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**SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
Conservation Authority Office
MINUTES**

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

Regrets: Ross Romano

Staff Members Present: Rhonda Bateman

Guests: Jennifer Archambault and Jeanine Laity, BDO

Meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m.

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

2. Finance & Administration

Minutes

Resolution # 27/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Judy Hupponen,

“Resolved that the February 16, 2016 Conservation Authority Regular Meeting minutes be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Accounts Payable

Resolution # 28/16, 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 #4688 to #4725 in the amount of \$41,901.13 and the Drinking Water Source Protection Program, cheque #3233 to #3244 in the amount of \$12,704.58 be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Health and Safety

The temporary repair of the front steps has been completed and a new step will be installed in the spring.

Resolution # 29/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Judy Hupponen,

“Resolved that the Health and Safety Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2016 be accepted as information be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Auditor's Report

Jennifer Archambault from BDO brought forward the 2015 Audit Report and responded to questions from Board members and staff.

Resolution # 30/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Joe Krmpotich,

“Resolved that the 2015 Financial Statements and Final Report as presented by Jennifer Archambault of the firm of BDO be accepted,”

was CARRIED.

3. Water & Related Land Management

Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses

Resolution # 31/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Judy Hupponen,

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

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

was CARRIED.

Maintenance

Field staff are well in to the preparation for spring, channels checked and cleaned daily. Equipment licensing completed and maintenance underway

4. Conservation & Recreation

Fort Creek Trail Update

A staff memo and attached email from the SSMRCA's insurance provider outlined the best management procedures for the trail closure under current conditions.

Resolution # 32/16, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Judy Hupponen,

"Resolved that new signage for the Fort Creek trail closure be developed in consultation with a lawyer and adopted for current trail closures on Conservation Authority properties be approved,"

was CARRIED.

The General Manager met with Peter Gagnon from the 50 Million tree plant program. The program already has local representatives (Planting Delivery Agents) responsible for the Algoma-Manitoulin area. This program along with another for larger container trees will be investigated for a proposed tree plant at Fort Creek in conjunction with the trail closure/beaver issue.

5. Forestry

Duncan Township Road Access Proposal Update

Resolution # 33/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Judy Hupponen,

"Resolved that the staff memo entitled "Duncan Township Road Access Proposal Update" dated March 15, 2016 be accepted as information be approved,"

was CARRIED.

Forest Management Committee

Resolution # 34/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the staff memo entitled “Forest Management Committee” dated March 15, 2016 be accepted as information be approved,”

was CARRIED.

6. New Business / Other

Council Budget Meeting

The SSMRCA will not be granted time to make a presentation to Council at the March 22nd Budget meeting. We have been invited to make a presentation at a later date.

The Commissioner of Finance will be outlining all of the levy agency requests in a report to Council. I have provided her with pertinent information regarding our levy and appeal process and the legislation/regulations that apply.

Legal Advice

Resolution # 35/16, moved by Judy Hupponen, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the Board has authorized the General Manager to contact John Paul Paciocco to provide the Board with legal advice on signage and Duncan Township Road access be approved,”

was CARRIED.

7. Adjournment

Resolution # 36/16, moved by Joe Krmpotich, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

“Resolved that the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. be approved,”

was CARRIED.

Rhonda Bateman,
General Manager

Marchy Bruni, Chair