

Minutes of Meeting  
Vermilion River Stewardship

Wednesday, 23 April 2014

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Beaver Lake Sports and Cultural Club, 55 Club Road, Worthington, ON

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Present: Ron Basso, Aaron Basso, Betsy Little, Bob Little, Dale Kilbey, Linda Heron, Sheri Purdon, Lesley Flowers, Margaret LaFramboise, Al Stanley, Ken Makela, Helen Makela, Marc Samson, Marte Holouka, Rene Fortin, Terry Fortin, Ruth Svensk, Neeltje Van-Roon, Erik Oja

- 1. Adoption of Agenda:** Added Duhamel & Dewar under New Business. Moved by Aaron Basso and seconded by Helen Makela that the agenda as amended be adopted. **Carried.**
- 2. Minutes -** Matters arising from the Minutes: The date of the next meeting be changed to Wednesday 23 April 2014 for consistency. Agreed.  
Moved by Sheri Purdon and seconded by Erik Oja that the Minutes of the 12 February 2014 meeting be accepted as printed. **Carried.**
- 3. Presentation:** By consent of all present, the agenda was suspended, to allow Ms Vanessa Felix, the Environmental Coordinator of KGHM International, to deliver a presentation covering plans for the development of the Victoria Mine property.

The visual presentation was accompanied by commentary and questions were answered as they arose. The topics included, but were not limited to, Legal compliance, Current Status update, Timelines, Environmental Assessment, Surface Water monitoring including baseline establishment, Geochemistry of extracted waste and produced ore, Species at risk, Field and site Management Practices, Sediment Control and Permits. All questions were answered to the satisfaction of the audience in a knowledgeable and professional fashion. At the conclusion the Chair and many audience members thanked the speaker for the update and overview and the candid nature of her responses. As no handout accompanied the presentation, Ms Felix communicated to the Chair that she would seek permission from KGHM to release her talk and visuals to the Stewardship for their use and records once the content had been vetted.

At this point, the Speaker removed her materials and the group returned to the Agenda.

- 4. Executive Report:** Questions arising on various topics were addressed by the Chair as they arose during the report of individual Meetings. Moved by Sheri, Purdon and seconded by Ron Basso that the Executive report (Addendum 1) be accepted. **Carried.**
- 5. Financial Report:** The new Treasurer and Recording Secretary apologized to the Committee and Stewardship audience for the lack of a complete financial Report at this time. The Chair assured the

group that the accounts were in good shape.

**6. Memberships:** The audience was encouraged to re-new their memberships as soon as possible and Al Stanley, Margaret and Wayne LaFramboise, Lesley flowers and Marte Holouka, Terry and Carnie Little and Helen and Ken Makela did so at that end of the formal session. We also welcome Rene and Terry Fortin to the Stewardship as new members.

**7. Old Business:**

**a. Lower Vermilion Source Water Quality Monitoring Project – Update**

- The Chair welcomed Al Stanley back from his holidays. He reported he was ready to commence the sampling for this year, but informed the group that Anoop was delayed overseas and would be unable to start the programme as scheduled.
- Further he reported that while this wasn't the best scenario, the exceptionally high water levels would likely have made it difficult to sample.
- Tentatively the sampling start date is set for 25 May 2014, but is open to adjustment.
- A meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee at the Penage Road Community Center is planned for Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 and an agenda will be e-mailed to the members before hand.
- 50 dollar gas cards were discussed for six volunteers at the various sampling sites which the Sec/Tre will purchase and deliver to Al for distribution.
- Al will wait until the end of the 2014 sampling year to submit his travel expenses.

**b. Wabagishik Rapids Part II Order request**

- The Chair visited the Public File at the Ministry of Environment offices in Toronto.
- MOE documents indicated that Xeneca did not meet the requirements of the Class EA for Waterpower in several key areas.
- Deficiencies in the Environmental Report were discussed by the Chair.
- In 2011 the Ivanhoe, Frederick House and Serpent River Environmental Reports, that ORA made Part II Order requests on, met with the same decision by MOE – now over 2 ½ years later they still have not been approved.
- MOE is currently deciding how to handle this as Xeneca has several other proposals that will probably have similar deficiencies.
- We can only wait now for MOE's decision.

