

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Thursday March 20, 2024

Via MS Teams

Commenced: 4:33 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:22 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Davidson, Chair
Steve Kaufman, Vice-chair
Natalie Labbé
Jocelyne Landry-Altman
Pauline Fortin

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, GM, Secretary-Treasurer
Melanie Venne, Staff
Janet Gaspirini, BioSki Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Club
Paul Sauvé, BioSki Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Club

REGRETS: Fern Cormier
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 2024-22

Labbé - Fortin

That the agenda of the March 20, 2024, General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

- a) Adoption of Minutes of February 14, 2024

Resolution 2024-23

Landry-Altman – Fortin

That the minutes of the February 14, 2024 Annual General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from the Minutes

At the March 18, 2024 City of Greater Sudbury Council meeting, a by-law was passed that allows the CGS to enter into an agreement with the Authority regarding the provision of non-mandatory programs and services in accordance with O.Reg 686/21.

5. General Business

a) Agreement with BioSki Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Club

Janet Gaspirini and Paul Sauvé attended the meeting on behalf of the Bioski Club. The Bioski Club has maintained trails for cross-country skiing at snowshoeing at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area since 1974. This agreement formalizes a business relationship that has endured for over 50 years. The agreement captures the details of use, responsibility, and assigns costs.

After some questions and discussion with the Members, it was the agreed upon to add in a condition for timeframes for review.

Resolution 2024-24

Fortin – Landry-Altman

That staff are directed to enter into an agreement, as amended, with BioSki Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Club as described in the staff report, dated March 14, 2024.

Carried.

b) Ducks Unlimited Agreement

Carl briefly outlined the renewed Conservation Agreement with Ducks Unlimited. The dam at Lake Laurentian Conservation Area is over 30 years old and requires rehabilitation work to re-establish the dam and ensure long term maintenance of the wetland. The cost of this work will be borne by Ducks Unlimited.

Resolution 2024-25

Landry-Altman - Kaufman

That staff are directed to enter into a renewed Conservation Agreement with Ducks Unlimited to allow the rebuilding of the dam located in the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

c) Amendment to CA Act and New Regulations

Carl presented slides highlighting some of the upcoming changes as the result of a newly released regulations. Ontario Regulation 41/24 will replace Ontario Regulation 156/06 and will be proclaimed on April 1, 2024.

This new regulation requires some updates to policies. A document with some interim measures was distributed for approval. Staff will be working on updating policies as required. In addition, the three provincial offences officers are reappointed as part of legal process.

Resolution 2024-26

Kaufman - Labbé

That the following staff are appointed as provincial offences officers in accordance with section 30.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act, to be proclaimed April 1, 2024, for the purpose of administering and enforcing Parts VI and VII of the Act, as amended, and Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions, and Permits:

- *Carl Jorgensen, General Manager*
- *Sarah Woods, Planning and Regulations Officer*
- *Phillipa Cryderman, Planning and Regulations Officer*

This is in alignment with a forthcoming class designation from the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry that provides powers under the Provincial Offences Act, anticipated on or before the transition date of April 1, 2024.

Carried.

Resolution 2024-27

Labbé - Fortin

Be it resolved that the interim measures listed in Parts A through D related to changes in the Conservation Authorities Act and Regulations as detailed in the staff report dated March 15, 2024, are adopted.

Carried.

d) Permissions Under Section 28/29

Resolution 2024-28

Kaufman – Landry-Altmann

That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the months of February 2024 is received.

Carried.

e) Update to Maternity and Parental Leave Policy

Carl provided the updated policy language for Maternity and Parental Leave. This update is in alignment with current policy and practices at the City of Greater Sudbury.

Resolution 2024-29

Labbée - Fortin

That the updated policy language for Maternity and Parental leave as described in the staff report dated March 4, 2024, is accepted and that the Personnel Policy be updated immediately to reflect these changes.

Carried.

6. In-Camera

Resolution 2024-30

Kaufmann – Landry-Altmann

That we go in-camera at 5:47 p.m.

Carried.

The Members ended the in-camera session at 6:21p.m. Direction to staff was provided regarding a property matter.

7. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-31

Fortin - Kaufman

That we do now adjourn at 6:22 pm.

Carried.