

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Vermilion River Stewardship

Wednesday, 10 April 2019

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

Present: Linda Heron, Terry Little, Ron Basso, Betsy Little, Sheri Johnson, Marte Holouka, Debbie Somek, Thomas Price, Ken Makela, Helen Makela, Marc Samson, Blair Bennett, Debra Bennett, John Reid

Regrets: Byron Basso, Marc Fournier, Dale Kilbey

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt by Ron Basso
Seconded by Marc Samson

Carried

2. **Adoption of Minutes of Meeting: 7 November 2018**

Motion to adopt by John Reid
Seconded by Marte Holouka

Carried

3. **Reports**

• **Executive – Linda (Addendum 1)**

- E-Transfers for payment of memberships were set up at BMO
- The last EA submitted by Xeneca was rejected for second time by MOEC.

Motion to adopt by Helen Makela
Seconded by John Reid

Carried

• **Finance – Terry (Addendum 2)**

- Balance is \$2513.74
- \$500 of that balance is set aside for sediment core study on Simon Lake - Watershed Advisory Panel grant. (See New Business below)

Motion to adopt by Betsy Little
Seconded by Marte Holouka

Carried

• **Roads Committee Meeting Notes – Linda (Addendum 3)**

Motion to adopt by Ron Basso
Seconded by Tom Price

Carried

4. **Old Business**

• **Vermilion River Access**

• **Wabagishik Road – John Reid**

- 20 Nov 2018 Councillor Vagnini's Motion to Council to assign City assistance to help resolve the parking issues at Ella and Wabagishik Road was unanimously passed.
- Council directed staff to explore all possible solutions to continue to provide long-term parking and boat launch access to Ella Lake and Wabagishik Lake water access only property owners and their visitors, and bring a report to Council outlining all options by the end of the first quarter 2019.

- No response from Claude Lacroix regarding parking and boat slips on land adjacent to boat launch - Plan A.
- Plan B would involve paid car only parking (no trailers) on Mario Menard property up the hill is less favourable due to lack of waterfront for boat slips and trailer parking.
- Discussion ensued about what to do about road parking while waiting to hear from Lacroix family.

Motion by Marte Holouka for the Chair to draft a letter to Councillor Michael Vagnini proposing a short-term solution: to designate “permitted parking only” near the boat launch area. Annual single or family (up to 4 vehicles) permits could be purchased and displayed on dashboard. Increased signage would be placed at top of Wabagishik Road and at parking area.

Seconded by Tom Price.

Carried

- **Ella Road – Linda**

- 28 Nov 2018 VRS met with City staff/ Paul Leale, MNRF, Joe Rocca, Traffic and Asset Manager, Adam Webber, Infrastructure Services, Derrick Luetchford, Partnership Specialist (MNRF) & Michael Vagnini (see Addendum 3)
- Looking for a short-term and long-term solution to parking issues
- 2 potential Crown land sites have been offered for a parking lot
- Available through a long-term lease
- Tony Cecutti is working on a report to Council

Action: Chair will work with Andy Punkkinen and John Reid to undertake a topographic GPS survey to determine the best Crown site. Survey and photos of favored option will be submitted to Derrick Luetchford, at MNRF.

Motion by Marte Holouka for the Chair to draft a letter to Councillor Michael Vagnini proposing a short-term solution of designating “permitted parking only” near the boat launch area. Annual single or family (up to 4 vehicles) permits could be purchased and displayed on dashboard. Increased signage would be placed at top of Wabagishik Road and at parking area.

Seconded by Tom Price.

Carried

- AGM Water/Wastewater Presentation: Questions & Answers
 - Self-explanatory
 - No one had any questions or comments.

5. **New Business**

- **2019 Vermillion River Cleanup**

- To be held on Wabagishik Lake June 1st, 10:00 AM.
- Lions will donate \$100 for the cleanup and make 2 cooks available

Motion by Marte Holouka for VRS to donate \$100 to Ron Basso towards supplies for BBQ. Seconded by Ken Makela.

Carried

- **Use of \$500 Watershed Advisory Panel Grant**

- The funds were to be used for a sediment core study on Simon Lake in conjunction with a student from Queen's University - no takers to date.
- Still possibility of a student accepting the project; however, no guarantees.
- Other potential uses were discussed.

