

Vermilion River Stewardship Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 10 September 2014

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

Present: Linda Heron, Sheri Purdon, Ron Basso, Byron Basso, Marc Samson

Regrets: Eija Hietaharju, Marte Holouka, Terry Little, Dale Kilbey

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Marc Samson

Seconded: Ron Basso

CARRIED

2. Adoption of 11 June 2014 - Minutes of Meeting

Motion: Byron Basso

Seconded: Marc Samson

CARRIED

3. Reports

- Executive – Linda
- Finance – Linda

Motion to adopt Executive and Finance Report (Addendum 1): Marc Samson

Seconded: Ron Basso

CARRIED

- Constitution Committee – deferred

4. New Business

a. KGHM Grant Opportunity

- Contacted VRS to offer grant dollars
- Suggested carrying on our Lower Vermilion Water Quality Project at \$50,000/year
- Response was very positive
 - Grant application due 30 Sept.
 - Prefer same partners but not necessary
- Strategic Planning Committee met (Addendum 2) to discuss
- Recommending:
 - VRS apply for 3 years if CS is on board
 - Ensure our application states clearly we reserve the right to address any infractions KGHM might incur on the Vermilion
 - Any use by KGHM of VRS data must be approved by our Board
- Talked to Paul and they are on board if project remains pretty much the same
- Will include another laptop

b. Blue-green Algae Watch

- That time of year again – let community know it's important to keep a look-out
- Anyone seeing blue-green algae to contact the SDHU right away, as well as myself so our Algae Alert Telephone Tree can be activated.

- Any blooms should be reported on each lake – each month.

c. GSWA Fundraiser

- Another Comedy Night
- Thursday, 5 March 2015 – 6:30 pm – Caruso Club
- Tickets \$25 each – tables of 12 can be reserved at \$300
- Corporate Table bookings – 10 per table \$250
- VRS will reserve 2 tables – 24 tickets
- Will be asking everyone to help sell tickets to your friends and family

d. Eurasian Milfoil

- Cutting of invasive species upstream causes issues downstream
- Do not need a permit under Public Lands Act
 - If cutting only directly in front of property
 - If municipality or 3rd party owns the land between your property and the water you will need their permission and a work permit to proceed
- Also have contaminated sediment that we don't want stirred up
- Permits may be required through MNR
- Check out our VRS website blog for more details

5. Old Business

a. Lower Vermilion Source Water Quality Monitoring Project – Update

- Sampling has gone smoothly
- Carrie picked up the phytoplankton samples in August
- Budget will be in surplus
- Must give some kind of compensation to Al Stanley – if not mileage then an honorarium

b. Wabagishik Rapids Part II Order request – Update

- VRS and ORA wrote a letter as a result of what was found in the MOE public file
- MOE responded the next day and invited to meet with their staff
- MOE Approvals Staff Meeting – July 15
 - Again visited the MOE public file
 - Xeneca's response to MOE talked about never being able to complete the Wab project and their position puts all their projects at risk of financial collapse ☺
 - Confirmation that all their projects are in jeopardy
 - Need to make another trip down to MOE soon
 - Met with 3 MOE staff in Toronto
 - Made presentation regarding heavy metal contamination
 - They were very interested

c. CASL – Anti-spam Legislation

- VRS Mailing List – lost about 100 people off of our mailing list
- Membership – Need to have a membership committee that follows up on lapsed dues and has outreach to new members

d. Tour of Lorne Falls Hydroelectric Dam – Linda

- Linda will arrange for some time in October
- Totten Mine – 6 attended and 4 were my family

6. Next Meeting – 8 October 2014, Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club

Addendum 1
Vermilion River Stewardship
EXECUTIVE REPORT
10 September 2014

Report from Chair

Meetings:

