



SSMRCA Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority

November 19, 2024 at 4:45 PM EST

@ 1100 Fifth Line East / Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Members: Sandra Hollingsworth (Chair), Marchy Bruni (Remote), Ron Zagordo (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 declared.

III. Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion: # 93/24

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 minutes per speaker)

None.

VI. Finance and Administration

A. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2024

THAT the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2024, be adopted.

Motion: # 94/24

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

B. Accounts Payable

THAT the list of accounts payable from October 11 to November 12, 2024, cheque #9355 to #9395 in the total amount of \$63,347.93 be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 95/24

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

C. Health and Safety Meeting Minutes

THAT the Health and Safety Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2024, be received as information, be approved..

Motion: # 96/24

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

D. 2025 Draft Budget Approval

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

THAT the matching 2025 Municipal General Levy amount of \$68,113.00 be approved.

Motion: # 97/24

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

- ii. 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 2025 Municipal General Levy amount of \$541,069.00 be approved.

Municipality	Director	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST	%
City of SSM	Sandra Hollingsworth	✓		24.700
City of SSM	Marchy Bruni	✓		24.700
City of SSM	Corey Gardi	Absent	Absent	24.700
City of SSM	Ron Zagordo	✓		24.700
Prince Township	Vacant	Absent	Absent	1.200
	TOTALS			100.00%

Apportionment present at the meeting	74.100%
Apportionment voting in favour of the motion	74.100%
Apportionment voting against the motion	0.00%
Apportionment absent from the meeting	25.900%

Motion: # 98/24

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

- iii. Budget: simple majority vote

THAT the 2025 SSMRCA Budget in the amount of \$895,795.00 (Operating amount of \$870,795.00 and Capital amount of \$25,000.00) be approved.

Motion: # 99/24

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

E. 2025 Fee Schedule and Policy Approval

THAT the 2025 SSMRCA Fee Policy and Schedules, scheduled to come into effect on January 1, 2025, be approved.

Motion: #100/24

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

VII. Water & Related Land Management

A. Application Approvals: Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits, and the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Part VI

THAT the summary of the 6 site reports approved by staff from October 17 to November 15, 2024, pursuant to Ontario Regulation 41/24 and the *CA Act*, be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 101/24

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

VIII. Correspondence

There is no correspondence received for this meeting.

IX. New Business & Other

A. General Manger’s Report

THAT the General Manager’s Report of October 22, 2024, be received as information, be approved.

Motion: # 102/24

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

B. Board Direction for GM to submit an exception request to the Minister

THAT the General Manager be directed to send a request to the Minister to approve an exception to allow the current Chair to continue as Chair/to be from the same participating municipality as the current Chair for the 2025 and 2026 terms, 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	Vacant	Absent	Absent	Absent

Motion: # 103/24

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

X. Closed Session

THAT the Board move into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter at 5:14 p.m., be approved.

Motion: # 104/24

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

THAT the Board come out of Closed Session at 5:36 p.m., be approved.

Motion: # 105/24

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

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business,

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:36 p.m., be approved.

Motion: # 106/24

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

Corrina Barrett,

Sandra Hollingsworth,

General Manager

Board Chair