

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of Annual General Board Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:04 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Chair
 Jacques Barbeau
 John Dennis
 Evelyn Dutrisac
 Anne Watelet

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Joe Cimino
 Joscelyne Landry-Altman

1. Chair Rogers opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the annual meeting. He thanked members and staff for all their dedicated work throughout 2009 and noted that 2010 would be another exciting and challenging year for the N.D.C.A. in delivering the integrated watershed management program.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2010-01

Dennis - Watelet

That the January 21, 2010 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) December 10, 2009

Resolution 2010-02

Watelet - Dennis

That the minutes of the December 10, 2009 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

No items of followup business were raised at the meeting.

5. Election of Officers - 2010

Information was distributed to members pertaining to the procedure to follow in electing Officers for 2010. P. Sajatovic assumed the Chair to conduct the elections for Chair and Vice-Chair of the N.D.C.A. for 2010. D. Lenzi was designated as Scrutineer if necessary.

The floor was opened for the nomination of candidates for the position of Chair.

Nominee

Bob Rogers

Nominator

Jacques Barbeau

A motion to close nominations after two further requests for any nominations, was

Moved by: John Dennis, and

Seconded by: Evelyn Dutrisac.

Bob Rogers agreed to stand for the position of Chair for 2010.

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair were then requested.

Nominee

John Dennis

Nominator

Evelyn Dutrisac

A motion to close nominations, after two further requests for any nominations, was

Moved by: Anne Watelet, and

Seconded by: Jacques Barbeau.

John Dennis agreed to stand for the position of Vice-Chair for 2010.

Resolution 2010-03

Dennis - Watelet

That Bob Rogers be appointed Chair of the Nickel District Conservation Authority for the year 2010 and until the first meeting of the Authority in 2011.

Carried.

Resolution 2010-04

Barbeau - Dutrisac

That John Dennis be appointed Vice-Chair of the Nickel District Conservation Authority for the year 2010 and until the first meeting of the Authority in 2011.

Carried.

P. Sajatovic returned the Chair to Bob Rogers. Chair Rogers thanked members for their support and dedication to the work of the N.D.C.A. throughout 2010.

6. Appointment of Signing Officers - 2010

Resolution 2010-05

Dennis - Watelet

That the signing officers for the Nickel District Conservation Authority for 2010, and until the first meeting in 2011 be:

a) Chair, OR

b) Vice-Chair

AND

c) General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

Carried.

7. Bank Borrowing Resolution - 2010

Resolution 2010-06

Dennis - Watelet

That for the year 2010, the signing officers as designated, be empowered to arrange any necessary borrowing from time to time, by promissory note, of funds necessary for approved Authority projects and programs, to a maximum amount of \$200,000.

Carried.

8. Appointment of Solicitor - 2010

Resolution 2010-07

Dennis - Watelet

That Mr. J. D. Innes, an Associate in the legal firm Desmarais, Keenan, be appointed as the N.D.C.A.'s Solicitor for the Year 2010.

Carried.

9. Appointments to Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority - 2010

Resolution 2010-08

Dennis - Watelet

That the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority for 2010, and until the 2011 Annual General Board meeting:

- 1) Bob Rogers
- 2) John Dennis
- 3) Jacques Barbeau

13. Adjustments to Rates & Expenses - 2010

A memo from P. Sajatovic had been distributed to members dealing with adjustments to rates and expenses for 2010 based on the existing N.D.C.A. policy. Prior to a vote being taken on the resolution presented, Chair Rogers advised members and staff that he would not be accepting the scheduled Chair's Honorarium for 2010. He directed that the related funding be used for various administrative general operations of the N.D.C.A. during 2010. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2010-12

Dennis - Watelet

That adjustments to rates and expenses for 2010 as outlined in the staff report dated January 12, 2010, be approved.

Carried.

14. 2010 General Board Meeting Schedule

Direction was sought from members on their preference for the 2010 General Board meeting schedule. Discussion took place with regard to scheduling conflicts which sometimes arise, the total number of General Board members currently appointed by the member municipality, advance reminder notification to members, etc. As a result of the discussion it was agreed that an agenda item for the March, 2010 General Board meeting will be to discuss the possibility of increasing the total number of members and how that request would be submitted to the member municipality. The following resolution was then passed.

