

Vermilion River Stewardship Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 13 June 2018

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

Present: Linda Heron, Terry Little, Ron Basso, Marc Samson, John Reid, Byron Basso, Ken Makela, Dale Kilbey, Betsy Little, Blair Bennett, Dave Grattoni, Rita Grattoni, Debbie Somek, Allan Basso, Jeff Dickson, Judi Niemi, Carl Niemi, Marc Fournier, Darlene King, Claude Lacroix (Guest)

1. Wabagishik Roads Committee:

A special session was held prior to the meeting to allow Claude Lacroix to address VRS members regarding his family's land which is adjacent to the Wabagishik Lake boat launch.

- Committee is exploring the possibility of purchasing this land to resolve a lack of parking for lake residents.
- Property is still owned by Claude's mother although it is currently not being used.
- There is no survey so the boundaries with the road or waterfront are unclear.
- The MNRF contacted him in the past to explore possibility of purchasing land.
- The Lacroix family was meeting the next weekend to consider options for selling all or part of the property.
- Claude promised Committee first right of refusal on the sale of the property.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Byron Basso

Seconded by Carl Niemi

Carried

3. Adoption of 2 May 2018 Minutes of Meeting

Report on Action Items - Linda Heron

- Paul Leale (MNRF) contacted Linda by email on 18 May to say they are still gathering information – he wanted to see why the City was posting the road, and once they have all the information we can look at possible solutions.
- Paul also said at the current time MNRF has no input to the issue at Wabagishik Lake Road
- Chair forwarded Paul Leale's email to Michael Vagnini
- Rolly Frappier said the eggs for all the school micro-hatchery programs are supplied by MNRF
- All the eggs for the 6 to 12 Bell Jar Hatcheries that are run by First Nation communities (Brunswick House, Mattagami and Matachewan) come from their lakes
- All FN hatcheries not only restock the lakes that the walleye culture come from, but they also stock local lakes that are fished by any angler

Moved by Ron Basso

Seconded by Marc Fournier

Carried

4. Reports

- **Executive** – Linda (Addendum 1)
 - Tertiary sewage treatment is in the plan but not until 2030?Motion to adopt by Dale Kilbey
Seconded by Marc Samson **Carried**

- **Finance** – Terry (Addendum 2)
 - Balance is \$2446.24
 - *\$500 of that balance is set aside for sediment core study on Simon Lake - City grant*Motion to adopt by Ron Basso
Seconded by Ken Makela **Carried**

5. Old Business

- **Vermilion River Cleanup**
 - About 30 people attended, less trash than last year
 - Thanks to the Basso family for the BBQ
 - Thanks to Lions for donating \$100 for the cleanup
 - Thanks to Ron Basso who donated the \$100 check from Lion's Club for food to VRS
 - Photos are up on the VRS website Blog
- **Wabagishik Road Access** – see notes above

Action Items:

1. John Reid will contact Baird Jones regarding his offer of financial assistance.
2. John Reid will be in touch with Claude Lacroix to determine the next steps after his family meeting.
3. John Reid will put together a request for assistance from the Nairn Council to be presented at their July 9th Nairn Hyman Council Meeting.
4. Linda Heron will contact MNRF to explore possibility of their involvement.

- **Ella Lake Road Access**

Action Item: Linda will follow up with Paul Leale for an update.

- **Public Access to Shoreline** - Linda
 - The landowner owns to the water's edge and can deny access to the public.
 - The Crown owns the land under the water (Beds of Navigable Waters Act) and the MNRF manages Crown Land (Public lands Act)
 - The Supreme court of Canada ruled while the public has rights to access and use navigable waterways, this right does not include the right to cross private property to get to such waterways.
 - Users rights can be claimed but the burden of proof is on the user to prove the uninterrupted use of the land.

6. New Business

- **GSWA**
 - Chair resigned from the GSWA Board of Directors as she was no longer comfortable with the direction of the organization

- Sheri Johnson joined the GSWA Board of Directors in March as a VRS representative
- Sheri will stay on with GSWA for now

7. Next Meeting – To be determined

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EXECUTIVE REPORT
13 June 2018

Report from Chair

Meetings:

- 2 May 2018 – VRS General Meeting
- 3 May 2018 – Septic Social, GSWA Event
- 7 May 2018 – Drinking Water Protection Committee Meeting
- 14 May 2018 – GSWA Board Meeting – Resigned
- 27 May 2018 – [Vermilion River Clean-up – Ella Lake](#)

Presentations:

- 10 May 2018 – Save the Blue Heart – Patagonia Event, King Street Toronto

Correspondence:

- 15 May 2018 – [Canadian Environmental Protection Act - Review](#)
- 25 May 2018 – [Water and Wastewater Master Plan – VRS Comments](#)
- 1 June 2018 – [Impact Assessment Act – Project List & Information Requirements](#)

Linda Heron
Chair

Vermilion River Stewardship Income - Expenses - Budget				
	Dec 31 2017	2017 Budget	Dec 31 2018	2018 Budget
Revenue				
Contributions	150.00	0.00	105.00	0.00
Membership Dues	400.00	800.00	675.00	500.00
Grants - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	125.00	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	675.00	800.00	780.00	500.00
Project Income				
2012 - December				
2013 - June	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 - December	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014 - June	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
KGHM International - Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Grant Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	675.00	800.00	780.00	500.00
Operating Expenses				
Office	30.00	100.00	12.50	50.00
Website	431.72	200.00	0.00	230.00
Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Fees	220.00	120.00	0.00	120.00
Meeting Expenses	180.80	250.00	300.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total Operating	862.52	1,170.00	312.50	1,000.00
Project expenses				
Labs - Sampling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conservation Sudbury - Technicians	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Project Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	862.52		312.50	
Current period Surplus/Deficit	(187.52)		467.50	
Previous period Surplus/Deficit	2,166.26		1,978.74	
Actual Project Deficit/Surplus	\$152.24		\$152.24	
Actual VRS Deficit/Surplus	\$1,826.50		\$2,294.00	
Surplus/Deficit	1,978.74		2,446.24	