

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Via MS Teams



Commenced: 4:31 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Mark Signoretti, Chair  
Michel Brabant, Vice-Chair  
Eric Benoit  
Jennifer Davidson  
Pauline Fortin  
Joscelyne Landry-Altman

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, GM, Secretary-Treasurer  
Phillipa Cryderman, Director, Natural Hazards Program  
Melanie Venne, Office and Communications Coordinator

REGRETS: Steve Kaufman

1. Chair Signoretti welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a reminder of meeting procedures.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

With consensus from the board, the agenda was amended to move item 5e), Infrastructure Project Summary, to the April meeting and replace it with an update on Conservation Authorities regional amalgamation.

### **Resolution 2026-15**

**Davidson - Brabant**

*That the agenda of the March 12, 2026, General Meeting is adopted as amended.*

**Carried.**

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of February 12, 2026

### **Resolution 2026-16**

**Fortin – Landry-Altman**

*That the minutes of the February 12, 2026, Annual General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.*

**Carried.**

5. General Business

a) Permissions under Section 28/29

**Resolution 2026-17**

**Benoit - Brabant**

*That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of February 2026 is received.*

**Carried.**

b) Pre-Submission Consultation Progress and Summary

Phillipa Cryderman provided an overview of the pre-submission consultation process that was initially formalized with the release of *O. Reg 41/24*. Phillipa detailed the process, including the review steps, and a summary of the number and types of pre-consultations completed in 2025. In the previous year, 30% of the pre-consultations ended in the issuance of permits or planning act permissions. Proponents of 40% of the pre-consultations are actively working on their applications. Nearly half of the pre-consultations were received in the last quarter of the year.

Member Fortin asked further question regarding the process and the use of satellite imagery. Phillipa clarified that the use of multiple years of satellite imagery allows staff to see features, specifically features that may be unmapped.

**Resolution 2026-18**

**Benoit - Davidson**

*That the Staff Report on Pre-Submission Consultation Process and Summary dated March 6 2026, is received as information.*

**Carried.**

c) Debrief of Flood Contingency Meeting and Current Watershed Conditions

Phillipa provided an overview of the previous week's flood contingency meeting. The annual meeting is hosted by Conservation Sudbury and brings together multiple organizations. The objectives of the meeting are to review roles and responsibilities in flood response. Currently, the watershed conditions, including snow depth and snow water equivalent are within typical range for March.

**Resolution 2026-19**

**Landry-Altman – Brabant**

*That the presentation on the Current Watershed Conditions is received as information.*

**Carried.**

d) Unaudited Financial Report 2025

As per the Annual Work Plan, a financial report is presented every four months. Carl provided details from the September to December 2025 time period. He detailed some of the notable items, including increased revenue from the review of planning act applications and investment returns. There was a question regarding increased vehicle maintenance costs. Chair Signoretti clarified that the next steps include presenting the audited 2025 statements to the audit and finance committee then final approval will be at a forthcoming board meeting.

**Resolution 2026-20**

**Benoit - Davidson**

*That the 2025 Unaudited Financial Report, dated March 6 2026, is received as information.*

**Carried.**

e) Update on Conservation Authority Amalgamation

Following a public announcement on March 10, by Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Carl provided an update on the amalgamation of conservation authorities in Ontario. The amalgamation into regional authorities will be moving forward as per the announcement within the next twelve months.

There was a discussion regarding the potential structure of the Board of the Regional Authority. Carl responded that the regulations to come will detail how Member seats will be allocated based on population and other factors.

At this point in time there are many unanswered questions, and Carl will provide information to the Members as information is received.

6. Adjournment

**Resolution 2026-21**

**Davidson - Fortin**

*That we do now adjourn at 6:01 PM*

**Carried.**