

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:25 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Jennifer Davidson
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
Mark Signoretti
Russ Thompson
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
C. Jorgensen, N.D.C.A.

COMMUNICATION: Jacques Barbeau
Evelyn Dutrisac

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all present. The first highlight was to welcome and introduce the new General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Carl Jorgensen. Carl made some brief remarks thanking the General Board for their support. Chairperson Gibson then reported on some of the initiatives/activities she had been or would be involved with since the October, 2014 General Board meeting. This included plans to attend the upcoming Latornell Conference with N.D.C.A. staff; attendance with Vice-Chair Signoretti at a Chamber of Commerce event on October 21st; meetings of the Friends of Lake Laurentian; participation in the November 14th Northern Conservation Authorities video conference meeting, etc. Chairperson Gibson had a copy of a letter she had submitted on behalf of the N.D.C.A. to the Northern Life Community Builders Awards. Lilly Noble was being recommended in the Environmental category. Lilly is involved in many environmental initiatives including as a member of the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee since 2006. General Board members were in full agreement with the letter being submitted and wished Lilly all the best as part of the 2015 awards.

Lastly, Chairperson Gibson reminded members of the December 4th Christmas dinner meeting and asked any member who had not responded as yet to advise Linda Lachance, N.D.C.A. Administrative Assistant, as soon as possible.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared by any member present.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2014-78

Davidson - Signoretti

That the agenda for the November 13, 2014 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) October 9, 2014

Resolution 2014-79

Davidson - Watelet

That the minutes of the October 9, 2014 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

Chairperson Gibson asked P. Sajatovic for an update on item 7 (a) as recorded in the minutes. P. Sajatovic reported that the consultant will proceed with the fieldwork very soon, now that water levels on the Whitson River have declined enough to allow them to complete the fieldwork. The report is expected to be delivered by the consultant to the N.D.C.A. and then the property owner by mid-December, 2014. No other items were noted.

5. General Business

a) N.D.C.A. 2015 Budget Approval

The proposed 2015 budget had been discussed at the October, 2014 General Board meeting. Staff had been directed to provide options related to a specific part of the budget and report back. That work was done and then by way of e-mail poll, dated October 21, 2014, members unanimously approved the proposed budget for submission to the member municipality. The confirmation of the e-mail poll and resolution to approve the budget was then presented to members.

Resolution 2014-80

Thompson - Barbeau

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority's 2015 budget in the total amount of \$1,122,626 be approved,

AND FURTHER that our member municipality be requested to provide funding in the

total amount of \$658,000, including \$10,000 for the Lake Laurentian trail repair and upkeep work starting in 2015,

AND FURTHER that the N.D.C.A. will submit this budget to the City of Greater Sudbury on or before November 14, 2014.

Carried.

b) Change of N.D.C.A. Signing Officer

With the upcoming retirement of Paul Sajatovic, the new General Manager, Carl Jorgensen, will be assuming all responsibilities as of November 24, 2014. The following resolution was presented dealing with signing authority.

Resolution 2014-81

Signoretti - Davidson

That effective November 24, 2014 Mr. Carl Jorgensen will be a signing officer of the Nickel District Conservation Authority until the 2015 Annual Meeting of the N.D.C.A.,

AND FURTHER that Paul Sajatovic is removed as a signing officer of the N.D.C.A. effective November 24, 2014.

Carried.

c) Resignation of N.D.C.A. Auditor

Edward A. Jakubo, Chartered Accountant, was the current audit firm of record for the N.D.C.A. Michael Jakubo was the auditor of record. Mr. Jakubo was elected to municipal Council in the City of Greater Sudbury on October 27th. Mr. Jakubo could not continue to be the auditor of record. He tendered his resignation by way of letter to the General Board. The letter of resignation was accepted. General Board members then proceeded to discuss options for retaining a new firm of record. Staff were given direction, and are to report back as soon as possible. The following resolution was then tabled.

