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**SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Conservation Authority Office
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Marchy Bruni, Enzo Palumbo, Judy Hupponen and Joe Krmpotich

Absent: Ross Romano

Staff Members Present: Rhonda Bateman

Meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m.

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

2. Finance & Administration

Minutes

Resolution # 19/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the January 19, 2016 Conservation Authority Annual General Meeting and In Committee Meeting Minutes be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Accounts Payable

Resolution # 20/16, moved by Judy Hupponen, seconded by Joe Krmpotich

“Resolved t that the accounts payable from January 15, 2016 to February 11, 2016 for the Conservation Authority, cheque #4641 to #4687 in the amount of \$56,831.27 and the Drinking Water Source Protection Program, cheque #3219 to #3232 in the amount of \$15,663.19 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Health and Safety

Staff were asked to determine the cost of the installation of a defibrillator.

Resolution # 21/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by, Judy Hupponen

“Resolved that the Health and Safety Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2016 be accepted as information be approved,”

was CARRIED.

3. Water & Related Land Management

Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses

Resolution # 22/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Joe Krmpotich,

“Resolved that the fax/email polls of February 4 and February 9, 2016 approving the following permits with conditions be confirmed:

<i>LSM16-01-28</i>	<i>Keith Whitfield</i>	<i>901 Airport Road</i>
<i>WDC16-02-03</i>	<i>Robert Sullivan/Marisa Palumbo</i>	<i>290 Pittsburgh Ave.</i>
<i>FC15-11-18</i>	<i>1890798 Ont. Inc./Silver Lining Engineers</i>	<i>346 John Street</i>

was CARRIED.

Maintenance

Winter maintenance on field equipment continues. The burning of the fallen structure at the old mill site is continuing. The fire department stopped by to indicate that the burning was being done well with no complaints. Investigation in to the pricing of the equipment at the mill by an area expert is underway before an advertisement is placed.

4. Conservation & Recreation

Fort Creek Trail Roundtable

Staff discussed the outcomes of the Roundtable meeting and a possible rehabilitation option for the area that could include local public participation.

Resolution # 23/16, moved by Judy Hupponen, seconded by Enzo Palumbo

“Resolved that the staff memo entitled “Fort Creek Trail Roundtable” dated February 16, 2016 is accepted as information and that further action will be determined once information from Marsh Insurance has been received be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Staff outlined normal operating procedure when dealing with nuisance beavers. Staff clarified that beavers were trapped only when a threat to flood control operations and public safety were of concern. Staff were directed to research and report back on other options for beavers.

5. New Business / Other

Access to Duncan Township

Board members questioned increased liability with the road access. Staff was directed to inquire with City legal for legal opinion.

The staff memo outlined first steps toward safe accommodation of the current user groups.

Resolution # 24/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Judy Hupponen,

“Resolved that the staff memo entitled “Access to Duncan Township” dated February 16, 2016 be accepted and that staff work towards the goals indicated in the memo and submit monthly updates to the Board be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Forest Management Plan

Resolution # 25/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Whereas the SSMRCA requires a forest management plan on its properties to achieve a decrease in property taxes through the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program and;

Whereas the SSMRCA properties benefit from properly managed forests and;

Whereas the current forest management plan expires in 2017,

Resolved that the SSMRCA establish a new Forest Management Committee to contribute to the development of the next 10 year forest management plan for the forested properties of the SSMRCA be approved,”

was CARRIED.

6. Adjournment

Resolution # 26/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Judy Hupponen,

“Resolved that the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Rhonda Bateman,
General Manager

Marchy Bruni, Chair