

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Via MS Teams



Commenced: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:49 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, GM, Secretary-Treasurer
Phillipa Cryderman, Director, Natural Hazards Program
Jaimee Bergeron, Water Resource Specialist
Madison Keegans, Source Protection Program Manager
Melanie Venne, Office and Communications Coordinator

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

Resolution 2026-22

Brabant – Landry-Altmann

That the agenda of April 9, 2026, General Meeting is adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of March 12, 2026

Resolution 2026-23

Fortin – Davidson

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

Carried.

5. Source Protection Authority Meeting

Resolution 2026-24

Benoit - Brabant

That we now leave the meeting of the Nickel District Conservation Authority and commence a meeting of the Sudbury Source Protection Authority at 4:36 p.m.

Carried.

Madison Keegans conducted the business of the Source Protection Authority meeting until it adjourned and the regular Authority meeting reconvened at 4:59 pm.

6. General Business

a) Current Watershed Conditions

Jaimee Bergeron provided an overview of water monitoring stations and an update on the current watershed conditions, including upcoming weather forecast and snow conditions. There were follow up questions from Member Landry - Altmann regarding the impact of the Junction Creek dredging project of 2025 and its impact on water levels during the spring freshet.

Resolution 2026-25

Fortin - Brabant

That the Watershed Conditions Presentation is received as information.

Carried.

b) Permissions under Section 28/29

Resolution 2026-26

Davidson - Kaufman

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

Carried.

c) Infrastructure Project Summary

Carl provided a presentation on the ongoing progress of rehabilitation of the Junction and Nolin's Creek box culvert system. Construction of this large-scale flood control infrastructure project commenced in 1941. The box culverts undergo annual inspections and less frequent intensive inspections. Reports from these determine the rehabilitation projects for the upcoming years. Carl provided a summary of work and grants related to the progress as of year 7 in a 10-year rehabilitation project. The

project is ahead of schedule and should be done in winter of 2027. The work is on budget, with 1/3 of the expense coming from the municipal levy and the remainder from upper levels of government.

Resolution 2026-27

Landry-Altman - Benoit

That the Infrastructure Project Summary Presentation is received as information.

Carried.

d) Conservation Authorities Amalgamation Update

An information session providing an update on the Conservation Authorities amalgamation was held just prior to the start of this meeting. Carl attended the full meeting while Chair Mark attended the first portion only. Bill 97 that proposes changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* to allow for amalgamation has received second reading in the legislature and is poised for royal assent. Another important point of discussion was the matter of membership in the transition team.

Each of the nine regional authorities will have a transition team to help support the transition. The transition team will have two members from each Conservation Authority. The team will be led by a project executive appointed by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency.

Resolution 2026-28

Landry-Altman – Brabant

That the Conservation Authorities Amalgamation verbal update from the General Manager is received as information.

Carried.

e) Appointment to Transition Team

Following the update on the amalgamation there was a brief discussion on the appointment to the transition team. It was concluded the Chair Signoretti should represent the board alongside Carl Jorgensen.

Resolution 2026-29

Fortin - Benoit

Given that a transition committee shall be formed for each new regional conservation authority by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, and

That each existing authority is required to appoint two individuals to the transition committee, one being the general manager and the other being a member of municipal council.

Therefore, be it resolved,

That, in accordance with Bill 97, Schedule 3, Section 4 (1), Item 1.6 (2),

*Member Mark Signoretti, and
General Manager, Carl Jorgensen,*

*Are hereby appointed to the Transition Committee of the Northeastern Ontario
Regional Conservation Authority.*

Carried.

7. Adjournment

Resolution 2026-30

Davidson - Brabant

That we do now adjourn at 5:49 PM

Carried.