- 14 June.2014 – VRS members toured Totten Mine
- 19 June 2014 – Green Gathering Meeting
- 19 June 2014 – GSWA Director's Meeting
- 26 June 2014 – Green Space Advisory Panel Meeting
- 8 July 2014 – Attended GSWA presentation to City Council
- 15 July 2014 – Drove to Toronto to make a presentation to MOE regarding the heavy metal contamination in Wabagishik – and to check the public file.
- 16 July 2014 – Met with Paul Norris, Ontario Waterpower Association
- 6 August 2014 – Ontario Trillium Foundation Public Consultation
- 8 August 2014 – Ontario Power Authority Webinar
- 18 August 2014 – GSWA General Meeting
- 19 August 2014 – Lin Gibson's Political Rally
- 20 August 2014 – Met with Franco Mariotti – GSAP mapping of Ward 2
- 25 August 2014 – GSWA Fundraising Committee Meeting
- 27 August 2014 – Met with Franco Mariotti again – completed GSAP Ward 2 mapping
- 28 August 2014 – Conference with Sarah Antonioni – KGHM
- 4 September 2014 – Met Lesley regarding the KGHM grant
- 4 September 2014 – GSWA Fundraising Committee Meeting
- 4 September 2014 – KGHM Public Meeting – Lively
- 5 September 2014 – Rethink Green – consultation Re: NationBuilder
- 9 September 2014 – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – KGHM grant
- 10 September 2014 – VRS General Meeting

Presentation:

- 15 July 2014 – ORA Presentation at MOE offices in Toronto Re: Wabagishik Heavy Metal Contamination

Correspondence:

- 16 June 2014 – VRS and ORA to Agatha Garcia Wright – [Re: Wabagishik Part II Order Request Follow-up](#)
- 17 June 2014 – Agatha Garcia-Wright to VRS & ORA – [Re: Wabagishik Part II Order Request – Follow-up](#)
- 5 August 2014 – [Re: Frederick House River ER – Part II Order request](#)
- 2 September 2014 – ORA Submission [Re: OPA's Large Renewable Procurement – RFP Framework](#)

Financial Report

- Purchased a Projector on my credit card: \$1,135.64 – about to purchase a printer – will submit Expense Statement once printer is purchased.
- **VRS Balance: \$ 1,419.94**
- **Project Balance: \$45,272.50**

Linda Heron

Addendum 2
Vermilion River Stewardship-Strategic Planning Committee
September 9, 2014, 10 to 12:00 pm
Penage Road Community Centre
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Linda Heron, Sheri Johnson Purdon, Dale Kilbey and Al Stanley
Regrets: Lesley Flowers

1. KGHM Grant Offer

- **Overview**

- Sarah Antonioni, Environmental Coordinator for KGHM contacted VRS to see if we needed grant money
- Suggested \$50,000 to continue our Lower Vermilion Source Water Quality Project
- Response was very favourable
- Application is due end of September
- Regardless of whether all partners still participate KGHM still wants us to submit an application

- **Partners**

- Conservation Sudbury is willing to continue as long as the project is basically the same
 - Any increase must be broken down
 - Must see itemized accounting of current quote and spending
- UOIT – Andrea is on paternal leave – have left messages
- Queen's University – Dr. Cumming has already said he would come back in 2015 to do sediment core samples on Simon Lake

- **Project Feasibility Discussion**

- Would KGHM grant come from a foundation – Linda to check into that
- Linda met with Lesley to get her feedback
 - Lesley is in favour as long as we don't compromise ourselves
 - Maintain control over data
- Same concerns were expressed by everyone at the meeting
- Must ensure we are in charge of data – the gatekeeper
- Ensure our letter of application clearly states that we must maintain control of data and our ability to address any environmental impacts originating from KGHM
- Go for 3 years if possible – failing that 1 year of funding – 5 year block of data would be very useful
- Stick to the same project for consistency

- **Application Requirements/Preparation**

- Ensure we put dollars into our budget for Beaver Lake Sports and Cultural Centre and Penage Road Community Centre – for meetings
- 6 meetings each @ \$100 each
- Linda will
 - Check with Conservation Sudbury and KGHM to see feasibility of 3-year project
 - Prepare draft application
 - Meet with Sheri on 22 September to go over draft

- Submit to Strategic Planning Committee and Board for input
- Submit on 30th of September

2. OTF Project Update

- **Budget**
 - On budget – will have a surplus
 - Just purchased a new projector, and will shortly purchase a new printer – budgeted for in the original application
- **Phytoplankton Samples**
 - Carrie has picked up all samples