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SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Conservation Authority Office
MINUTES

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

Regrets: Judy Hupponen and Ross Romano

Staff Members Present: Rhonda Bateman, Christine Ropeter

Media: Darren Taylor (Sootoday)

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

2015 Business

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared

2. Finance & Administration

Minutes

Resolution # 128/15, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Joe Krmpotich,

“Resolved that the Minutes of the December 15, 2015 Conservation Authority Regular Meeting be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Accounts Payable

Staff requested to send Board members information regarding the nature of the recent repairs to the Ford truck.

Resolution # 129/15, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo

“Resolved that the accounts payable from December 11, 2014 to December 31, 2014 for the Conservation Authority, cheque #4604 to #4617 in the amount of \$3,353.08 and the Drinking Water Source Protection Program, cheque #3214 in the amount of \$115,987.00 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Chairman’s Remarks

Mr. Bruni complimented staff for their work on a limited budget and commented on some of the past year’s highlights including:

- Conservation Authorities Act Review – attendance at listening session and submission of letter with comments.
- Approval of the Source Protection Plan in March with implementation in July.
- Kim Gavine, General Manager of Conservation Ontario attended the December Board meeting and shared valuable information.
- Installation of new oversized culverts on Clark Creek in the golf club.
- Union Gas grant of \$2,000 for signage upgrades at Fort Creek Conservation Area.
- Increase of enforcement on CA property through local MNR Conservation Officers.
- Code of Conduct approval
- Partnership with the Early Detection and Rapid Response program of the Invasive Species Centre (ISC) and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council (OIPC).
- Hosting an Ontario BioBlitz at the Fort Creek Conservation Area in June.
- Weddings and filming in Hiawatha Highlands
- Increased vandalism on CA properties but increased awareness from the public.
- An increase in mountain biking trail designation to the Pinder Trail, the Crystal Trail and the Red Pine Trail within the Hiawatha Highlands.
- Annual tree plant on Landslide Hill

2016 Business

1. Finance & Administration

Election of Officers

Scrutineers –

Resolution # 01/16, moved by Marchy Bruni, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that Rhonda Bateman and Christine Ropeter be appointed as scrutineers for the election of Chair and Vice Chair be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Election of Chair –

Rhonda Bateman called for nominations for Chair.

Joe Krmpotich nominated Marchy Bruni.

Rhonda Bateman called twice more for further nominations for Chair. There being no further nominations for Chair,

Resolution # 02/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Joe Krmpotich,

“Resolved that nominations for Chair be closed”,

was CARRIED.

Rhonda Bateman asked Marchy Bruni if he was willing to let his name stand for Chair. Mr. Bruni agreed.

With only one nomination, a vote was not necessary.

Resolution # 03/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that Marchy Bruni be appointed as Chair for 2016 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Election of Vice Chair –

Rhonda Bateman called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Marchy Bruni nominated Joe Krmpotich.

Rhonda Bateman called twice for further nominations for Vice-Chair.

There being no further nominations for Vice-Chair,

Resolution # 04/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Marchy Bruni,

“Resolved that nominations for Vice-Chair be closed,”

was CARRIED.

Rhonda Bateman asked Joe Krmpotich if he was willing to let his name stand for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Krmpotich agreed. With only one nomination, a vote was not necessary.

Resolution # 05/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Marchy Bruni,

“Resolved that Joe Krmpotich be appointed as Vice-Chair for 2016 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

With congratulations to Marchy Bruni and Joe Krmpotich, Rhonda Bateman turned the meeting over to Chair, Marchy Bruni.

Appointments for 2016

Banking Agents –

Resolution # 06/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Joe Krmpotich,

“Resolved that the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce be appointed as Banking Agents for 2016 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Signing Authority –

Resolution # 07/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Whereas two authorized signatures are required to bind the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority,

Be it resolved that Rhonda Bateman, General Manager, Marchy Bruni, Chair, and Joe Krmpotich, Vice Chair, be authorized to sign on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority with any two of three signing together be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Borrowing Arrangements –

Resolution # 08/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Joe Krmpotich,

“Resolved that, subject to Conservation Authority Board approval of loan arrangements, during 2016 the Chair or Vice Chair and the General Manager be empowered to arrange any necessary borrowing of funds as required from time to time for approved Conservation Authority projects and programs, to a maximum amount of \$125,000,

And further that the General Manager be authorized to apply payments to the operating loan on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority, as funding allows be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Appointment of Auditor –

Resolution # 09/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the firm of BDO Canada LLP be appointed as Auditor for the year ending December 31, 2016 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Conservation Authority Representatives on Conservation Ontario Council –

Resolution # 10/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Joe Krmpotich,

“Resolved that Marchy Bruni, Joe Krmpotich and Rhonda Bateman be appointed as the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority’s representatives to Conservation Ontario be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Accounts Payable

Resolution # 11/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo

“Resolved that the accounts payable from January 1, 2016 to January 14, 2016 for the Conservation Authority, cheque # 4618 to # 4640 in the amount of \$18,228.77 and the Drinking Water Source Protection Program, cheque # 3215 to # 3218 in the amount of \$ 4,382.06 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

2016 Meeting Schedule

Resolution # 12/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Joe Krmpotich,

“Resolved that the amended schedule for 2016 Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority Board meetings be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Health and Safety

Resolution # 13/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo

“Resolved that the Health and Safety Meeting Minutes January 4, 2016 be accepted as information be approved,”

was CARRIED.

2. Water & Related Land Management

Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses

No permits issued.

Revised Fee Schedule

Resolution # 14/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Joe Krmpotich,

“Resolved that the staff memo dated January 19, 2016 regarding the revised fee schedule be accepted and the new proposed fee schedule be adopted as of February 19, 2015 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

3. Conservation & Recreation

Fort Creek Conservation Area Update

Staff memo outlined current Trail situation in Fort Creek with the closure of the Plateau Trail. A Roundtable with local neighbours is scheduled for January 28, 2016 in the Russ Ramsay Room of the Civic Centre beginning at 7:00 pm.

5. In Committee

Resolution # 15/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the Board go in to committee at 5:18 p.m. to discuss a legal matter be approved”,

was CARRIED.

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

“Resolved that the Board come out of committee at 5:21 p.m. be approved,”

was CARRIED.

4. New Business / Other

Access Easement Proposal

A presentation was received from Dave Fehringer of The Forestland Group requesting access to their properties in Duncan and Jarvis Townships through the Hiawatha Highlands. Board members discussed possible options and potential liabilities. Further communication with the SSMRCA staff and Board was recommended.

Resolution # 17/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the presentation from Dave Fehringer of The Forestland Group be accepted as information be approved,”

was CARRIED.

6. Adjournment

Resolution # 18/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Rhonda Bateman,
General Manager

Marchy Bruni, Chair