

Lakes (Watershed) Advisory Panel

Meeting Notes for May 19, 2016

Present:

Panel Members:

Lin Gibson
Wendy Wisniewski
Mary Henderson
Jeff Huska
Paul Truskoski
Margaret McLaughlin
Burgess Hawkins
Ed Snucins
Derrick Luetchford
Lilly Noble
Sarah Woods
Anoop Naik
Charles Ramcharan
Councillor McIntosh
Councillor Signoretti

City Staff:

Anne Labranche
Stephen Monet

Public Attendance:

None

Regrets: John Gunn

Paul Javor

ADVISORY PANEL BUSINESS

- ❖ Handouts: Draft meeting notes from April meeting
- ❖ Draft Notes from April 19 meeting were approved

❖ PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ No presentations.

DISCUSSIONS

- ❖ Ramsey Lake Subwatershed Plan: The Panel expressed interest in regular updates on the progress of the Watershed Plan, whose anticipated start date is July with expectations of completion in August of 2018. Stephen mentioned a benthic organism study that was completed 2014 by the Vale Living with Lakes Centre and he will look into making it available on-line. After considerable discussion on extending the timeline for the Watershed Plan, a vote was taken and the majority agreed to not pursue the matter.

- ❖ Terms of Reference: These will be issued early next week; some areas were mentioned as missing. Concerns were expressed about the general nature of the TORs, such as natural heritage and ecosystems and the negative effects of storm water runoff. Stephen explained that the public input received on the draft Terms of Reference will be one of the first thing the consultants will review to be able to understand the expectations and matters of concern to the community.
- ❖ Sarah suggested updates on all watershed studies should be provided, not only for the Ramsey Lake study. She also questioned whether the terms of reference will be the same for all.
- ❖ Lake Stewardship Grants Awarded: Six groups applied but Panache Lake was given an extension to revise the application. A vote was taken and approval was given to proceed with five grants.
- ❖ Stephen mentioned the possibility of a web page dedicated to sharing tips and grant ideas from the stewardship groups and showcasing the successful projects that some of the groups were able to complete using the grant money.

ITEMS TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING

- ❖ 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 2nd concerning the Boat Washing Demo being held on June 23rd on Lake Panache.
- ❖ Mary will present the Long Lake activities supported by the 2015 grant.
- ❖ Discussion of a date and location for a session with lake groups concerning aquatic plants (location ideas were: the bioski, the chalet or Science North)

ACTION ITEMS

- ❖ 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 subcommittee was formed for input on the official plan. Panel members who volunteered to sit on this subcommittee are Lilly N., Ed S., Mary H., Margaret M. and Charles R.
- ❖ The subcommittee will review the application for the Lake Panache Stewardship group grant application.

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ May 26th Steve Reitzel from the MNM will be speaking about the arsenic cleanup. On May 29th the Long Lake Stewardship meeting will have a guest speaker discussing the lake capacity study.
- ❖ June 1st at the Rotary Park, Franco Mariotti will speak about the Blanding's Turtle Project.
- ❖ June 11th, a seminar/ workshop on cyanobacteria, invasive species and the Eurasian Water Milfoil update on Clear Lake in Espanola. Guest speakers are: Charles Ramcharan, Eric Sager, André Ferron. RSVP by June 1st to Pat Parker [705-869-2709](tel:705-869-2709)