

**VERMILION RIVER STEWARDSHIP
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday, 19 March 2019, 7 to 9:00 pm
Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club

Chair: Linda Heron
Vice Chair: Sheri Johnson
Secretary/Treasurer: Terry Little

Attendees: Linda Heron, Terry Little, Ron Basso, Marc Samson, John Reid, Byron Basso, Sheri Johnson, Dale Kilbey, Margaret Laframboise, Andy Punkkinen, Neeltje Van-Roon, Marte Holouka, Betsy Little, Leah Lepage, Mike Jenson

Regrets: Marc Fournier

1. **Welcome:** Sheri Johnson

2. **Adoption of Agenda**
Moved by Ron Basso, seconded by Neeltje Van-Roon. **CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of 28 March 2018 AGM Minutes ([Addendum 1](#))**
Moved by Marc Samson, seconded by John Reid. **CARRIED**

4. **Presentation of 2018 VRS Annual report:** Linda Heron ([Addendum 2](#)).
Motion to adopt the report by Sheri Johnson, seconded by Dale Kilbey. **CARRIED**

5. **Presentation of 2019 Financial Report:** Terry Little (Addendum 3).
Motion to adopt the report by Marte Holouka, seconded by Betsy Little. **CARRIED**

6. **Elections of Directors and Officers:** Marc Samson
The current slate of officers has agreed to let their names stand for their current office:
Chair: Linda Heron
Nominated by Sheri Johnson, Seconded by Ron Basso
Marc Samson called for further nominations (x3)
Nominations closed by: Marc Samson
Linda Heron Acclaimed
Vice-Chair: Sheri Johnson
Nominated by Ron Basso, seconded by Linda Heron
Marc Samson called for further nominations (x3)
Nominations closed by: Marc Samson
Sheri Johnson Acclaimed

Secretary/Treasurer: Terry Little

Nominated by Dale Kilbey, seconded by a

Marc Samson called for further nominations (x3)

Nominations closed by: Marc Samson

Terry Little Acclaimed

The current slate of Directors has agreed to let their names stand:

Directors:

Byron Basso

Ron Basso

Dale Kilbey

Marc Samson

John Reid

Betsy Little

Mark Fournier

Marte Holouka

Nominated by Andy Punkkinen, seconded by Neeltje Van-Roon

Nominations closed by: Marc Samson

Directors acclaimed

7. **Keynote Speaker:** Mike Jensen, Director of Water/Wastewater and Compliance ([Addendum 4](#))

[Highlights of Water/Wastewater Presentation](#)

- All the \$80M annual budget comes from water meter charges and cannot be used for anything else - became law after the Walkerton incident.
- About 30% of the potable water produced is unaccounted for. This is due to leakage and possibly improper metering. All metering will be upgraded this year to provide real time electronic metering. This will also help locate leakage.
- The Wanapitei plant is only operating at about 40% capacity which will allow the Garson wells to be shut down this year.
- Sudbury does not have a combined waste/stormwater system which is a big plus however problems still exist with stormwater/meltwater getting into the wastewater system. Sewer lining projects and getting older homes to disconnect downspouts and sumps from the wastewater system will reduce/eliminate these inflows and stop sewage bypasses. To date, 170 older homes have been approved for assistance to disconnect sumps from the wastewater system.
- Storm or melt events can lead to four or more times the flow rate into the treatment plants. To prevent bypasses the plants can run over capacity for short periods of time and wastewater can be diverted into Sudbury's unique 4 kilometers of rock storage/drain tunnels. In the event these actions are not enough the (heavily diluted) wastewater is bypassed after being screened (1/4") and chlorinated.

- 6400 loads (58,000,000 Liters) of septic tank sewage have been treated at the Kelly Lake plant since the program was initiated two years ago. This material previously went untreated to landfill sites.
- 6800 dry tons of treated sludge have been created at the Kelly Lake site in the last two years instead of dumping the untreated wet sludge on the Vale tailings pond. The treated sludge is currently being used for greening projects in the Garson area and may be sold as fertilizer in the future.
- Energy saving projects have resulted in a 25% (\$1.2M) reduction in electricity costs through equipment upgrades (e.g. blower) and peak rate avoidance by using the rock tunnels to store wastewater for treatment during times when rates are lower or at Ontario Hydro's request.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

9. Social and Lunch.

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	75.00	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	753.00	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	753.00	500.00
Operating Expenses						
Office	30.00	100.00	30.00	50.00	5.00	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	5.00	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		5.00	
Current period Surplus/Deficit	(187.52)		(510.50)		748.00	
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		\$2,064.00	
Surplus/Deficit	1,978.74		1,468.24		2,216.24	