

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Tom Davies Square, room C-12
200 Brady Street, Sudbury

Commenced: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chair
Bill Leduc (left at 5:15 p.m., during item 7. b)
Geoff McCausland
Paul Sajatovic
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Sarah Woods, staff

COMMUNICATION: Joscelyne Landry-Altmann, regrets

1. Chairperson Lin Gibson began the meeting by welcoming attendees and providing some opening remarks:
 - a. Carl and Lin attend the Conservation Ontario Council meeting on September 30, 2019. Further discussion to follow in this agenda.
2. Member Kaufman indicated that he was involved two Section 28 permit applications listed under item 5. a). No other declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2019-65

Leduc – Watelet

That the agenda of the October 10, 2019 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of September 12, 2019

Resolution 2019-66

Sajatovic – McCausland

That the minutes of the September 12, 2019 General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

The following edits were made:

- Item 1. c) the last sentence to be corrected to “Funding for this app was recovered from the private sector”
- Item 5. c) iii) second paragraph spelling mistake (corrected to “complementary”, not complimentary)
- Item 7. c) the public forum was suggested as a way to discuss the importance of Conservation Sudbury and the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area to the community, not to specifically discuss the implications of potential financial cuts, as the minutes suggest. The minutes to be edited to better reflect this.

Carried.

b) Business arising from the meeting not addressed below

a) LID Grand Opening

Carl showed images of the Low Impact Development infrastructure project that Conservation Sudbury recently completed at the parking lot of the Gerry McCrory Countryside Sports Complex with funding support from Environment and Climate Change Canada and managed by staff member Madison Keegans. The grand opening held September 26 was well attended by the community and covered in media. Project partners also attended including Jim Bot (TeraNorth Construction & Engineering Limited), Paul Javor (City of Greater Sudbury), Eric Persichini (Greenland International Consulting) and Ben van Drunen (Hollandia Land and Environmental Solutions) Madison and Paul Javor also attended a South-End CAN meeting following the opening event. Councillor McIntosh visited the site with staff October 9 and will share information with stewardship groups of the downstream lakes.

b) Letter to MECP

At the September meeting the board passed a resolution (#2019-62) to send a letter to the MECP. This action has been postponed in light of more recent communications from Minister Yurek.

5. General Business

a) Section 28/29 Report

Resolution 2019-67

Jakubo – Sajatovic

That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of September 2019 is received.

Member Kaufman abstained from voting. Minor clarification was provided regarding one issued permit.

Carried.

b) Budget 2020, Version 2.1

Carl circulated copies of the most recent draft of the 2020 budget and highlighted some sections. The notes should be updated and the program by program changes should illustrate where savings were identified. The Audit and Finance Committee is aiming to meet prior to the next board meeting.

c) Maley Dam Rehabilitation

The rehabilitation of the Maley Dam will cost approximately \$2M and will be 40% funded by the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) and 60% from reserves. Staff have completed consultation with Indigenous communities and have obtained authorization under the *Endangered Species Act*. Partial approval has been obtained under the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* but can only be finalized once a contractor has been selected and submits details. Staff is also working to obtain landowner permission as part of the project footprint and access road are on lands owned by Hydro One. The Prequalification will take place in Q1 of 2020 with the Request for Proposal to follow. It was suggested that economic opportunities gained by timing of the work could exist and consulting with the City's Growth and Infrastructure manager would be prudent.

6. In-Camera Session

No in-camera session was held.

7. New Business / Upcoming

a) Watershed Planner hiring process

Carl Jorgensen, member Anne Watelet and Melissa Riou (Senior Planner with City of Greater Sudbury) participated on the hiring committee. Interviews have been completed and a preferred candidate has been identified. Carl will check references within the next few days prior to offering the position.

b) Meeting with MECP Minister Yurek

Minister Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, has invited all CAs to meet with ministry staff and officials, to discuss programs and services. Some meetings have already occurred. Carl recently met with representatives from other small, northern and rural CAs to discuss. The meeting is expected to include questions about mandatory/non-mandatory programs, budgets, governance and permit efficiencies, etc.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario recently sent a letter to Minister Yurek highlighting the need for sufficient time for a transition period and clarity regarding es mandatory programs.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2019-68

Davidson – Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.