



**b. Review of Wabagishik Final Project Description:**

- Taking Stock of Endangered Species and Species at Risk
  - A handout of the endangered species was circulated and discussed the adding of osprey, bald eagle, and blue heron to the list. Any additional species at risk should be emailed to Linda.
  - Franko Mariotti should be approached with regards to the endangered species, he may have further knowledge. He should also be asked to review the report and comment on the possible gaps within the report.

**ACTION: Betsy Little will approach him.**

- Mr. Thompson a botanist from Espanola should also be approached.

**ACTION: Brenda Salo**

**c. Possible Environmental Impacts:**

- i. Need to lobby for Individual Environmental Assessments.
- ii. Some concerns from the audience include:
  - Frogs – hibernation; and
  - Recreational use of snow mobiles in regards to access points to the river.
- iii. Drinking water & well water obtained from the river could be affected by fluctuating levels affecting intake and silt increase.
- iv. Nickel District Conservation Authority to be approached to find out what their mandate is and what role they have to play.
- v. Source Water Protection Plan needs to be included in the assessment.
- vi. There is a question as to whether the source water for Whitefish, Naughton and Lively will be affected by the introduction of these dams.
- vii. Sewage Treatment needs to be addressed.
- viii. CP or CN Rail bridge may be affected.

**d. Public Safety Issues:**

- i. Soo crossing near Whitefish Centennial Park causes concern for the young children swimming so close to the damn with the fluctuating water levels, or the curiosity of the damn. History of other sites has shown proponents might address this by marking off the area with barb wire fence, sirens, etc.

**e. Creating Alliances:**

- i. City of Greater Sudbury - Jacques Barbeau
- ii. Ministries - MOE, MNR
- iii. Conservative Party Energy Critic
- iv. NDP Party – France Gelin, & Energy Critic
- v. Associations, fishing outfitters, businesses on the Vermillion
- vi. Ducks Unlimited
- vii. Sudbury and District Health Unit-wells
- viii. Source Water Protection
- ix. Nickel District Conservation Authority
- x. CP/CN rail

**f. Meeting with Mr. Holmes, Xeneca:**

- i. Mr. Holmes agreed to meet with us when we are ready.
- ii. An invitation will be extended to Mr. Holmes with the understanding that two separate meetings need to occur, a meeting with the stewardship and a meeting with the public.
- iii. The meeting with the Stewardship needs to have an expert present who is knowledgeable of the Stewardships concerns.

**ACTION:** Linda to invite Mark Holmes to a future meeting.

**5. Name of Stewardship:**

Vermillion River Watershed Stewardship

Moved: Betsy Little

Seconded: Ira Jane

Approved

**6. Next Meeting:** 15 February 2011, 7 to 9:00 pm, Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club.