

# Minutes of Meeting Vermilion River Stewardship

Wednesday, 13 May 2015

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

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**In Attendance:** Linda Heron, Terry Little, Ron Basso, Byron Basso, Dale Kilbey, Mark Samson, Helen Makela, Ken Makela, Marilyn Shames, Ken Shames

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Ron Basso  
Seconded by Helen Makela

**Adopted**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting: 8 April 2015**

Moved by Byron Basso  
Seconded by Mark Samson

**Adopted**

**4. Reports**

- **Executive** – Linda (Appendix 1)  
Motion to accept by Dale Kilbey  
Seconded by Ken Shames
- **Finance** – Terry (Appendix 2)  
Motion to accept by Mark Samson  
Seconded by Ron Basso

**Adopted**

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**5. Old Business**

- **VRS River Clean-up**
  - 7 June 10:00 am to 3:00 pm - Lunch 2:00 pm
  - VRS volunteers should arrive at 9:30 to prepare
  - Lunch/Barbecue
    - Ken will bring Barbecue
    - Should plan for about 30 to 50 people
    - Byron will approach Vrabs for a donation
      - Hotdogs & Buns
      - Relish, mustard, onions, ketchup
      - Assortment of Juice
      - Bottled water – 8 to 10 flats
      - Napkins & paper plates
      - Ice
      - Garbage Bags
      - Recycling Bags
  - Tools
    - Barges, boats, canoes, life jackets
    - Pails - hard containers for broken glass, etc.
    - Rope
    - First Aid Kit – Ken
    - Scale for weighing garbage - Linda
    - Camera

- Ken will call Solid Waste @ 311 to arrange for pick-up of waste before the date of our clean-up
- Lake will be divided into grid and sections assigned to each boat – Linda to supply map/s to Ken
- Photos – Linda will ask Al Oman
- Ask participants to contribute equipment & donations
- **Wabagishik Rapids – Update**
  - Glenn Thibeault Meeting
    - Questions regarding process if Xeneca sells company or tries to transfer FIT Contracts
    - Awaiting more information
- **Sewage Bypass Alert – Update**
  - Press Release went out – Appendix 3
  - WWT staff said the Alert is working well
  - Lots of people have registered
  - Still have to fine tune the reporting so only bypasses are reported
  - Several people congratulating VRS
- **Lower Vermilion Source Water Quality Monitoring Project – Update**
  - Anoop starts sampling next Monday
  - Will submit a report of final sample sites
  - Removed 5 or 6 from the original 28 Sample Stations
  - 1 site on McCharles is removed
  - Sediment core samples on 2 lakes by Queen's University
- **Fielding Road Industrial EA**
  - Environmental assessment will be completed – which is good

6. **New Business - None**

7. **Next Meeting – 9 September 2015**

## **Appendix 1**

# **Vermilion River Stewardship**

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

**13 May 2015**

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### **Report from Chair**

#### **Meetings:**

- 9 April 2015 – GSWA Fundraising Meeting
- 11 April 2015 – United Walleye Club – All day Conference
- 16 April 2015 – Private Drinking Water Protection Committee Meeting
- 20 April 2015 – GSWA General meeting
- 27 April 2015 – Meeting with Councillor Vagnini
- 11 May 2015 – Green Gathering Meeting

#### **Press Release:**

- 23 April 2015 – Press Release – Sudbury Takes Strong Action to Protect its Citizens – Sewage Bypass Alerts

**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>\$ -</b>
<b>Trillium Grant Installments</b>					
2012 - December					\$ 103,200.00
2013 - June	0.00	0.00	0.00		\$ 72,900.00
2013 - December	0.00	0.00	0.00		\$ 48,600.00
2014 - June	24,300.00	24,300.00	0.00		\$ 24,300.00
<b>KGHM International - Donation</b>			15,000.00	15,000.00	
<b>Total Grant Proceeds</b>	<b>24,300.00</b>	<b>24,300.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>					
	<b>25,167.42</b>	<b>25,217.00</b>	<b>15,245.00</b>	<b>15,800.00</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	20.00	120.00	
Meeting Expenses	130.80	100.00	246.90	250.00	
Miscellaneous	126.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>560.99</b>	<b>581.00</b>	<b>413.22</b>	<b>630.00</b>	
<b>Project expenses</b>					
Labs - Sampling	24,501.80	25,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Conservation Sudbury - Technicians	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	5,691.00	\$ 5,691.00
Travel Expenses	1,140.00	4,200.00	0.00	5,670.00	\$ 5,670.00
Operating Expenses	1,178.43	4,400.00	918.00	2,350.00	\$ 1,432.00
Equipment	1,474.03	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>	<b>43,294.26</b>	<b>48,600.00</b>	<b>918.00</b>	<b>31,711.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,793.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>					
	<b>43,855.25</b>		<b>1,331.22</b>		
Current period Surplus/Deficit	-18,687.83		13,913.78		
Previous period Surplus/Deficit	37,902.01		19,214.18		
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>19,214.18</b>		<b>33,127.96</b>		
<b>Actual Project Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>\$17,629.24</b>		<b>\$31,711.24</b>		
<b>Actual VRS Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>\$1,584.94</b>		<b>\$1,416.72</b>		

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For Immediate Release: 23 April 2015

## **Sudbury Takes Strong Action to Protect its Citizens**

The City of Greater Sudbury has provided a Sewer Bypass Alert Notification, whereby you can register to receive email notification whenever there is a sewage bypass or wastewater overflow at any of their wastewater treatment facilities.

The Vermilion River Stewardship (VRS) lobbied for this real-time Alert to ensure those families relying on the receiving lakes and rivers for their household water and/or recreational activities are notified whenever a bypass occurs, and can take appropriate action.

You are encouraged to register [here](#) to receive Alerts when a sewage bypass or spill occurs. All bypass events will be posted at this location for a period of 7 days after the bypass has ended. Monthly bypass and overflow reports are also available on the Stewardship page.

A sewage bypass can occur when equipment malfunctions or, as is becoming more and more common, during extreme rain events when wastewater facilities can become overwhelmed from the extraneous inflow and infiltration of stormwater into the system.

Citizens must ensure their eve trough downspouts are not connected to the sewer system, as this is a major cause for the need to bypass wastewater, and these hook-ups are illegal. If extreme flows are not bypassed, sewers can back up into basements, and private property and wastewater infrastructure can be damaged.

*"The VRS wishes to thank the City of Greater Sudbury, Jacques Barbeau, Michael Vagnini, and Sudbury Water/Wastewater staff for taking strong action to protect the health and safety of its citizens",* said Linda Heron, Chair of the VRS.

The City of Greater Sudbury is only the second City in Ontario to take action on this important issue, and is working diligently to correct the inflow and infiltration challenges.

*VRS is a Not-for-Profit grassroots organization with a mission to act as a voice for the Vermilion River and its watershed. VRS works to build partnerships and strategic alliances with all other interested parties, communities, stewardships, organizations and industry to ensure clean and healthy water quality, and a balanced and sustainable ecosystem and natural habitat*

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