

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, January 14, 2020**

Via Zoom

Commenced: 4:32 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson  
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Davidson  
Mike Jakubo  
Joscelyne Landry-Altman  
Bill Leduc  
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager  
Melanie Venne, Staff  
Bailey Chabot, Watershed Planner  
Anoop Naik, Water Resource Specialist  
Madison Keegans, Source Protection Program Manager  
Students and Project Coordinator, Queen’s University School of Urban and Regional Planning

REGRETS: Geoff McCausland

1. Chairperson Lin opened the meeting. She welcomed the students attending from Queen’s University that would be presenting on the results of the planning project focused on the floodplain policies – in the context of climate change – of Conservation Sudbury.

Chairperson Lin also discussed some of the recent meetings, including a meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee and a recent Nickel District Conservation Foundation meeting regarding a new “Trail Ambassadors” initiative.

2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

**Resolution 2021-01**

**Leduc – Watelet**

*That the agenda of the January 14, 2021 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.*

**Carried.**

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of December 10, 2020

**Resolution 2021-02**

**Landry-Altman - Leduc**

*That the minutes of the December 10, 2020 General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.*

**Carried.**

b) Business arising from minutes

As mentioned at the last meeting, the changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* have received royal assent but the vast majority have not been proclaimed as yet. GM Carl reported that the province has recently established a subcommittee, that includes good representation from conservation authorities, to discuss implementation of the upcoming changes to *the Conservation Authorities Act*.

5. General Business

a) Queen's University Planning Project

Bailey Chabot introduced a group of students from Queen's University that have been working on a policy-review project for Conservation Sudbury. She provided the context of the project also described in her staff report. The student project was presented by Hailey Morning and Mackenzie Van Horn. Board members had good questions for the students. Chairperson Gibson thanked the students and the project coordinator for their hard work on this useful project.

**Resolution 2021-03**

**Leduc – Landry-Altman**

*That the staff report on the land use planning and flood risk management student project be accepted as distributed, and*

*That the General Board direct staff to take the recommendations provided by the Queen's University School of Urban and Regional Planning students under advisement.*

**Carried.**

b) National Disaster Mitigation Program Intake 6

Anoop Naik discussed a new application to the National Disaster Mitigation Program. We have previously successfully received funding from this program for the Junction

Creek floodplain mapping update. This proposed project would include floodplain mapping updates of the Whitson River and Whitewater Lake watershed. This proposed project would take advantage of the all the information collected during the City of Greater Sudbury sub-watershed studies. The Members had a few questions that Anoop addressed.

**Resolution 2021-04**

**Watelet - Leduc**

*Be it resolved, that the support request report for the National Disaster Mitigation Program Application, intake 6, be accepted as distributed, and*

*That upon receipt of a positive response from Public Safety Canada, the General Board allocates \$60,000 from the Flood Forecasting Reserve to be used to undertake the floodplain-mapping update project in the Whitewater Lake and Whitson River watershed as described in the report.*

**Carried.**

- c) Permission under Section 28/29 Report

**Resolution 2021-05**

**Davidson - Leduc**

*That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of December 2020 is received.*

**Carried.**

- d) Permit Statistics Report for 2020

Bailey Chabot presented some statistics on permits issued under section 28 and 29 of *Conservation Authorities Act 156/06* for 2020. There was a rise in permits issued in 2020 and most permits met or bettered provincial timelines established by Conservation Ontario.

**Resolution 2021-06**

**Kaufman - Leduc**

*That the staff report on Section 28 & 29 permit statistics be accepted as distributed.*

**Carried.**

- e) Annual Revision of Health and Safety Policy

Madison Keegans presented a report detailing changes to the Health and Safety

policy for 2021 and a summary of health and safety inspections for 2020. Some of the important policy changes include standard operating procedures for the equipment used in trails maintenance, a slip trip and fall policy, a safe working during a pandemic policy and an update to the safe disposals of sharps policy.

**Resolution 2021-07**

**Watelet – Landry-Altman**

*Be it resolved that the revised Health and Safety Policy dated January 11, 2021 is received and approved for use in 2021.*

**Carried.**

f) Discussion on General Board Composition

The changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, that dictate board composition, have not yet been proclaimed. GM Carl Jorgensen presented an early look at what the board composition may look like in terms of numbers of citizen versus councilor appointees as the province has included a minimum of 70% in the case of the latter. A report was provided to the Members that include two recommended actions. More guidance from the province is required before recommendations are made to the City of Greater Sudbury.

**Resolution 2021-08**

**Leduc - Kaufman**

*Be it resolved, that the staff report on Changes to Section 14 of the Conservation Authorities Act regarding Board Composition be accepted as distributed, and,*

*That the Secretary-Treasurer is directed to inform the Clerk of the City of Greater Sudbury, that in the opinion of the General Board of the NDCA, completing the process for filling the vacancy on the board is not prudent at this time, and*

*That, upon receipt of guidance material from the Province at the time of proclamation, that the General Board prepares a position statement with several options for consideration by the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury and that these options may include those that would require an exception as described in the report.*

**Carried.**

6. Adjournment

**Resolution 2021-09**

**Landry-Altman - Davidson**

*That we do now adjourn.*

**Carried.**