

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Via MS Teams

Commenced: 4:32 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:30 p.m

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Davidson (Vice-chair)
Mike Jakubo
Geoff McCausland
Lin Gibson
Joscelyne Landry-Altman

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Woods, Planning and Regulations Officer
Carl Jorgensen, GM/Secretary-Treasurer
Melanie Venne, staff

REGRETS: Steve Kaufman (Chair)
Bill Leduc

1. Jennifer Davidson chaired the meeting in absence of Chair Kaufman. Vice Chair Davidson thanks Members Jakubo and McCausland for their years of involvement and dedication to Conservation Sudbury.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2022-59

Jakubo - McCausland

That the agenda of the November 10, 2022 General Meeting be adopted as circulated

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

- a) Adoption of Minutes of June 9, 2022

Resolution 2022-60

Landry-Altman - Gibson

That the minutes of the June 9, 2022 General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

5. General Business

a) Consent Agenda

Resolution 2022-61

Jakubo- Gibson

*That the Conservation Sudbury Board approves Consent Agenda items 1. i) to v).
The following are the Consent Agenda items:*

i) Vaccination Policy Update

That the Board receive the staff report, dated October 6, 2022, on the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, and, Further, that the Conservation Sudbury COVID-19 Vaccination Policy will expire without extension on October 14, 2022.

ii) Permissions under Section 28/29 report

That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of June, July and August, September and October 2022 is received.

iii) Approval of Development on CA owned land

That the Board receives the staff report, dated October 7, 2022, on the Trail Redevelopment of the Minnow Lake Trail, And further, that the proposed redevelopment of the Minnow Lake Trail on Conservation Sudbury owned land is supported, contingent upon the City successfully obtaining permission under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

iv) Amendment to Wetland Guidelines

That the Board receives the staff report, dated October 7, 2022, on Wetland Buffers, And further, that staff are directed to implement the following supplement of the Wetland Guidelines,

In the Direction on the Administration of Ontario Regulation 156/06 – Wetlands (Wetlands Guidelines) Section 1.4.2.1.6), 7), and 8) development shall generally not be permitted within 12 metres of a wetland.

v) NOHFC Grant for Wheelchair ramp and deck replacement

That the Board received the staff report, dated November 4, 2022 regarding an NOHFC Grant for a wheelchair ramp and deck replacement, And further, that the Board provides the requested assurance that the Authority's reserves are available to support the project financially in 2023.

Carried.

Vice-chair Davidson provided an overview of the consent agenda process and the items. There was some discussion of the definitions of terms within the Wetland Guidelines document. Also, clarification was sought and provided regarding the Foundation's process in obtaining funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) supporting a deck replacement and new wheelchair ramp required at the Ski Cottage located at 2420 South Bay Road.

b) Source Protection Committee Chair Update

In absence of Madison Keegans, Melanie Venne provided a concise update on the Chair of the Source Protection Committee. Province-wide, the terms of all Source Protection Chairs have expired. Gerry Bilodeau chose to not return for a second term. The posting and recruitment for the position is undertaken by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Madison has not yet heard any updates on the progress of recruitment. Paul Javor has been appointed as Interim Chair by the membership of the Source Protection Committee for the December meeting.

Resolution 2022-62

Gibson - Landry-Atlman

That the Staff Report on the Source Protection Committee Chair Appointment dated November 3, 2022 is received.

Carried.

c) Adoption of a Fees Policy

The *Conservation Authorities Act* will be amended as of January 1, 2023. This will enact sections requiring that a conservation authority's fee schedule and fee policies are posted on its website. Conservation Sudbury's fee schedules have been posted online for a number of years. The approval of this fee policy completes this statutory requirement; no fee policy existed previously, and fees were loosely based on cost-recovery goals that could be set from year to year.

The fees policy details how fees are set, the process for review and appeal.

Resolution 2022-63

McCausland - Jakubo

That the Board receives the staff report on the adoption of a fees policy, dated October 7, 2022,

And further, that the Fees Policy is adopted, is published online and is effective immediately.

Carried.

d) Land Acquisition Grant

General Manager Carl informed the Members that Conservation Sudbury has successfully obtained a \$75 000 grant through Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) *Canada Nature Fund*. This grant will cover overhead costs in securing land parcels or portions of parcels that contain primarily wetlands. Carl is in discussion with some landowners and will provide more details as the project moves forward. The funds must be utilized by March 31, 2024 and can be combined with the *Ecological Gifts Program* of ECCC.

Resolution 2022-64

McCausland - Landry-Altman

That the staff report on the Canada Nature Fund dated November 4, 2022, is received

And further, that the Board endorses the Authority entering into an agreement with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) through Conservation Ontario to utilize the available grant as described in the staff report, until March 31, 2024.

Carried.

e) Update to Capital Works Projects

GM Carl provided a verbal update with project photographs to some ongoing and upcoming capital works projects, including the Nolin's Creek box culvert, the Maley Reservoir Dyke north of Lillian Blvd and the Kelley Lake shoreline rehabilitation.

f) More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

The Ontario government recently announced Bill 23 known as the *More Homes Built Faster Act*. This bill has some implications for conservation authorities. General Manager Carl described the four main impacts including: changes to some Section 28 permitting definitions and processes, a change in the CA role in planning application review as it relates to comments provided on behalf of a municipality, a likely freezing of fees charged to proponents in planning and development reviews, and the required identification of CA-owned land suitable to support housing.

Staff are currently preparing comments for the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) where numerous postings are related to the inclusions within Bill 23. More details will be provided at upcoming meetings of the Authority.

g) Financial Implications of Conservation Authorities Act

Carl provided a quick overview of other 2023 budgetary challenges and considerations. Statements up until August 31, 2022 are available to the Members in the Resource folder of OnBoard.

6. In-Camera

Resolution 2022-65

McCausland - Landry-Altmann

That we go in-camera at 6:03 p.m.

Carried.

The Board concluded the in-camera session at 6:28 PM. No resolutions were forthcoming but direction was provided to staff regarding a property matter.

7. Adjournment

Resolution 2022-66

McCausland – Jakubo

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.