Actions:

1. Helen Makela will investigate the cost of Wood Duck boxes to be placed in the Vermilion River Watershed as an alternative.
2. Linda will investigate Turtle Crossing signage at 5 known sites as another alternative.

- **Contribution to Beaver Lake Sports & Culture Club**

- Need to offer something for the use of the Club for our VRS meetings

Motion by Betsy Little to allow Chair to donate \$100, or up to \$200 from VRS funds to the Club for annual use of their facilities.

Seconded by Helen Makela.

Carried

- **GSWA**

- Sheri Johnson informed the board that due to other commitments she cannot represent VRS at GSWA meetings.

Motion by Marte Holouka that VRS withdraw from GSWA.

Seconded by Tom Price. Eight Yea's and Six Abstentions.

Carried

6. **Next Meeting**

- 2019 Vermilion River Clean-up – Wabagishik Lake
- To be determined.

Vermilion River Stewardship
EXECUTIVE REPORT
10 April 2019

Report from Chair

Meetings:

- 16 November 2018 – Andon Design – Website Theme Developer
- 19 November 2018 – Green Gathering – Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury
- 20 November 2018 – Council Chambers for Motion, Ella & Wabagishik Road Access
- 22 November 2018 – Great Lakes Protection Alliance Meeting
- 26 November 2018 – Andon Design – Website Theme Developer
- 28 November 2018 – City/ MNR/ Councillor Vagnini, Re: Ella Lake & Wabagishik Lake Road Access issues
- 11 December 2018 – Julie Gelfand, Federal Commissioner of Environment – Webinar
- 13 December 2018 – Great Lakes Protection Alliance Meeting
- 14 January 2019 – Great Lakes Protection Alliance Meeting
- 22 January 2019 – 10 Year Review of Ontario Endangered Species Act – Discussion
- 14 February 2019 – Great Lakes Protection Alliance Meeting
- 15 February 2019 – Terry & Linda met with BMO to arrange for payments by e-Transfer
- 28 February 2019 – Great Lakes Protection Alliance Meeting
- 28 March 2019 – Greening Winter – Webinar

Presentation:

- 22 November 2018 – University of Sudbury Indigenous Studies – 3 Presentations

Correspondence:

- 30 November 2018 – [VRS comments to Vale, Re: Wabagishik Generating Station Spillway Replacement](#)
- 3 January 2019 – [VRS to City Council – Greater Sudbury Water/Wastewater Master Plan](#)
- 3 January 2019 – [ERO 013-4124 – Proposal to establish a hunting season for double breasted cormorants in Ontario](#)
- 12 January 2019 – [Bill 66 – Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act 2018 – Request to Mayor & Council](#)
- 13 January 2019 – [Speak out Against Bill 66](#)
- 17 January 2019 – [Bill 66 – Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act](#)
- 18 January 2019 – [Mayor's response to VRS 3 January 2019 letter, Re: Greater Sudbury Water/Wastewater Master Plan](#)
- 19 January 2019 – [Bill 66 – ERO – 013-4235 – Repeal of Toxics Reduction Act](#)
- 27 January 2019 – [ERO 013-4208 – A Made in Ontario Environment Plan](#)

Linda Heron
Chair

Vermilion River Stewardship Income - Expenses - Budget						
	Dec 31 2017	2017 Budget	Dec 31 2018	2018 Budget	Dec 31 2019	2019 Budget
Revenue						
Contributions	150.00	0.00	105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Dues	400.00	800.00	675.00	500.00	375.00	500.00
Grants - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	678.00	0.00
Sub-Total	675.00	800.00	780.00	500.00	1,053.00	500.00
Project Income						
Total Grant Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	675.00	800.00	780.00	500.00	1,053.00	500.00
Operating Expenses						
Office	30.00	100.00	30.00	50.00	7.50	50.00
Website	431.72	200.00	282.50	230.00	0.00	0.00
Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Fees	220.00	120.00	100.00	120.00	0.00	100.00
Meeting Expenses	180.80	250.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	678.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total Operating	862.52	1,170.00	1,290.50	1,000.00	7.50	750.00
Project expenses						
Total Project Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	862.52		1,290.50		7.50	
Current period Surplus/Deficit	(187.52)		(510.50)		1,045.50	
Previous period Surplus/Deficit	2,166.26		1,978.74		1,468.24	
Actual Project Deficit/Surplus	\$152.24		\$152.24		\$152.24	
Actual VRS Deficit/Surplus	\$1,826.50		\$1,316.00		\$2,361.50	
Surplus/Deficit	1,978.74		1,468.24		2,513.74	