Resolution 2014-82

Watelet - Davidson

That the letter of resignation dated November 5, 2014 from Edward A. Jakubo, Chartered Accountant, be accepted,

AND FURTHER that the N.D.C.A. proceed as follows to secure audit services for the 2014 financial statement and future years:

- 1) contact firm with next lowest cost bid for services based on the June, 2014 R.F.P., and
- 2) report back to General Board with outcome of discussions with the firm for decision or further direction.

Carried.

d) Section 28 Permits Report (October, 2014)

There were many questions from members related to the October, 2014 report. Staff provided detailed clarification related to a number of the applications. Following the discussion, a resolution was presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2014-83

Watelet - Davidson

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2014-28 to 2014-33 issued in October, 2014, under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses report.

Carried.

e) Transfer of Property to City of Greater Sudbury (Galliard Island)

This topic had been dealt with at the October, 2014 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting. An update report was to be brought back at the November, 2014 meeting for consideration by General Board members. Information was provided to members for review. Support for this transfer was again reaffirmed by members. It was also suggested by members that once the transfer is finalized some time in 2015, a media release should be prepared to highlight this very positive initiative between the N.D.C.A. and our member municipality. A resolution was then tabled.

Resolution 2014-84

Watelet - Signoretti

That the letter dated October 17, 2014 from the City of Greater Sudbury related to the transfer of Galliard Island from the N.D.C.A. to the City of Greater Sudbury be received,

AND FURTHER that the N.D.C.A. will await further communication from the municipality related to the transfer of this property between public bodies.

Carried.

f) N.D.C.A. General Board Appointments (2015-2019)/Orientation

The municipal elections in Ontario had been held on October 27th. The new City Council takes power in Greater Sudbury on December 2nd. With that comes the appointment of elected and non-elected representatives to committees, boards, panels, etc. This includes the General Board of the N.D.C.A. General Board members discussed this topic in detail and agreed that four elected members appointed by City Council would be fine as well as five non-elected citizens from the general public. Unlike the appointment process in 2010 for 2011-2015, the N.D.C.A. will not be requesting one non-elected position be filled by a student/youth for the upcoming four year term. However, if such a qualified candidate puts their name forward the current members hope they will be considered. Member Landry-Altman also suggested that in order to attract youth/student members, that the N.D.C.A. establish a process which allows youth/students to attend N.D.C.A. meetings. This way they will learn more about the workings of the N.D.C.A. and may likely apply in future. Members agreed unanimously with this suggestion and it will be acted upon in the near term. The membership on the N.D.C.A. General Board for the upcoming four year term will not likely be finalized until early February, 2015. This will give the new membership time to plan for and hold the 2015 Annual Meeting which must occur by March 1st at the latest.

g) Lake Laurentian Floating Boardwalk Project

P. Sajatovic updated members on the progress of this project with reference to the e-mail sent on October 29, 2014. Progress has been made and once the project is complete, it will add a great deal to the trail use experience in the Conservation Area. Chairperson Gibson recommended, and members agreed, that next spring at the appropriate time, a media opportunity should be arranged to publicize the excellent work being done throughout Lake Laurentian.

6. In-Camera (Personnel/Legal/Property)

No in-camera matters were dealt with at this meeting.

7. New Business

- a) Chairperson Gibson advised that this was the final General Board meeting as General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer for Paul Sajatovic. Mr. Sajatovic is retiring in January, 2015 and Carl Jorgensen takes over on November 24, 2014. All members thanked Paul for his almost 36 years of service to the N.D.C.A. and our watershed residents.

Mr. Sajatovic thanked all members and staff, present and past, for their wonderful support and dedication to the work of the N.D.C.A. Mr. Sajatovic wished Carl Jorgensen all the best as the new N.D.C.A. General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Sajatovic noted that he will stay involved with the work of the N.D.C.A. in

different ways in the years to come.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2014-85

Davidson - Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.