



SSMRCA Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority

December 13, 2023 at 4:45 PM EST

@ 1100 Fifth Line East / ZOOM

Attendance

Present

Members: Sandra Hollingsworth (Chair, remote), Ron Zagordo (remote), Marchy Bruni (remote), and Enzo Palumbo (Vice-chair, remote)

Also Present: Corrina Barrett (General Manager)

I. Call to Order

Meeting was Called to Order at 4:48 p.m.

II. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

III. Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion: # 151/23

Motion moved by Ron Zagordo and motion seconded by Marchy Bruni. **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 November 21, 2023

THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2023, be adopted.

Motion: # 152/23

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

CARRIED.

B. Accounts Payable

THAT the list of accounts payable from November 16 to December 11, 2023, cheque #8880 to #8911 in the total amount of \$145,050.87 be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 153/23

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

C. 2024 Draft Budget Approval

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

THAT the matching 2024 Municipal General Levy amount of \$68,113.00 be approved.

Motion: # 154/23

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

CARRIED.

- 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 2024 Municipal General Levy amount of \$521,331.46 be approved.

Municipality	Director	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST	%
City of SSM	Sandra Hollingsworth	✓		24.702325
City of SSM	Marchy Bruni	✓		24.702325
City of SSM	Corey Gardi	Absent	Absent	24.702325
City of SSM	Ron Zagordo	✓		24.702325
Prince Township	Enzo Palumbo	✓		1.1907
	TOTALS			100.00%

Apportionment present at the meeting 75.2977%

Apportionment voting in favour of the motion 75.2977%

Apportionment voting against the motion 0%

Apportionment absent from the meeting 24.702325%

Motion: # 155/23

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

CARRIED.

- c) Budget: simple majority vote

THAT the 2024 SSMRCA Budget in the amount of \$865,607.46 (Operating amount of \$853,107.46 and Capital amount of \$12,500) be approved.

Motion: # 156/23

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

CARRIED.

D. 2023 Property Inquiry Stats

THAT the staff memo titled “Property Inquiries – 2023 3rd Quarter Statistics” dated December 13, 2023, be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 157/23

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

CARRIED.

E. Parking Lot Sander Purchase

THAT the staff memo titled “Parking Lot Sander Purchase” dated December 13, 2023, be received as information, and

Further **THAT** the Board of Directors December 11, 2023, Email poll to approve the purchase of a vehicle mounted Salt and Sand Spreader from Canadian Tire for \$3699.99 + HST, be ratified, be approved.

Motion: # 158/23

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

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 5 site reports approved by staff from November 17 to December 7, 2023, pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 176/06*, be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 159/23

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

CARRIED.

VIII. Correspondence

A. 2023-11-17 Letter from Catalina Blumenberg, Prince Edward County re: motion regarding support for the Province to stop the MECP proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, storm water management systems, and certain water taking activities

THAT the correspondence received from Prince Edward County be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 160/23

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

B. 2023-11-28 Letter from Bob Elliot, re: Ontario Professional Foresters 2024 Annual Conference Sponsorship

THAT the correspondence received from Bob Elliot, re: sponsorship of the Ontario Professional Foresters 2024 Annual Conference be received as

information, be approved.

Motion: # 161/23

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 December 13, 2023, be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 162/23

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

CARRIED.

B. Board direction for GM to submit a request to the Minister to approve an exception to allow the current Chair/Vice-chair to continue as Chair/Vice-chair in 2024, if so elected

THAT the General Manager be directed to send a request to the Minister to approve an exception to allow the current Chair/Vice-chair to continue as Chair/Vice-chair in 2024, if so elected, be approved.

Municipality	Director	For	Against	Abstain
City of SSM	Sandra Hollingsworth	✓		
City of SSM	Marchy Bruni	✓		
City of SSM	Corey Gardi	Absent	Absent	Absent
City of SSM	Ron Zagordo	✓		
Prince Township	Enzo Palumbo	✓		

Motion: # 163/23

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

C. Request by Prince Township regarding trail creation in Gros Cap

THAT the staff report titled "Request by Prince Township regarding trail creation in Gros Cap" be received as information, and

Further **THAT** the Board approve Prince Township's moving forward with an investigation into the potential for trail creation in the Gros Cap Conservation Area, be approved.

Motion: # 164/23

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

D. Request by Prince Township regarding CA owned portion of the Prince Township Marina

THAT the staff report titled "Request by Prince Township regarding CA owned portion of the Prince Township Marina" be received as information, and

Further **THAT** the Board defer the decision on the proposed idea to a future Board meeting, be approved.

Motion: # 165/23

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

X. Closed Session

THAT the Board move into Closed Session to discuss advice subject to solicitor-client privilege at 5:39 p.m., be approved.

Motion: # 166/23

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

THAT the Board come out of Closed Session at 5:42 p.m., be approved.

Motion: # 167/23

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

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business,

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:49 p.m., be approved.

Motion: # 168/23

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

Corrina Barrett,
General Manager

Sandra Hollingsworth,
Board Chair