

MINUTES OF MEETING

Vermilion River Stewardship

Wednesday, 12 April, 2017

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

Present: Linda Heron, Terry Little, Ron Basso, Sheri Purdon, Marc Samson, John Reid, Byron Basso, Bob Little, Betsy Little, Helen Makela, Ken Makela, Lesley Flowers, Marte Holouka

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Byron Basso

Seconded by Ron Basso

Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting: 23 November 2016

Moved by Marc Samson

Seconded by Byron Basso

Carried

4. Reports

- **Executive** – Tabled until next meeting
- **Finance** – Terry (attached)
 - Balance is \$2030.49
 - Directors insurance was cancelled
 - *\$500 of that balance is set aside for sediment core study on Simon Lake - Watershed Advisory Panel grant*

Motion to adopt by Sheri Purdon

Seconded by Ron Basso

Carried

5. Old Business

- **Wabagishik Update - Linda**
 - OWA held an open house at Queen's Park
 - Glen Thibeault showed up
 - No news yet on the IESO FIT 5 Procurement
 - If Xeneca didn't apply then we're home free until at least the 2018 election
 - The National Observer inquired about the first Xeneca Wabagishik PIC back in 2011, where plainclothes OPP Provincial Liaison Team were present to check out VRS activity
- **Lower Vermilion Source Water Monitoring Project**
 - The missing Maxam Lab data has been acquired and a new Conservation Sudbury Final Report is posted on the website
 - Linda will schedule a meeting with the SPC **Action**
 - The City recently used the data in a PIC presentation on Ramsey Lake but did not credit VRS. Leslie was present and mentioned this to the presenter who was apologetic.
- **Installation of Invasive Species Signage – Byron Basso**
 - The GSWA has reimbursed VRS for the costs incurred for the project (\$248.97)

- Photos of the signs have been forwarded to GSWA – not sure about Kusk Lake sign, but the Chair will follow-up **Action**

- **Vermilion River Access/Road Issues**

- John, Sheri, Ron and Marc attended a Nairn Town Council meeting on March 13th to ask for support in resolving issues with parking and road access to Wabagishik Lake with the Greater City of Sudbury. A large portion of the lake is in Nairn however the access road is within City limits
- A letter was sent from Nairn Council to the Roads Committee to express their support
- Chair presented the issue of access to the Vermilion River off of the stub of Wirtanen Road that is being championed by Anita Thomson. She has done research into the Statute Labour Law that deals with Public Trespass Highways. The “Stub” road access was recognized by the Town of Walden before becoming part of Greater Sudbury however a local landowner is interfering with access.
- Councillor Vagnini has the support of four councillors for a motion that Greater Sudbury maintain this access. However a unanimous vote is required which may set a precedent for many similar situations throughout Greater Sudbury

Motion by Marc Samson that VRS write a letter to the Greater City of Sudbury Mayor and Council that they assert ownership, and accept responsibility for maintaining access at the stub of Wirtanen Road at the Vermilion River.

Seconded by Byron Basso

Carried

6. New Business

- **Vale Upgrades to Lorne Falls GS**

- An engineering study is being conducted by Vale into reconstruction/ upgrades to the dam’s spillway
- Impact to the spawning beds below the falls will not be impacted according to Eric Cobb
- There will be no changes to flows and VRS will be consulted as stakeholders for any potential impacts
- The Vermilion/Spanish Water Management Plan (WMP) is going to be put on the ERB website for comments soon. Linda has been suggested to be on the WMP Steering Committee.

- **WW Bypass Events**

- Bypasses continue to be significant (71,436 m³ February, again in March and April)
- There is a need to find out what City’s Water/Wastewater are doing to cut back on bypassing of untreated effluent
- Chair to arrange a meeting with City staff to discuss this issue. **Action**

- **2017 River Cleanup**

- Set for May 27th 10 AM to 2PM at Wabagishik Road lake access
- Basso’s to organize BBQ - lunch
- Chair to prepare flyer and distribute **Action**

7. Round Table Discussion

- **Eurasian Milfoil**

- A control method using jute/burlap weighted by local sand is being investigated by GSWA. It is accepted in Quebec
- In Ontario it has to be permitted by MNRF who will not allow it until it is scientifically proven
- It is expensive (\$2/SF) so is best used in areas of high boat traffic to prevent spreading by being cut by propellers

8. Next General Meeting – June 14th , 2017

Vermilion River Stewardship					
Income - Expenses - Budget					
	Dec 31	2016	Dec 31	2017	Total
	2016	Budget	2017	Budget	Project
Revenue					
Contributions	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	
Membership Dues	500.00	800.00	225.00	800.00	
Grants - Other	248.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sub-Total	748.97	800.00	350.00	800.00	
Project Income					
2012 - December					30300
2013 - June	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24300
2013 - December	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24300
2014 - June	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24300
KGHM International - Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15000
Total Grant Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118200
Total Revenue	748.97	800.00	350.00	800.00	
Operating Expenses					
Office	30.00	100.00	7.50	100.00	
Website	192.90	160.00	177.47	200.00	
Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Membership Fees	220.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	
Meeting Expenses	0.00	250.00	180.80	250.00	
Miscellaneous	248.97	500.00	0.00	500.00	
Total Operating	691.87	1,130.00	485.77	1,170.00	
Project expenses					
Labs - Sampling	11,121.00	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	58106
Conservation Sudbury - Technicians	9,226.00	5,691.00	0.00	0.00	39226
Travel Expenses	9,214.00	5,670.00	0.00	0.00	10829
Operating Expenses	1,998.00	2,350.00	0.00	0.00	5368
Equipment	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	4519
Total Project Expenses	31,559.00	31,711.00	0.00	0.00	118048
Total Expenses	32,250.87		485.77		
Current period Surplus/Deficit	(31,501.90)		(135.77)		
Previous period Surplus/Deficit	33,668.16		2,166.26		
Actual Project Deficit/Surplus	\$152.24		\$152.24		
Actual VRS Deficit/Surplus	\$2,014.02		\$1,878.25		
Surplus/Deficit	2,166.26		2,030.49		