Resolution 2010-13

Dennis - Barbeau

That the 2010 meeting schedule for the N.D.C.A. General Board be as follows:
the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at Tom Davies Square,

AND FURTHER that the July and August, 2010 meetings be at the call of the Chair if deemed necessary.

Carried.

15. General Business

a) 2010 Conservation Ontario/Conservation Authorities Biennial Tour

Information was provided to members on the upcoming Biennial Tour in Eastern Ontario and it was noted that the N.D.C.A. had had the honour of hosting the 2008 tour. Early bird registrations were being requested and it was noted that the N.D.C.A. would send at least two members with possible changes prior to the registration deadline date.

Resolution 2010-14

Watelet - Dutrisac

That the following members of the N.D.C.A. are hereby authorized to attend the 2010 Biennial Tour to be held from September 19th to 22nd in the Mississippi and Rideau watersheds in Eastern Ontario:

- 1) Bob Rogers
- 2) John Dennis.

Carried.

b) Section 28 Permits Report - December, 2009

Member Watelet questioned the purpose for Permit #2009-45 dealing with a watercourse crossing. D. Lenzi provided a response to the question for clarification purposes. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2010-15

Watelet - Dennis

That N.D.C.A. Permits 2009-45 to and including 2009-46, issued in December, 2009, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried.

c) N.D.C.A. 2010 Strategic Action Plan

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer submitted a report to General Board members providing a blueprint of the major strategic projects/programs/initiatives to be undertaken during 2010. P. Sajatovic and Chair Rogers provided detailed information and noted that this Action Plan would continuously be monitored throughout 2010 to ensure the priorities of the N.D.C.A. are being met by staff. It was noted that the General Manager will be submitting a written quarterly report to members as a further accountability standard. Following thorough overview and discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2010-16

Watelet - Dennis

That the 2010 Action Plan for the Nickel District Conservation Authority as submitted by the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be approved for implementation.

Carried.

A key initiative identified in the 2010 Action Plan is the completion of a Corporate Strategic Plan for the N.D.C.A. In order to assist the N.D.C.A., it was recommended by Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic that Mr. Paddy O'Sullivan be retained. Detailed background information was provided to members pertaining to Mr. O'Sullivan's

qualifications and experience. A resolution was then presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2010-17

Dennis - Watelet

That Mr. Paddy O'Sullivan, President of The Creative Moment, is hereby authorized to provide consulting and facilitation services to organize and lead the N.D.C.A.'s Strategic Planning Process with the expected completion date of September 30, 2010,

AND FURTHER that the funding required to retain Mr.O'Sullivan be taken from the designated cost centre in the 2010 N.D.C.A. budget.

Carried.

d) Drinking Water Source Protection Program Update

i) Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee Quarterly Report - December, 2009

Resolution 2010-18

Dennis - Dutrisac

That the Quarterly Report dated December 9, 2009 from the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee to the N.D.C.A./Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority be received for information as required by Ontario Regulation 288/07, Section 21, of the Clean Water Act, 2006.

Carried.

ii) Staff Maternity Leave/Reorganization Strategy

P. Sajatovic had provided background information to members on this topic. After a number of questions were answered, the following resolution was passed.

Resolution 2010-19

Dutrisac - Watelet

That the staff report dated January 9, 2010 dealing with the staff Maternity Leave/Reorganization Strategy for the Water Resources Specialist (Drinking Water Source Protection) position be approved and implemented when required.

Carried.

iii) Proposed Amendments to Clean Water Act 2006

In the fall of 2009, amendments to the Clean Water Act 2006 were proposed by the province. Concern was expressed by many Conservation Authorities and Source Protection Authorities that these amendments would remove responsibilities that had to be left with the Authorities. In this regard, a letter addressed to Chair Rogers from the Minister of the Environment, John Gerretsen, was distributed to members. The Minister advised that the specific areas of concern identified by the N.D.C.A. General Board in October, 2009 had been removed in total from the proposed amendments to the Clean Water Act 2006. Members expressed satisfaction for this action and thanked Minister Gerretsen for his attention to this matter.

