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November SSMRCA Board Meeting

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority
Nov 22, 2022 at 4:45 PM EST to Nov 22, 2022 at 6:45 PM EST
1100 Fifth Line East/Zoom Meeting

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- III. Adoption of Agenda

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

IV. Finance and Administration

A. Adoption of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022 be adopted.

B. Health & Safety Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Health and Safety Meeting minutes of October 17 and November 7, 2022 be received as information.

C. Accounts Payable

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the list of accounts payable from September 15, to November 16, 2022, cheque #8237 to #8325 in the total amount of \$105,234.01 be received as information.

D. Budget Update

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the staff report titled "2022 Budget Update" dated November 22, 2022 be received as information.

E. 2023 Fee Policy and Schedule Approval

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the 2023 Fee Policy and Schedule be amended to include an immediate effective date be approved.

F. 2023 Budget Approval

As per the emails circulated on October 4 and 5, 2022:

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority approves the 2023 Draft Budget, Version 2.0, dated October 4, 2022, for municipal consultation purposes.

RECOMMENDED:

a) Levy (matching MNRF funding under S.39 of the Conservation Authorities Act): simple majority vote

THAT the matching 2023 Municipal General Levy amount of \$68,113.00 be approved.

b) Levy (non-matching): weighted vote

Note – a recorded vote is required in accordance with Provincial Regulations to establish the Nonmatching Municipal Levy. The vote is weighted based on each Municipality's Assessment within the SSMRCA watershed.

THAT the non-matching 2023 Municipal General Levy amount of \$495,510.45 be approved.

c) Budget: simple majority vote

THAT the 2023 SSMRCA Budget in the amount of \$834,491.91 be approved.

V. Water & Related Land Management

A. Application Approvals: Section 28, Ontario Regulation 176/06, Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines & Watercourses

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the summary of the 13 site reports approved by staff from October 1, 2022 to November 11, 2022, pursuant to Ontario Regulation 176/06, be received as information.

VI. New Business / Other

A. General Manager's Report

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Manager's Report be received as information.

B. Bill 23 Overview Presentation

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the staff presentation titled "Overview of Bill 23: More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, As it relates to the Conservation Authorities Act" dated November 22, 2022, be received as information.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board write a letter to the Premier and Ministers of MMAH, MNRF, and MECP highlighting the SSMRCA's concerns and comments on Bill 23: More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, to be circulated to partner Municipalities and MPs and MPPs locally, be approved.

C. Mockingbird Hill Lease Renewal

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Mockingbird Hill Farm lease be extended for a third five-year term, from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027 be approved.

D. Reconsideration of Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club Parking Lot Proposal

As per the email shared with the Board on October 17, 2022, the SSMRCA has asked the Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club to pause any work planned for the Pinder Parking Lot until additional information has been received.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the SSMRCA Board reconsider the approval given to the Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club for proposed work on the Pinder Parking Lot due to additional information being requested by the MECP on potential Species at Risk and by the SSMRCA Board regarding the health of the forest in the area, be approved.

VII. Closed Session

To discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

VIII. Adjournment