

# Minutes of Meeting Vermilion River Stewardship

Wednesday, 18 February 2015

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

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Present: Sheri Johnson-Purdon, Terry Little, Byron Basso, Ron Basso, Dale Kilbey, Eija Hietaharju, Linda Heron, Helen Tytto, Ken Makela

Regrets: Marte Holouka, Marc Samson

## 1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda: Dale Kilbey

Seconded: Ron Basso

**Carried**

## 2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting:

Motion to Adopt 8 October 2014 Minutes of Meeting: Ron Basso

Seconded: Byron Basso

**Carried**

Motion to Adopt 12 November 2014 Minutes of Meeting: Dale Kilbey

Seconded: Eija Hietaharju

**Carried**

## 4. Reports

### • Executive Report – Linda - Addendum 1

Motion to adopt: Dale Kilbey

Seconded: Ron Basso

**Carried**

### • Finance – Terry - Addendum 2

Motion to adopt Financial Report: Dale Kilbey

Seconded: Eija Hietaharju

**Carried**

### • Constitution Committee

Motion to amend Constitution and By-laws in January of 2016 to charge a fee of \$25 for both single and family membership: Ken Makela

Seconded: Terry Little

**Carried**

## 5. Old Business

### • Sewage Bypass Alert – Update

- Councillor Vagnini and/or Tom followed up with Water/Wastewater

- David Brouse reported

- Creating an email tree as we requested
- Have now included volume, beginning & end time
- Are leaving Alert up now beyond the 7 days
- Very pleased at response and with Councillor Vagnini for following up

### **Action Item:**

Motion to issue a Press Release to thank the City of Greater Sudbury, Jacques Barbeau and Councillor Vagnini for facilitating the approval by Council of Sewage Bypass Alerts to inform the public, both on their website and by email, when a bypass or spill occurs: Ron Basso

Seconded: Eija Hietaharju

**Carried**

- **Lower Vermilion Source Water Quality Monitoring Project – Update**
  - Final Report is due on 1 March 2015
  - Conservation Sudbury still have not submitted their final report
  - Strategic Planning Committee met with Conservation Sudbury on 5 February to go over results and discuss way forward
  - No outstanding results, other than McCharles Lake – sample site 18
    - Phosphorus, oxygen and conductivity were all higher readings than Simon Lake results – very curious
    - Al suggested problem could be the dump site just up the hill from that location
    - Will look into this further – check with MOE
  - Have a surplus of \$16,711 left in our budget
    - Committee decided to request an extension on our water quality sampling project to use up the surplus
    - Also means we don't have to produce a Final Report on 1 March – just an interim report
    - Contacted Carmen Robillard and she is processing the request – sounds like we may get an extension to 4 December 2015 – apparently they would rather see the dollars used on the project than give it back
    - Conservation Sudbury is willing to continue on

**Motion:**

Motion to set aside \$1,000 in project budget to do sediment core sampling on McCharles or Simon Lake in 2015: Dale Kilbey

Seconded: Ron Basso

**Carried**

- **KGHM Grant Application – Update**
  - KGHM denied our full request because it was beyond their capability to fund
  - Copper prices are also low so their grant budget was cut
  - Last Friday received a message from Sarah Antonioni asking if we would be able to use \$15,000 instead ☺
  - So now we will have \$31,711 to continue our study at a reduced number of sites – for another year
  - Linda requested \$1,000 be set aside for Queen's University to do sediment core sampling on either Simon or McCharles Lake
  - Brian Cummings promised to come back this year to do more sampling
    - Had a lot of mileage out of Zara Jennings's thesis results
  - Linda also requested dollars from Glencore, however, they are so busy right now that they seldom return my calls or emails – so we shouldn't count on them for anything at this point

**Action Item:**

VRS will issue a Press Release to thank Ontario Trillium Foundation and KGHM International for their generous support.

- **Wabagishik Rapids Part II Order request – Update**
  - Linda talked to Mark Holmes by telephone about a month ago
    - Called to see whether they were still in business
    - When he returned my call he had his lawyer and Stephanie present
  - Xeneca is moving forward on all their proposals at the moment
  - Checked the Ontario Lobbyist Registry

- Appears that Xeneca received another \$732,000 grant from Northern Ontario Heritage Fund
- Xeneca is moving forward in responses on several Part II Order requests
- Plan to write a letter to Minister Murray to request a meeting
  - Great Lakes Protection Act passed second reading
  - Last year the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health
    - Lists the Spanish Harbour in Annex 4 as an Area of Concern
    - Will ask for a meeting to talk about the heavy metal contamination that would be washed down into the Spanish Harbour
- Recently wrote a letter to Minister Murphy regarding the Blanch River hydroelectric proposal
- Planned to visit the MOE public file on Friday, but had to cancel – will try to get down in early March
- Membership Renewal - deferred

