



## Watershed Advisory Panel

### Draft - Meeting Notes for June 16, 2016

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#### PRESENT:

##### Panel Members:

Lin Gibson  
Wendy Wisniewski  
Mary Henderson  
Jeff Huska  
Paul Truskoski  
Margaret McLaughlin  
Burgess Hawkins  
Lilly Noble  
Sarah Woods  
Charles Ramcharan

##### City Staff:

Anne Labranche  
Stephen Monet

##### Public Attendance:

None

#### REGRETS:

John Gunn  
Ed Snucins  
Derrick Luetchford  
Anoop Naik  
Councillor Signoretti

#### ADVISORY PANEL BUSINESS

- Handouts: (1) Draft meeting notes from May meeting  
(2) Love your Lake pamphlets
- Draft Notes from May 19, 2016 meeting were approved.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- Mary Henderson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Long Lake Stewardship Group goals for the 2015 grant money.
- Lilly Noble reported on the comments of the Watershed Advisory Panel working group on the Official Plan.

## DISCUSSIONS

- Sub-watershed Studies Plan: It was agreed to change the name from the Ramsey Lake Watershed Plan to the Sub-Watershed Plan. The tender for the consultant will close on June 21st. There are no updates from Paul Javor since no one was yet chosen to do the study. Moving forward, Stephen Monet agreed to report back to the panel on all the watersheds.
- Long Lake Stewardship activities supported by the 2015 grant money included:
  - measurement & analysis of lake water;
  - increasing awareness and educating members;
  - communicating the results for the water quality analysis;
  - improving community team building and increase active memberships.

A new group of committee members were appointed to the Long Lake Stewardship and they now have a full board.

Mary provided an overview of the Water Quality and Capacity for Long Lake report prepared by Freshwater Research. Copies of the report were left with the Advisory Panel.

- The City will be the lead on an aquatic invasive species plant workshop to be held in the field. Anne will attempt to collect plants to showcase as examples during the session. We will be speaking about native plants as well as invasives in order to educate the attendees on the importance of specific vegetation in and around waterways. Date, time and location still to be determined.
- Aquatic Invasive Species boat washing demonstration is being held at the Ramsey Lake Boat Launch on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. A pressure washer for use during the event will be donated by Cooper Equipment Rentals and a Jet boat also only for use during the event will be donated by Sudbury Boat and Canoe.
- Lilly Noble provided an overview of the comments of the Watershed Advisory Panel Official Plan working group on the City's draft revised Official Plan. The comments, which will be elaborated on at a future meeting, include the following:
  - More on climate change and how it relates to our water resources;
  - Tweaking the list of lakes in the subwatershed plan section;
  - More urban trees;
  - Need for a tree removal by-law;
  - Importance of wetlands in terms of lake water quality;
  - High risk land uses should not be permitted in flood plains.

## ITEMS TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING

### ACTION ITEMS

- The Aquatic Invasive Species Working Group (composed of City staff and members of the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance) will be having a meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> concerning the Boat Washing Demo being held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> on Lake Panache.
- Aquatic invasive species awareness signs have been installed at ten municipal boat launches. Stewardship groups are able to place a request for signs from the Lake Water Quality Program, the cost of the sign will be covered by the city (approximate value \$140 per sign) but the installation is left to the groups to take care of.
- A working group was formed for input on the official plan. Panel members who volunteered to be part of this working group are Lilly N., Ed S., Mary H., Margaret M. and Charles R.
- The lake stewardship grant working group will review the application for the Lake Panache Stewardship group grant application.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Lake Laurentian Conservation Area will be hosting more walks and talks within the next few months. Some of the subjects will include birds, benthic organisms and invertebrates, dragonflies and butterflies.
- Lilly N. gave away 300 shoreline plants to Lake Ramsey shoreline residents and the Lake Ramsey Stewardship group is looking for a property to make a rain Garden demonstration.
- Charles R. announced that the Living with Lakes Center has just released a series of videos on various subjects relating to lakes.