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**SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday March 19, 2019  
Conservation Authority Office  
MINUTES**

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

Regrets: Donna Hilsinger

Staff Members Present: Rhonda Bateman

Guests: Jennifer Archambault and Jeanine Laity, BDO  
Travis Anderson, FutureSSM  
Eric Eddy, Peter Henry, Jorma Paloniemi, Sault Cycling Club

**Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 4:46 p.m.

**1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared

**2. Finance & Administration**

Minutes

Resolution # 27/19, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Corey Gardi,

*“Resolved that the February 19, 2019 Conservation Authority Annual General Meeting minutes be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

### Accounts Payable

Resolution # 28/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

*“Resolved that the accounts payable from February 15, 2019 to March 14, 2019 cheque #6479 to #6521 in the amount of \$57,475.34 be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

### Auditor’s Report

Resolution # 29/19, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Rick Niro,

*“Resolved that the 2018 Financial Statements and Final Report as presented by Jennifer Archambault and Jeanine Laity of the firm of BDO be accepted,”*

was CARRIED.

### Health and Safety Meeting Minutes

Resolution # 30/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Rick Niro,

*“Resolved that the Health and Safety Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2019 be accepted as information be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

Outstanding item: revisit the health and safety policy for Substance Abuse. The policy will be edited and brought back to the Board for the April meeting.

### Regulation Fee Schedule

Resolution # 31/19, moved by Rick Niro, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

*“Resolved that the staff memo entitled “Regulation Fee Schedule” dated March 19, 2019 be accepted as information; and*

*Further be it resolved that the proposed increase in regulatory fees be in effect beginning April 15, 2019 be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

### 3. Water and Related Land Management

#### Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses

Marchy Bruni declared a conflict of interest with application #LSM19-02-26

Resolution # 32/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Rick Niro,

*Be it resolved that the email poll of March 4, 2019 approving the following permits with conditions be confirmed:*

<i>LSM19-02-26</i>	<i>Meeka and Bronco Tomasic</i>	<i>1 McGregor Ave.</i>
<i>USM19-02-26</i>	<i>Julien Chin</i>	<i>809 Sunnyside Beach Road</i>

Resolution # , moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

*“Resolved that application #FC19-03-12 submitted by Tony and Alexandria Marziale for the construction of a single family home and a detached garage at 275 Spruce Street be approved subject to the following conditions:*

- 1. The work be carried out at the same location as indicated on the site plan submitted with the application and date stamped March 12, 2019.*
- 2. Only clean and inert fill as defined by the SSMRCA be used in filling and grading work. Examples of clean and inert fill include earth cover, sand, gravel, clean boulders and rocks. Examples of materials that are not considered clean or inert fill include but are not limited to, asphalt, waste, wood or wood derived waste and organic materials.*
- 3. Lot grading must be undertaken in such a way that surface drainage, roof drains, snowmelt or subsurface water is directed away from the building,”*

was CARRIED.

#### Applications Approvals

Resolution # 33/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Enzo Palumbo,

*“Whereas, applications for development in the SSMRCA watershed jurisdiction under O. Reg. 176/06 “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses” are evaluated by SSMRCA staff according to the processes outlined in the “Policies, Procedures and Guidelines for the Administration of Ontario Regulation 176/06”; and*

*Whereas, staff are able to determine the suitability of applications for approval; and*

*Whereas, mechanisms such as appeal hearings are available for application denials;*

*Be it resolved that the General Manager upon the recommendations of designated regulations staff be granted the authority to approve and deny applications received under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

Approvals information will be forwarded to Board members as part of the regular distribution and further, a monthly summary will be provided at each Board meeting.

### Meeting Provincial Priorities for Reducing Regulatory Burden

Resolution # 34/19, moved by Enzo Palumbo, seconded by Corey Gardi.,

*“Whereas the provincial government intends to increase the supply of housing and streamline the land use planning and development approval process to achieve this goal; and*

*Whereas the Conservation Authorities play an important role in the planning and development review process with respect to watershed protection and hazard lands; and*

*Whereas Conservation Authorities support and can help deliver the Government’s objective not to jeopardize public health and safety or the environment;*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the SSMRCA Board of Directors endorse the three key solutions developed by the Conservation Ontario working group: to improve client service and accountability; increase speed of approvals; and, reduce “red tape” and regulatory burden; and*

*That staff be directed to work with Conservation Ontario and our clients to identify additional improvements; and further*

*That staff be directed to implement these solutions as soon as possible be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

#### **4. Conservation and Recreation**

##### Hiawatha Highlands Trails Presentation from FutureSSM – Travis Anderson

Resolution # 35/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Rick Niro,

*“Resolved that the staff memo entitled “Hiawatha Highlands Trails Presentation from FutureSSM” dated March 19, 2019 and the presentation from FutureSSM be accepted as information be approved,”*

Staff identified outstanding issues with the development of the proposed trail system including the need for a Master Plan for the Hiawatha Highlands, user conflicts, signage, liability and potential road development. Staff to report back at April meeting.

#### **5. New Business / Other**

##### Sault College MOU

Copies of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding were distributed to Board members for review. This item will be on the April agenda for approval.

#### **6. Closed Session**

Resolution # 36/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Rick Niro,

*“Resolved that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:28 p.m. be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

Resolution # 37/19, moved by Rick Niro, seconded by Corey Gardi,

*“Resolved that the Board come out of Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

Resolution # 38/19, moved by Corey Gardi, seconded by Rick Niro,

*“Resolved that a Board hiring-subcommittee be established for the new general manager/secretary-treasurer position. The members of the subcommittee are Marchy Bruni and Enzo Palumbo be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

**7. Adjournment**

Resolution # 39/19, moved by Rick Niro, seconded by Corey Gardi,

*“Resolved that the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. be approved,”*

was CARRIED.

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Rhonda Bateman,  
General Manager

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Marchy Bruni, Chair