

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Via Zoom

Commenced: 4:37 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:12 p.m

PRESENT: Lin Gibson
Steve Kaufman
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Bill Leduc
Geoff McCausland
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Melanie Venne, Staff
Bailey Chabot, Watershed Planner
Meredith Armstrong, City of Greater Sudbury
David Anselmo, Hideaway Pictures

1. Chairperson Lin opened the meeting. She discussed the meetings that have recently been held with regards to the changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. An update will be given to the Board later on this meeting.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2020-83

Leduc – McCausland

That the agenda of the December 10, 2020 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of October 8, 2020

Resolution 2020-84

Landry-Altman - Leduc

That the minutes of the November 12, 2020 General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

b) Business arising from minutes

Carl Jorgensen provided an update of a few items from the last board meeting:

- There is still a vacancy for a board member on the Nickel District Conservation Foundation (NDCF).
- The NDCF's Julie Houle is in the process of applying for Federal funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.
- An Audit and Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled shortly. The Board will be invited to attend if interested.

5. General Business

a) Community Delegation

David Anselmo, President of Production at Hideaway Pictures and Meredith Armstrong, Manager of Tourism and Culture at the City of Greater Sudbury provided an update on the tenancy of Hideaway Pictures at the Barrydowne Arena. The arena is a property of the City of Greater Sudbury, but the land on Beatrice Crescent belongs to the Conservation Authority.

The film studio has been in this location since 2012 and Mr. Anselmo discussed the many improvements it has done to the building and adjacent parking lot. He took a few questions from the Members, discussed some of the production work, and listed many tenants that have utilized the facility. The Members thanked the delegation for their time.

b) Section 28/29 Report

Resolution 2020-85

Jakubo – Leduc

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

Carried.

c) Conservation Authorities Act Update

Conservation Authorities received a lot of support opposing many of the changes proposed in Schedule 6, in Bill 229. ENGOs, municipalities, organizations, institutions and the general public have rallied to support conservation authorities. Media attention was significant. The City of Greater Sudbury passed a resolution at its November 24, 2020 Council meeting to support the removal of Schedule 6.

But despite the efforts, the Bill passed before the Legislature rose for the holiday season. A few important changes were made prior to the Bill passing some of which were positive and others negative. It is unknown when the majority of the Schedule 6 sections will receive Royal Assent.

d) 2021 Budget

The proposed 2021 budget remains the same as presented at the November board meeting except that projected revenue from the efforts of the Foundation have been separated out from the Other Revenue category. The budget makes some assumptions about the return to work of education staff in April and that provincial funding streams would be the same as 2020.

GM Carl will be including a summary of COVID-related expenditures incurred in 2020 when he and Chairperson Lin address the City of Greater Sudbury's Finance Committee next month. Due to the nature of authority's operations these costs were relatively minor.

Resolution 2020-86

Jakubo – Watelet

Be it resolved,

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority's 2021 budget in the total amount of \$2 028 381 is approved as presented.

And be it further resolved that the Authority's member municipality, the City of Greater Sudbury, be advised that the 2021 Operating Levy is in the amount of \$738 919 and the Capital Levy is in the amount of \$350 000 in keeping with the goals of asset management planning.

And further that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority submit the approved budget to the City of Greater Sudbury's Chief Financial Officer no later than December 14, 2020 and that a presentation be made at the Finance Committee of the City of Greater Sudbury on January 19, 2021.

Carried.

e) Regulations Review Committee Report

The Regulations Review Committee met on December 2 to review a decision appeal for an addition in the floodplain. Geoff McCausland provided a recap of the meeting.

Resolution 2020-87

McCausland – Leduc

Given that the Regulation Review Committee met with the applicant and her agent at a public hearing, and that the applicant and Authority staff were provided ample opportunity to explain their positions, to ask and respond to a variety of questions, and,

That the Committee deliberated in-camera based on the information provided to them, and reached a decision at that time, therefore

Be it resolved, that the application by Cheryl Miller for an addition at 892 Sunnybrae Ave, Township of McKim is approved as recommended at the hearing held on December 2, 2020, and,

That permission be issued on condition that the applicant demonstrates that the addition will be flood-proofed to the satisfaction of staff, and that at a minimum, the top of the finished floor is to be at least 30 cm above the regulatory flood elevation, and,

That the permit includes other conditions that are typical of permits for additions in floodplains, and,

Be it further resolved that staff is directed to continue its work of updating policies for future consideration by the General Board.

Carried.

6. In-Camera

Resolution 2020-88

Watelet – Kaufman

That we go in-camera at 5:42 p.m.

Carried.

The Board came out of in-camera at 6:10 p.m. with no forthcoming resolutions.

7. Adjournment

Resolution 2020-89

Watelet - Kaufman

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.