



SSMRCA August Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority

August 1, 2023 at 4:45 PM EST

@ 1100 Fifth Line East / ZOOM

Attendance

Present

Members: Sandra Hollingsworth (Chair), Corey Gardi (remote), Ron Zagordo (remote),
Marchy Bruni (remote), Enzo Palumbo (remote)

Also Present: Corrina Barrett (General Manager)

I. Call to Order

Meeting was Called to Order at 4:45 p.m.

II. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

III. Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Motion: # 84/23

Motion moved by Marchy Bruni and motion seconded by Ron Zagordo. **CARRIED.**

IV. Delegations

There are no requests for delegations received for this meeting.

V. Public Input (3 mins per speaker)

None.

VI. Finance and Administration

A. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023

THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023, be adopted.

Motion: # 85/23

Motion moved by Enzo Palumbo and motion seconded by Ron Zagordo.

CARRIED.

B. Health and Safety Meeting Minutes

THAT the Health and Safety Meeting Minutes of June 12 and July 24, 2023, be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 86/23

Motion moved by Marchy Bruni and motion seconded by Ron Zagordo. **CARRIED.**

C. Accounts Payable

THAT the list of accounts payable from May 12 to July 5, 2023, cheque #8570 to #8661 in the total amount of \$130,308.51 be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 87/23

Motion moved by Enzo Palumbo and motion seconded by Corey Gardi. **CARRIED.**

D. 2023 Budget Update

THAT the staff memo titled "2023 Budget Update" dated August 1, 2023, be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 88/23

Motion moved by Enzo Palumbo and motion seconded by Ron Zagordo.
CARRIED.

E. N1 Strategy Proposal for Strategic Plan Update

THAT the presentation of the proposal by the firm of N1 Strategy for the facilitation of the Strategic Plan Update be deferred to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, be approved.

Motion: # 89/23

Motion moved by Corey Gardi and motion seconded by Ron Zagordo. **CARRIED.**

F. Hazard Tree Removal on Clark Creek

THAT the staff memo titled "Hazard Tree Removal on Clark Creek" dated August 1, 2023, be received as information, and

Further **THAT** the Board approve the hiring of Tree Men & A Chainsaw in order to address the hazard willow trees along Clark Creek at a cost of \$4000 + HST, be approved.

Motion: # 90/23

Motion moved by Enzo Palumbo and motion seconded by Marchy Bruni.
CARRIED.

VII. Water & Related Land Management

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

THAT the summary of the 31 site reports approved by staff from May 13 to July 7, 2023, pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 176/06*, be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 91/23

Motion moved by Marchy Bruni and motion seconded by Enzo Palumbo.
CARRIED.

VIII. Correspondence

A. Fifth Quarterly Report to MECP – O.Reg.687/21

THAT the correspondence to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the required quarterly report under *O. Reg. 687/21 “Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of The Act”* be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 92/23

Motion moved by Enzo Palumbo and motion seconded by Ron Zagordo.

CARRIED.

IX. New Business & Other

A. General Manager's Report

THAT the General Manager’s Report of July 18, 2023, be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 93/23

Motion moved by Ron Zagordo and motion seconded by Corey Gardi. **CARRIED.**

THAT the Board approves the creation of the new temporary staff position and job description of GIS Technician, that will run from June 19th to August 30th, 2023, as per the email shared with the Board on June 1st, 2023, be approved.

Motion: # 94/23

Motion moved by Marchy Bruni and motion seconded by Enzo Palumbo.

CARRIED.

B. Pinder Parking Lot Open House and Comments Received Update

THAT the topic and associated information related to the Pinder Parking Lot Open House and Comments Received be deferred to a future Board meeting, be approved.

Motion: # 95/23

Motion moved by Ron Zagordo and motion seconded by Marchy Bruni. **CARRIED.**

C. Sherwood Heights Subdivision – Land Use Agreement

THAT the Board authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority and Smooth Rock Properties Inc. with respect to the Sherwood Heights Subdivision land use agreement, be approved.

Motion: # 96/23

Motion moved by Corey Gardi and motion seconded by Enzo Palumbo. **CARRIED.**

D. 2023 Review of Health and Safety Program Manual - Section 9 & Section 10

THAT Section 9 and Section 10 of the SSMRCA Health and Safety Program Manual be approved as worded.

Motion: # 97/23

Motion moved by Corey Gardi and motion seconded by Ron Zagordo. **CARRIED.**

E. 2023 Review of Human Resources Policies and Procedures - Accessibility

THAT the Accessibility section of the SSMRCA Human Resources Policies and Procedures be approved as worded.

Motion: # 98/23

Motion moved by Marchy Bruni and motion seconded by Enzo Palumbo.

CARRIED.

X. Closed Session

THAT the Board move into Closed Session to discuss the security of the property of the Conservation Authority at 5:24 p.m., be approved.

Motion: # 99/23

Motion moved by Enzo Palumbo and motion seconded by Corey Gardi. **CARRIED.**

THAT the Board come out of Closed Session at 5:27 p.m., be approved.

Motion: # 100/23

Motion moved by Corey Gardi and motion seconded by Ron Zagordo. **CARRIED.**

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business,

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:28 p.m., be approved.

Motion: # 101/23

Motion moved by Corey Gardi and motion seconded by Marchy Bruni. **CARRIED.**

Corrina Barrett,
General Manager

Sandra Hollingsworth,
Board Chair