

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:14 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Vice-Chair
Jacques Barbeau
Evelyn Dutrisac
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
Russ Thompson
Anne Watelet

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

COMMUNICATION: Joe Cimino
Bob Rogers
Mark Signoretti

1. Vice-Chair Gibson assumed the Chair in the absence of Chair Bob Rogers. Vice-Chair Gibson referred to an e-mail received from Chair Rogers, while travelling overseas. The Vice-Chair also highlighted some of the activities she had been involved with since the May, 2012 General Board meeting. Other General Board members also mentioned some of the initiatives they had been involved with which have direct or indirect relationship to the work of the N.D.C.A.

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

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2012-52

Watelet - Dutrisac

That the agenda for the June 21, 2012 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) May 10, 2012

Resolution 2012-53

Landry-Altman - Watelet

That the minutes of the May 10, 2012 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

No items were raised that were not already going to be dealt with as part of this meeting.

5. Presentation - N.D.C.A./C.G.S. Surface Water/Groundwater Partnership Projects

Anoop Naik, N.D.C.A. Water Resources Technologist, was present to provide information to members related to two partnership projects with the municipality. These projects relate to data collection and monitoring of potential blue green algae occurrences on Lake Ramsey and the implementation of a groundwater monitoring program in the Valley wells area. This partnership is very significant for the N.D.C.A., which is very appreciative of the support being provided by the municipality. Anoop, using a power point presentation, highlighted the key elements of both projects plus outcomes recorded from previous years and to date in 2012. Members had a number of questions for Anoop and expressed support for this form of partnership work between the municipality and Conservation Sudbury. It was agreed that a follow-up presentation will be made to members later this year once the field season ends.

6. General Business

a) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report - May, 2012

Resolution 2012-54

Watelet - Dutrisac

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2012-11 to 2012-19 issued in May, 2012, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

b) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

P. Sajatovic noted that the Nickel District Conservation Foundation had been tasked to donate \$65,000 in total in 2012 to support Lake Laurentian program activities. This was the first donation request with a second to be made to the Conservation Foundation later in 2012. A resolution was then presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2012-55

Landry-Altman - Dutrisac

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation is hereby requested to provide \$55,000 in funding to support 2012 program activities at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

c) Sale of N.D.C.A. Owned Land

In 2010 the General Board directed that the issue of property owners encroaching on the N.D.C.A. owned lands in the Maley Reservoir be dealt with. The property owners in question were each contacted and advised that they had certain options to consider. One of the options included purchasing the property that has been encroached upon but with strict conditions attached. General Board members were advised that one property owner submitted a formal request to purchase property. It had taken time to work through the process and a final recommendation was now being presented. Members had a number of questions which P. Sajatovic answered. The following resolution was tabled for the consideration of members.

Resolution 2012-56

Dutrisac - Landry-Altman

That the N.D.C.A. hereby agrees to sell to William Cargill and Joanne Currie approximately 3,000 square feet of property described as:

Part of Concession 6, Lot 1, Parcel 33700, McKim Township, PIN 73602-0432,

AND FURTHER that the sale will be finalized based on all conditions outlined in the letter dated July 20, 2010 from the N.D.C.A. to the applicant,

AND FURTHER that the acquisition value of the property as contained in the Short Narrative Appraisal Report prepared by Thomas Bertulli, is acceptable to the N.D.C.A.,

AND FURTHER that all funds received from this land sale be placed in the N.D.C.A.'s Water Management and Maintenance Reserve fund.

Carried.

d) 2013 Proposed N.D.C.A. Budget

The City of Greater Sudbury has commenced their 2013 budget process. Direction was being sought from the General Board related to the approach to be used in developing the proposed 2013 N.D.C.A. budget to be submitted to our member municipality. Members discussed many issues and provided a consensus outline to follow. P. Sajatovic advised members that work on the draft N.D.C.A. budget will proceed during the summer months with a presentation to be made at the September, 2012 General Board meeting.

e) N.D.C.A. Submission - City of Greater Sudbury Official Plan Review

At the April, 2012 General Board meeting it was agreed that the N.D.C.A. would submit written comments to the City in relation to the ongoing Official Plan review process. Various issues have been identified that the General Board felt would warrant formal comments being submitted. P. Sajatovic distributed to members, an outline of specific topics to be addressed. Members reviewed the outline and suggested some additional items to make the submission more comprehensive. Following the discussion, it was agreed that a draft report will be presented at the September, 2012 General Board meeting for final review and approval prior to submission to the City.

f) Drinking Water Source Protection Planning Update

Update information pertaining to the preparation of the proposed Source Protection Plan and the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority's responsibility to submit the proposed plan to the Ministry of the Environment by August 20th was distributed to members. Members had a number of questions pertaining to the mandated process. Vice-Chair Gibson and P. Sajatovic reported on the update presentation to City Council on May 29th. This was an important presentation in order to continue the collaborative engagement between the City and N.D.C.A./G.S.S.P.A. It was also noted that no official response has been received from the City as yet related to the G.S.S.P.A.'s request to have the City consider transferring the Part IV responsibilities under the Clean Water Act to the Source Protection Authority.

g) Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance/N.D.C.A. Partnership Update

Vice-Chair Gibson reported on discussions held at the May 28th meeting of the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance (GSWA). P. Sajatovic had also attended this meeting on behalf of Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. The suggestion that Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. submit an application for group membership in the GWSA was presented to General Board members. A very thorough discussion ensued with many questions raised by members. In-principle, members felt there could be many benefits and synergies to be realized through membership in the GSWA. However, it was agreed that more information should be collected and presented at the September, 2012 General Board meeting at which time a final decision will be taken on the membership issue.

h) Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium Presentation - July 10th

Members received a copy of a letter that had been submitted to the City Clerk's Department by the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium. Chair Bob Rogers and Dr. Emily McMillan will be making a presentation to City Council on July 10th. The purpose of the presentation is to update City Council and the community about the work of the Consortium. Also, the Consortium plans to ask the Mayor and Councillors to formally endorse a United Nations campaign which is designed to make communities as resilient as possible to the impacts of the changing climate.

i) Cancellation of July and August, 2012 General Board Meetings

Resolution 2012-57

Dutrisac - Landry-Altmann

That the July and August, 2012 meetings of the N.D.C.A. General Board are hereby cancelled,

AND FURTHER that subject to the call of the Chair, a meeting will be held if warranted.

Carried.

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

Resolution 2012-58

Watelet - Dutrisac

That we go in-camera at 5:40 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:13 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that legal and property matters had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

8. New Business

a) N.O.H.F.C. Internship Application

P. Sajatovic outlined to members a proposal to submit an application to the N.O.H.F.C. Internship Program to hire an intern to assist with major changes/updates to Conservation Sudbury-N.D.C.A. websites, including the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium. This will include incorporating French language capacity on both websites. Members agreed with the proposal and if an application to N.O.H.F.C. is approved it will be brought back to the General Board for final approval.

b) Next Meeting Date

Unless required at the call of the Chair, the next regularly scheduled N.D.C.A. General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012, starting at 4:00 p.m., at Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2012-59

Landry-Altmann - Dutrisac

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.