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October 27, 2005

Mrs Angie Hache, Clerk
City of Greater Sudbury
200 Brady Street
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Dear Mrs. Hache:

Re: M.N.R. Transfer Payments to N.D.C.A.

The Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) made a presentation to the City of Greater Sudbury in August, 2004, in relation to the Province of Ontario's ongoing under funding of Conservation Authorities in Ontario. At that time, the City passed Resolution 2004-419, a copy of which is attached.

Unfortunately, despite the strong support from our member municipality, nothing has changed with regards to the Province's funding of the NDCA. The NDCA General Board firmly believes that we must continue to press the Province on this issue, and that this is a very important matter for our member municipality.

The NDCA General Board passed Resolution 2005-72 at our October 19, 2005 meeting. A copy of the resolution is attached, and I believe it is self-explanatory. We are hereby requesting that the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury once again pass a resolution, similar to the NDCA's, and forward a copy to the designated parties. The NDCA continues to sincerely appreciate the strong support given by the City for our program activities.

Should you require any additional information prior to bringing this matter forward to City Council, please feel free to contact me or NDCA staff. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Bradley", is written over the typed name.


Ronald Bradley,
Chairman

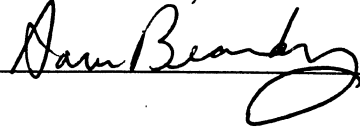
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Resolution 2005-72

Moved by 

Seconded by 

WHEREAS the Nickel District Conservation Authority (N.D.C.A.) exists to protect watershed residents in the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS the N.D.C.A. works in close partnership with its member municipality, the City of Greater Sudbury, to implement community-based programs for the protection of life and property;

AND WHEREAS the Province must be a full and active partner if the N.D.C.A. and its member municipality are to be able to deliver effective programs;

AND WHEREAS predictable stable funding (adjusted annually for inflation) is essential for successful program delivery;

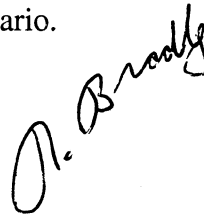
AND WHEREAS in 1996 when the Province totally eliminated funding for water management capital works, the N.D.C.A. and its member municipality could no longer respond to flood and erosion problems being faced by watershed residents, and which continue to exist today;

AND WHEREAS the N.D.C.A.'s member municipality cannot be expected to fund large scale water management capital works alone;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the N.D.C.A. hereby requests that, starting in 2006, the Province, through the Ministry of Natural Resources, provide: (1) stable annual operations funding (adjusted for inflation) and (2) reintroduce funding for water management capital works at a grant rate of at least 50%, in order to allow the N.D.C.A. and its member municipality to address existing problems for the benefit of watershed residents;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury be requested to support this resolution;

AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to The Honourable David Ramsey, Minister of Natural Resources; The Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines; Shelley Martel, MPP, Nickel Belt; and Conservation Ontario.





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MEMO TO: CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD

FROM: PAUL N. SAJATOVIC

DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2005

RE: M.N.R. TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO CONSERVATION
AUTHORITIES

At the September, 2005 General Board meeting, and during the N.D.C.A.'s presentation to the City's Priorities Committee on September 28, 2005, the continuing lack of adequate transfer payment funding being received by the N.D.C.A. from the Province was discussed. Specific reference was made to the inability of the N.D.C.A. to undertake necessary water management capital works, and annual adjustments to operations grants to account for inflation, etc.

Member Dupuis suggested that a resolution be adopted by the General Board and then be sent to the City of Greater Sudbury for support from the member municipality. It was further suggested that this resolution and issue be brought forward at an upcoming Conservation Ontario Council meeting. Chair Bradley agreed to do that at the earliest opportunity.

As members will recall, Conservation Ontario has been pursuing portions of this same issue since 2004. Information in that regard is attached. Transfer payments to Authorities were again not increased in 2005 despite the work of Conservation Ontario and the member Authorities. As well, the N.D.C.A. did not receive its 2005 transfer payment from M.N.R. until October 4, 2005, well into the tenth month of our fiscal year. If not for the strong support of our member municipality, the N.D.C.A. would face serious financial management problems.

A draft resolution will be tabled at the upcoming Board meeting for discussion and adoption by members.