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**SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday April 16, 2019
Conservation Authority Office
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Marchy Bruni, Enzo Palumbo, Rick Niro, Corey Gardi and Donna Hilsinger

Staff Members Present: Rhonda Bateman

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 4:47 p.m.

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared

2. Finance & Administration

Minutes

Resolution # 40/19, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Rick Niro,

“Resolved that the March 19, 2019 Conservation Authority Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Accounts Payable

Resolution # 41/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Donna Hilsinger,

“Resolved that the accounts payable from March 15, 2019 to April 11, 2019 cheque #6522 to #6562 in the amount of \$98,253.54 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Health and Safety Meeting Minutes

Resolution # 42/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Rick Niro,

“Resolved that the Health and Safety Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2019 be accepted as information be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Revision to Drug and Alcohol Policy

Resolution # 43/19, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Corey Gardi,

“Resolved that the proposed wording revision to the Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace Policy be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Sault College Memorandum of Understanding

Resolution # 44/19, moved by Donna Hilsinger, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the staff memo entitled “Sault College - Memorandum of Understanding” dated April 16, 2019 be accepted and further that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Sault College be approved,”

was CARRIED.

3. Water and Related Land Management

Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses

Approved permits will be distributed to Board members on a weekly basis through email with site assessments attached.

Resolution # 45/19, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Donna Hilsinger,

“Resolved that the approved site reports be accepted as information be approved,”

was CARRIED.

4. Conservation and Recreation

Mockingbird Hill Farm

Resolution # 46/19, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Corey Gardi,

“Resolved that the staff memo entitled “Mockingbird Hill Farm” dated April 16, 2019 be accepted as information and;

Further that the land lease payment for Mockingbird Hill Farms be withdrawn for 2019 and; Further that the land lease payment for Mockingbird Hill Farms be evaluated in April 2020 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Future SSM Trail Proposal

Resolution # 47/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the staff memo entitled “Future SSM Trails Proposal” dated April 16, 2019 be accepted as information and;

Further, the development of Phase 1 of the proposed trail network in the Hiawatha Highlands be approved once a permit application has been received and approved by the SSMRCA and;

Further, that the Sault Cycling Club agrees to carry a \$5 million dollar insurance policy naming the SSMRCA as additional insured on all trail networks in the Hiawatha Highlands and present the insurance certificate annually to the SSMRCA and;

Further, that the Sault Cycling Club agrees to inspect and maintain the trail network and provide regular updates to the SSMRCA and;

Further, that Future SSM agree to participate in the development of a Master Plan in the Hiawatha Highlands with all user groups and neighbouring property owners before any additional trails will be developed and;

Further, that Future SSM agree to assist the SSMRCA financially in the development of the Master Plan and;

Further, an MOU be developed between Future SSM and the SSMRCA for trail development and;

Further, that recognition that the Managed Forest Plan for the Hiawatha Highlands and environmental protection are the primary factors in any Master Plan developed for the area be approved,”

was CARRIED.

5. New Business / Other

Environmental Bill of Rights posting on Conservation Authorities and the provincial budget

Two Environmental Bill of Rights posting regarding conservation authorities were emailed to Board members.

013-4992 MNRF REG 01/19 - Focusing conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property - Regulation Proposal - April 05, 2019

013-5018 Modernizing conservation authority operations – Conservation Authorities Act (Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990) Act Proposal - April 05, 2019

The postings are active and comments are due prior to May 21, 2019

Discussion of the cut in provincial funding for Section 39 activities under the Conservation Authorities Act. Section 39 is our flood forecasting and warning and flood control and maintenance program. Cut from \$131,940 to \$68,113.49, a 48% cut. Average cut of 50% across all CAs.

Activities under Section 39 includes maintenance and repair of our flood control channels, operations budget for administration which includes, insurance, utilities, taxes, rental use of equipment.

Resolution # 48/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Enzo Palumbo

“Resolved that the SSMRCA staff prepare comments for the two EBR postings to be circulated to Board members prior to submission; and

Further, staff draft a letter to its municipal mayors and councils and MPP Ross Romano to reinforce that the SSMRCA will meet its core mandate and continue to protect the people of Sault Ste. Marie and Prince Township through flood warning and flood maintenance be approved,”

was CARRIED.

6. Closed Session

Resolution # 49/19, moved by Donna Hilsinger, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters at 5:36 p.m. be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Resolution # 50/19, moved by Donna Hilsinger, seconded by Rick Niro,

“Resolved that the Board come out of Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Resolution # 51/19, moved by Donna Hilsinger, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the preferred candidate for General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, as determined by the hiring Sub-Committee be offered the position of General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be approved,”

was CARRIED.

7. Adjournment

Resolution # 52/19, moved by Rick Niro, seconded by Donna Hilsinger,

“Resolved that the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m. be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Corrina Barrett,
General Manager

Marchy Bruni,
Chair