Vermilion River Stewardship
VRS/City/MNRF Meeting Notes
28 November 2018, 10:00 to 11:50 a.m.
Room C-41, City Hall

Present: Councillor Michael Vagnini; Tom Price; Joe Rocca, Traffic and Asset Manager Supervisor (City); Adam Webber, Infrastructure Services (City); Derrick Luetchford, Partnership Specialist (MNRF), Andy Punkkinen, John Reid and Linda Heron

Purpose: To find a long-term solution to the parking issue at Ella Lake Road boat launch area.

Background:

- Property owners with water access only have been ticketed under the 4-hour parking bylaw. Councillor Vagnini arranged for a short-term moratorium on parking tickets, while a long-term solution is explored.
- Council voted unanimously on Tuesday, 20 November, to adopt a **Motion (Addendum 1)** for City staff to report back to Council by March 2019 on a solution to the parking issues at Ella Lake Road and Wabagishik Lake Road.
- Moratorium will likely hold for now because of City staff involvement in finding a solution.
- Andy provided **map of available Crown land (Addendum 2)**.

Discussion:

- City of Sudbury Roads Department do not have the budget for building a parking lot.
- Plow does not have enough room to turn the maintenance truck around – has to remove snow with a 4X4 – has to back out to an area to turn around.
- Adam often has to call the by-law officer in winter to come and ticket vehicles blocking snow removal – may not come out for a week.
- Need to involve Parks & Leisure and Tony Cecutti.
- Andy has a list of 20 impacted property owners on Ella Lake.
- HCI grant: \$12,500, could apply but usually dispersed for several small projects/activities
- Suggested City widen the road to its maximum 21.5' is standard width – but still wouldn't allow enough parking area

MNRF:

- Crown land along shore on either side of Ella Lake Road – available through a Land Use Permit and an annual fee/lease.
- Not able to assist financially.
- The right side of the road is low and would need a lot of fill – flood plain area.
- Left side is an upgrade in a rocky area.
- Need to present MNRF with a defined plan for the parking area.
- John will ask for someone to help with a GPS topographical survey.

Action Items:

1. John will pursue help to measure elevations, etc.
2. John and Andy will follow up with a topographical survey of the crown land with a GPS to find the best location for a parking lot.
3. Will need to draw up a formal proposal to submit to MNRF.
4. Derek will send Linda a map showing survey pins and boundaries of the Crown land.

From: Manon Depatie
To: Michael Vagnini
Date: 07/11/2018 11:35 AM
Subject: Re: Motion for Ella lake

Michael

Here is the motion text as it appeared on the September 25th agenda:

M-1. Water Access Only Properties on Ella Lake and Wabageshik Lake

As presented by Councillor Vagnini:

WHEREAS Ella Road and Wabageshik Road, which are publicly maintained roads, have served as access points to water only access property owners of Ella Lake and Wabageshik Lake for over 100 years;

AND WHEREAS property owners and visitors of water access only properties on Ella Lake and Wabageshik Lake rely on being able to park and launch their boats from the boat launches on Ella Road and Wabageshik Road to access those properties;

AND WHEREAS Emergency response requirements, parking restrictions, road maintenance requirements and other recent changes have impeded access to property owners of water access only properties on Ella Lake and Wabageshik Lake from Ella Road and Wabageshik Road;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to explore all possible avenues and solutions to continue to provide long-term parking and boat launch access to Ella Lake and Wabageshik Lake water access only property owners and their visitors, and to bring a report to Council outlining any and all options by the end of the first quarter of 2019.

>>> Michael Vagnini 11/7/2018 11:32 AM >>>
Could you please send me a copy?

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