**c. Hutchinson Report**

- The aka *Hutchinson Report re: Lake Water Quality Report* was received by the City and forwarded to stakeholder stewardships.
- After reviewing the Report, VRS submitted two letters to express our concerns, and to request that it be rejected by the City.
- The MOE Lake Capacity Model did not work for our Sudbury lakes, so Hutchison tried to create a new framework for lake classification.
- The framework was based on low confidence data which resulted in some lakes with obvious pollution problems not being identified as at capacity or included in the "Enhanced" category.

- Another letter going into more detail will be sent by VRS to Stephen Monet, and copied to City Council, to again request that the Report be rejected.
- Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury has also submitted a letter of concern.
- d. Tours of Totten mine and Lorne Falls** was to take place in the spring along with their “family day”. Awaiting a scheduled date from Carolyn Hunt, Vale.
- e. Constitution Committee:** The motion moved by Aaron Basso and seconded by Ron Basso” that a Constitution Committee consisting of the following members Linda Heron, Betsy Little and Marte Holouka meet to prepare the needed amendments” has not been acted upon at this time. The sub-committee will have a report for the membership at the next scheduled meeting if third reading takes place and the bill becomes law.

**8. New business:**

**a. Lake Advisory Panel Grant**

- Sheri remarked that VRS is really not in a position to apply for a Lake Stewardship Grant from the City of Greater Sudbury. There was agreement from the members present.

**b. Duhamel & Dewar**

- Duhamel and Dewar requested the Chair attend a meeting next week on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April at 11:00 am, at their facility to discuss plans to expand and enlarge their present yard and production facility.
- The Chair suggested that we were not able to approve their plans and they should contact the City of Sudbury Planning Department, but would be pleased to attend to discuss any concerns VRS may have.
- Discussion from the floor concerned septic system upgrades and construction along the shoreline.
- The chair will report the details of the visit at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE, 2014 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BEAVER LAKE SPORTS AND CULTURAL CLUB**

# Addendum 1

## Vermilion River Stewardship

### EXECUTIVE REPORT

23 April 2014

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#### Report from Chair

#### Meetings:

- 17 February 2014 – GSWA General Meeting
- 18 February 2014 – OPA Webinar
- 20 February 2014 – Lake Advisory Panel – Lake Capacity Report - Hutchinson
- 24 & 25 February 2014 – Fish Policy MNR Meeting - Toronto
- 5 March 2014 – Environmental Bill of Rights Workshop - Toronto
  
- 12 March 2014 – Attended a presentation by Dr. Diane Orihel – The Role of Iron in Suppressing Internal Phosphorus Loading and Toxic Cyanobacterial Blooms in Freshwater Lakes
- 6 February 2014 – Green Space Advisory Authority
- 17 March 2014 – Green Space Advisory Panel meeting
- 17 March 2014 – GSWA General Meeting
- 20 March 2014 – Green Space Advisory Panel meeting
- 24 March 2014 – Planning Committee Meeting for Hutchinson/Monet presentation on the Water Quality Lake Capacity Model Report
- 26 March 2014 – What's the Fracking Deal with Fracking? Indigenous Studies, University of Sudbury
- 31 March 2014 – Sheri and I worked on VRS Display for event at Dynamic Earth
- 2 April 2014 – Energy East Pipeline, North Bay
- 3 April 2014 – Met with Naomi Grant and Lilly Nobel to discuss the Hutchinson Lake Capacity Report
- 5 April 2014 – Workshop - Engagement Tools & Techniques, Rethink Green
- 7 April 2014 – Visited Ministry of Environment's public file for Wabagishik Rapids Part II Order request

#### Correspondence:

- 19 March 2014 – VRS letter to Mayor and Council – Re: [Water Quality Lake Capacity Model - Hutchinson](#)
- 22 March 2014 – VRS letter to Mayor and Council – Re: [Water Quality Lake Capacity Model - Hutchinson](#)
- 14 April 2014 – ORA submission - [EBR 012-1120 The Invasive Species Act](#)

Linda Heron