

Minutes

Vermilion River Stewardship

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

7:00-9:30 pm

Beaver Lake Sports and Recreation Club

Present: Linda Heron, Terry Little, Marc Samson, Ron Basso, Byron Basso, Aaron Basso, Al Stanley, Erik Oja, Margaret Laframboise, Lesley Flowers, Dale Kilbey

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Ron Basso

Seconded by Marc Samson

Adopted

2. Adoption of Minutes of Meetings

a. October 16, 2013

b. Notes from Andreas Visit Simon and Ella lakes

Moved by Byron Basso

Seconded by Aaron Basso

Adopted

3. Reports

a. Executive Report – Attached as Addendum 1 – Highlights below

- Interim Trillium report completed by Linda and Sheri was well received.

b. Correspondence:

- Part II Order request was sent to the MOE in response to Xeneca's ER of the Wabagishik Rapids Generating Station proposal.

c. Finance

We have received \$54,600 of the \$103,200 Trillium Grant with another \$24,300 coming in December and the balance of \$24,300 in June of 2014. We have spent \$42,276 - \$22,483 on labs, \$15,000 to Conservation Sudbury \$475.01 for travel, \$1,218 for Operating Expenses, and \$3,100.49 for equipment. We are under budget for travel because have lake partner volunteers providing boat transport rather than having to trailer a boat from site to site.

We received a \$454 grant for a brochure from the city's Lake Advisory Panel giving us \$1492 in the general account – funds must be used before the end of the year.

Motion to approve the reports by Ron Basso seconded by Byron Basso.

Adopted

4. Old Business

a. Lower Vermilion Source Water Quality Monitoring Project, Al's comments

- This year's water level appeared higher than normal.
 - No flow data has been collected yet other than historical data.
 - Tremendous mixing was found in most areas of the river with temperature differences of less than one degree centigrade down to 70 feet.
 - Ph was very high (8.1) until August.
 - Conductivity was 154 at Milnet and above 2000 after McCharles Lake (Junction Creek/Kelly, Simon Lakes).
 - The current years and next year's data will provide a comprehensive benchmark for future studies.
- b. Wabagishik Rapids Environmental Report**
- More than eighteen Part II Order requests were sent in on the Wabagishik Environmental Report.
 - Requests for meetings from Xeneca do not have to be responded to.
 - Site release for Wabagishik still has not been given.
 - First Nations did not make comments, but contacted VRS.
- c. Brochure**
- Presentation for the Lake Advisory Panel Brochure will be on Nov 28th
- d. KGHM International – Victoria Mine Project**
- KGHM presentation request ongoing by Sheri. **Action Item**
- e. Tour of Totten Mine**
- Request ongoing by Linda. **Action Item**
- f. AGM**
- Set for 15 January 2014
 - Linda will ask Erik Emilson to make a presentation **Action Item**

5. New Business

- a.** Nels Conrad of Conservation Sudbury suggested nominating VRS for a \$1000 Ontario award for the work that is being done.
- b. Walden Waste Water Treatment Plant Environmental Report**
- Proposes closing the Lively plant and upgrading the Walden plant but tertiary treatment does not appear to be committed. A Part II Order request has to be submitted to the Minister of Environment no later than 22 November in order to make the concerns of VRS for tertiary treatment known. Linda will put in the request for the VRS **Action Item**
 - Power generation from sewage and garbage should be pursued, rather than releasing into our waterways.

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 11th, 7PM at the Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Centre

Appendix 1
Vermilion River Stewardship
EXECUTIVE REPORT
16 November 2013

Report from Chair

Meetings:

- 12 October 2013 – Sheri and I worked on Trillium Interim Report
- 6 November 2013 – GSAP – Preparing presentation to Council – Re: Official Plan

Correspondence:

- 29 October 2013 – [Wabagishik Rapids GS ER - Comments](#)
- 1 November 2013 – [Wabagishik Rapids GS ER – Part II Order request](#)
- 1 November 2013 – OTF Interim Report

Linda Heron