## 6. New Business

- **Official Plan – the Hutchinson's Report**
  - Found out Stephen Monet was presenting to Council on the Official Plan, and was also addressing the controversial Hutchinson's Lake Capacity Study
  - Sent email to Councillor Vagnini to bring him up to date on our concerns and sent copies of all our correspondence
  - Councillor Vagnini requested I forward the message on to Stephen Monet and Mark Simeoni for their response
  - Have requested the public be consulted before any portion of the Hutchinson Report is included in the Official Plan
- **GSWA Comedy Night – 5 March 2015**
  - Linda requested support for the fundraiser
  - Saving 3 tables for VRS
  - Tickets @ \$25 each
  - 2 comedians, silent auction and draws
  - Pizza @ \$3 a slice
  - KGHM sponsored for \$1,000
- **Vermilion River Clean-up**
  - Ken Makela suggested VRS hold a River Clean-up Day on Wabagishik in April or May
  - Use boats to drop off and pick up people on shore
  - BBQ at landing?
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in May (after water drops) 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
  - Need to get as many people out as possible
  - A good community building event
  - Great way to draw attention to and build support for a healthy Vermilion River
    - Could perhaps extend it to other lakes if it works well this year

### Action Item:

Ken, Ron and Byron will organize a River-Clean-up event for Wabagishik Lake – with a barbecue lunch on Sunday 10 May 2015.

- 7. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, 11 March 2015, Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club – Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled to 8 April 2015.

## **Addendum 1**

# **Vermilion River Stewardship**

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

### **18 February 2015**

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#### **Report from Chair**

#### **Meetings:**

- 17 November 2014 – Social Media Webinar
- 17 November 2014 – GSWA General Meeting
- 3 December 2014 – GSWA Board of Directors Meeting
- 9 December 2014 – Grant Work Webinar
- 11 December 2014 – OPA Webinar – Large Renewable Procurement (LRP)
- 16 December 2014 – GSWA Fundraising Meeting
- 13 January 2015 – Private Drinking Water Protection Committee
- 14 January 2015 – VRS Annual General Meeting
- 20 January 2015 – IESO Webinar – FIT Program
- 21 January 2015 – Bank of Montreal – Signing Authority
- 29 January 2015 – All Candidates Sudbury Riding - Debate
- 6 February 2015 – Strategic Planning Committee met with Conservation Sudbury

#### **Correspondence:**

- 19 December 2014 – EBR 012-2835 – Provincial Bait Policy Review – Bait Use and Commercial Harvest
- 19 December 2014 – EBR 012-2836 – Provincial Bait Policy Review – Angler Use and Movement of Bait Fish in Ontario
- 19 December 2014 – OPA – Draft LRP Comments
- 14 January 2015 – VRS Annual Report
- 23 January 2015 – OPA – FIT and Micro-FIT Comments

**Linda Heron**

<b>VERMILION RIVER STEWARDSHIP</b>					
Income - Expenses - Budget					
	Dec 31 2014	2014 Budget	Dec 31 2015	2015 Budget	Grant Bal.
<b>Revenue</b>					
Contributions	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Membership Dues	665.00	915.00	245.00	800.00	
Grants - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Interest	1.21	2.00	0.00	0.00	
Other	126.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>867.42</b>	<b>917.00</b>	<b>245.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>	
<b>Trillium Grant Installments</b>					\$ 103,200.00
2012 - December					\$ 72,900.00
2013 - June	0.00	0.00	0.00		\$ 48,600.00
2013 - December	0.00	0.00	0.00		\$ 24,300.00
2014 - June	24,300.00	24,300.00	0.00		\$ 24,300.00
<b>Total Grant Proceeds</b>	<b>24,300.00</b>	<b>24,300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>25,167.42</b>	<b>25,217.00</b>	<b>245.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Office	21.48	150.00	0.00	100.00	
Website	157.00	111.00	146.32	160.00	
Honorarium	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	
Membership Fees	125.00	120.00	0.00	120.00	
Meeting Expenses	130.80	100.00	146.90	250.00	
Miscellaneous	126.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>560.99</b>	<b>581.00</b>	<b>293.22</b>	<b>630.00</b>	
<b>Project expenses</b>					
Labs - Water Sampling	24,501.80	25,000.00	0.00		\$ 3,015.20
Conservation Sudbury - Technicians	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00		\$ -
Travel Expenses	1,140.00	4,200.00	0.00		\$ 6,784.99
Operating Expenses	1,178.43	4,400.00	918.00		\$ 5,429.95
Equipment	1,474.03	0.00	0.00		\$ 1,481.10
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>	<b>43,294.26</b>	<b>48,600.00</b>	<b>918.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,711.24</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>43,855.25</b>		<b>1,211.22</b>		
Current period Surplus/Deficit	-18,687.83		-966.22		
Previous period Surplus/Deficit	37,902.01		19,214.18		
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>19,214.18</b>		<b>18,247.96</b>		
<b>Actual Project Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>\$17,629.24</b>		<b>\$16,711.24</b>		
<b>Actual VRS Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>\$1,584.94</b>		<b>\$1,536.72</b>		