iv) N.D.C.A./G.S.S.P.A. Presentation to City Council

Source Protection Plans are due to the province no later than August, 2012. The N.D.C.A./G.S.S.P.A. have identified the need to begin discussions now with our member municipality to develop a "Sudbury Model" for post-2012 Source Protection Planning in Greater Sudbury's watersheds. Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic provided an outline of the presentation to be made to City Council on February 24, 2010 to begin this very important engagement process. The presentation on February 24th will involve Chair Rogers, G.S.S.P.C. Chair Nels Conroy, and staff. General Board members will receive a copy of the powerpoint presentation as soon as it is ready. It was noted that the half day workshop held by the N.D.C.A./G.S.S.P.A. on September 26, 2009 had set the groundwork for this vitally important engagement.

e) N.D.C.A. Climate Change Adaptation/Consortium Initiative

i) Consortium Managing Partners Workshop Plans

Detailed information on the progress to date related to the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium initiative was provided to members. Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic informed members that representatives for the Managing Partners group were being appointed by the different agencies and organizations involved. As well, a working group comprised of Liette Vasseur, Emily McMillan, Victoria Morrow and Cathy Orlando-Mathur have been meeting to deal with moving forward the Key Action Steps associated with the Consortium.

A key step will be the Managing Partners workshop. It is vitally important that the workshop be a very productive session in order to ensure the full engagement of members. Accordingly, it was recommended that a

consultant/facilitator be retained to provide such specialized services. A resolution was presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2010-20

Dutrisac - Watelet

That Ivan Filion, President of idNOR Inc., is hereby authorized to provide facilitation services to organize and lead the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium Managing Partners Workshop in late February or early March, 2010,

AND FURTHER that the funding required to retain Mr. Filion be taken from the designated cost centre in the 2010 N.D.C.A. budget.

Carried.

ii) Northern Ontario Conservation Authorities Climate Change Workshop (February 16 & 17, 2010)

The Ontario Centre for Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Resources (OCCIAR) housed at Laurentian University, has developed a facilitated workshop dealing with climate change and Conservation Authorities in Northern Ontario. The workshop is being held in Sudbury. This will be an excellent opportunity for members and staff from the five northern Authorities to interact with experts on a broad range of topics. The final workshop agenda will be available by the end of January and will be distributed to N.D.C.A. members who may be interested in attending all or a portion of this workshop.

In addition to this workshop, Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic updated members on another exciting gathering that will happen just prior to the start of the workshop. The other gathering will be with environmental-education champions who are coming to Sudbury at the same time as part of the Province's Environmental Education initiative. Chair Bob Rogers is the Environmental Education regional lead for the northern Conservation Authorities and has been working with David Wiwchar and Charles de la Riva who are the Province's English and French language regional Environmental Education leads to organize the gathering. Final plans for this gathering will be available in early February and N.D.C.A. General Board members are welcome to attend if interested.

f) Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario

The Province released their strategy in a draft report in October, 2009. Interested agencies, organizations, groups, can submit comments on the draft Growth Plan to the Province by February 1, 2010 if so desired. Although the current draft plan lacks specific details and the strategic policy framework is somewhat general, there are initiatives identified where the N.D.C.A. can add value and derive benefit for Greater Sudbury's watersheds.

P. Sajatovic submitted a draft report to General Board members focusing on four key priorities which could benefit the watershed residents and contribute to integrated watershed management. N.D.C.A. General Board members were asked to review the draft report from staff and provide comments. The next to final draft report will be distributed to members by e-mail for approval and then will be submitted to the Province on February 1st.

16. In-Camera Matters (Personnel/Legal/Property)

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

17. New Business

a) 2009 Chair's Report

In keeping with the renewed focus of the N.D.C.A. on enhanced public awareness and engagement, it was noted that the 2009 report will be prepared in a more robust fashion utilizing internal production capabilities. The report will be presented at the March, 2010 General Board meeting.

b) Correspondence

Members were provided with a copy of a letter sent by the General Manager in relation to a delegation which had appeared before the General Board in October, 2009 seeking erosion control assistance on private property. General Board members will be kept up-to-date on the status of this issue as it relates to the position taken by the N.D.C.A. in October, 2009.

c) Next General Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. The notification for this meeting and all other meetings will be sent to members by GroupWise appointments and will be posted on the N.D.C.A. website.

No other business was transacted.

18. Adjournment

Resolution 2010-21

Watelet - Dutrisac

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.