resolution 2024-03

Cormier - Fortin

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

Carried.

b) Annual Update on Section 28 Permits and Planning Applications

Melanie Venne provided statistics for both section 28 permits and planning application reviews. The year was fairly typical for quantities of reviews and permits compared to the previous few years.

Resolution 2024-04

Cormier - Fortin

That the reports on statistics of 2023 planning and regulations reviews be received,

And further, that the 2023 Annual Report on Section 28 Timelines be published to the Conservation Sudbury website.

Carried.

c) Source Protection Committee Member Appointment

Madison Keegans detailed the appointment of three new Source Protection Committee Members, as listed in the resolution below.

Resolution 2024-05

Fortin - Kaufman

That the Sudbury Source Protection Authority appoints Jessica Brunette to the Sudbury Source Protection Committee as a Municipal Sector Representative for a term of four years effective immediately.

And further, that the Sudbury Source Protection Authority appoints Drew MacDonald to the Sudbury Source Protection Committee as a Municipal Sector Representative for a term of five years effective immediately.

And further, that the Sudbury Source Protection Authority appoints Amanda Hey to the Sudbury Source Protection Committee as an Other Interests Sector Representative for a term of five years effective immediately.

Carried.

d) Health and Safety Policy Update

Madison provided the 2024 Health and Safety Policy updates. The policy has a few minor amendments for 2024 including revisions to the COVID-19 safety plan, an addition of an air quality policy and the addition of an encampment policy.

Resolution 2024-05

Fortin - Cormier

That the revised health and safety policy, dated January 3, 2024, is received and approved for use in 2024.

Carried.

e) Nickel District Conservation Foundation Update

Carl shared a PowerPoint presentation that was provided at the December Annual General Meeting of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation. The presentation reviewed the impact of the Director of Advancement initiative from 2020 to present.

f) Agreement with Ontario Nature regarding 30x30 initiative

Carl presented the staff report regarding the support that Ontario Nature will be providing regarding identifying lands appropriate for the federal 30 x 30 initiative. Canada's 30 by 30 Biodiversity Strategy is a commitment to conserve 30% of Canada's land and water by 2030. Ontario Nature will screen the lands of Conservation Sudbury to see if they meet the eligibility criteria. Carl answered several questions from the Members.

Resolution 2024-06

Kaufman - Cormier

Be it resolved, that consent is provided to Ontario Nature for the purposes of collaborating to qualify and submit eligible Authority lands as candidates for the Government of Canada's 30 x 30 goals.

Carried.

6. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-07

Kaufman - Fortin

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.