



Watershed Advisory Panel

Draft - Meeting Notes for October 20, 2016

PRESENT:

Panel Members:

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

City Staff:

Taylor Menard
Stephen Monet
Lana Haslam
Dave Brouse
Paul Javor

REGRETS:

Anoop Naik
Mary Henderson
Councillor Signoretti

Public Attendance:

Pierre Levesque – Clearwater Lake Stewardship
Wayne Chabot – Windy Lake Stewardship Committee
Stephen Butcher – Stewardship of Long Lake

ADVISORY PANEL BUSINESS

- Handouts: (1) Draft meeting notes from June meeting
(2) Holding tank rebate pamphlet
- Draft Notes from June 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

PRESENTATIONS

- Paul Javor gave a presentation on the status of the various sub-watershed studies being done within the city.
- Lana Haslam and Dave Brouse from Water/Wastewater department with the City of Greater Sudbury gave a presentation on Holding Tank Rebate program available through the city.
- Stephen Monet made a short presentation on the differences between non-native, invasive *Phragmites australis* subspecies *australis* and the native *Phragmites australis* subspecies *americanus*, both of which occur in Greater Sudbury.

DISCUSSIONS

- Sub-watershed Studies Plan: Ramsey Lake Sub-Watershed Plan. The contract was awarded to the joint team of Aquafor Beech Limited and Kilgour & Associates. The contract for the Junction Creek sub-watershed study is to be announced in the coming weeks. Ramsey Lake Water Quality Platform contract has been awarded to Golder & Associates in Sudbury. Platform will measure a variety of water quality variables and will be built over the winter season and deployed in spring 2017. Data from water quality platform will be freely available online in 'near real-time'. The contract for the Whitewater Lake Subwatershed study should be awarded by the end of 2016. There will be 5 stakeholder meetings and 5 public meetings for each subwatershed study going forward.
- The Ramsey Lake Subwatershed study is progressing through the watershed characterization phase. The first public meeting will be held in late November or early December. The Watershed Advisory Panel is considered a key stakeholder in the public input process and, as such, will be invited to attend an afternoon session in advance of the evening public meeting. All presentation material will be provided in advance of the meeting. The Chair emphasized the importance of attending these meetings for members of the Watershed Advisory Panel. Final completion of all three subwatershed studies by December 2017.
- Paul Javor mentions that there will be changes in direction on stormwater management at the provincial level in Ontario but no details have been finalized.

ACTION: Paul Javor to provide Provincial background document on new direction on stormwater management.

- Chair Lin Gibson reviewed the Terms of Reference with the panel. It was agreed that the Panel will need to determine how best to proceed with input to a City-wide phosphorus management strategy, invasive control strategy and communications plan. Panel agreed that more outreach is needed for winter property maintenance around lakes, especially in terms of salt application. Love Your Lake Program was discussed and criteria for lake selection was tabled for next meeting in addition to determining if CWF will continue support of the program.

ACTION: Staff to present on elements of a City-wide phosphorus management strategy at the next meeting.

ACTION: Staff to ask lake stewardship groups if they need additional "Keep It Clean – Ice Fishing pamphlets" prior to the ice fishing season.

ACTION: Staff to obtain information and update on Salt Smart training for next meeting.

ACTION: Staff to ask Canadian Wildlife Service if they will be continuing with support for the Love Your Lake program in 2017. Staff to prepare draft criteria for selection of local lakes for the “Love Your Lake” program.

- Lana Haslam and Dave Brouse presented on the Holding Tank Rebate that is available to property owners with holding tanks. Lana has been working on advising public on rebate opportunities potential to receive up to a 50% discount off the tipping fees normally associated with septic waste. Normal tipping fee cost is \$32/m³ while eligible holding tank owners will receive a tipping fee rebate of \$16/m³. Pierre Levesque of the Clearwater Lake Stewardship Group asked if the stewardship groups could be involved in helping spread the word about the program. Following discussion and at the request of the Chair, the following actions will be followed up by staff:

ACTION: Staff to arrange for Watershed Advisory Panel members and lake stewardship groups to visit Kelly Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ACTION: Staff to send info on Holding Tank Rebate to Pierre Levesque.

ACTION: Staff to create a list of licensed sewage haulers and place on appropriate City website.

- Outreach and Education – Stephen Monet gave a short talk on the differences between native *Phragmites australis* and the invasive subspecies. The Panel discussed plans for stewardship heads to attend a train-the-trainer type workshop on invasive vs native aquatic plant species. Discussion on highlighting the good native species as well during training session. There is considerable information already in existence in Ontario on invasive species that could be utilized for training and monitoring purposes.

ACTION: Staff will discuss a possible strategy for a train-the-trainer workshop on aquatic plant species for stewardship members and WAP members. Ideas and outline will be brought to the next WAP meeting in November.

ITEMS TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING

- Love Your Lake Program update for 2017.
- Simon Lake Stewardship Presentation – David Furino will make a presentation on application of algae removal device on Simon Lake
- Update on “Invasive Species Training” session.
- City-wide phosphorus management strategy – staff presentation.
- Official Plan Watershed Advisory Panel Sub-committee update

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sarah Woods asked to schedule LID presentation for the December WAP meeting.

NEXT MEETING – DATE & TIME

- The next Watershed Advisory Panel meeting will be held on November 17th at 5:00-7:00pm in room C-11 at Tom Davis Square, 200 Brady St.