

# Record of Proceedings - Meeting Minutes Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council

Meeting Date: April 10, 2007	Recorded by: E. McIntyre
Meeting Location: Township of the Archipelago	Status: Approved @ May 24 <sup>th</sup> meeting
<p style="font-size: small;">Caveat: Unless statements are in quotations, they have been paraphrased to express the intent of remarks made by individuals to whom they are attributed. For brevity, only discussion and comments of a significant nature as well as 'action items' arising from discussion are included herein. These minutes represent a true and accurate summary of proceedings to the best ability of the recorder.</p>	

Full Member	Pres.	Abs.	Full Member	Pres.	Abs.
Deb Ratusniak	X		Bill McRobb	X	
Dave Bulger	X		Eric McIntyre	X	
Chris Skelton		X	Doug Wright		X
Terry Crawford, Pres.	X		Mike Palmer	X	
Ray Hachigian	X		Karl Schiefer		X
Greg Mason		x	Peter Agnello*	X	
			Graham Poole* (* Provisional members)		x
<b>Guests</b>			<b>Guests</b>		
Kirsten Spence					

## 1.0 Introduction of Guests

Kirsten Spence – Georgian Bay Coastal Trail Coordinator

- Trail presentation outlining the concepts and models on which the proposed trail is predicated.
- 5-year plan for completion encompassing two stages: Stage 1 from Pointe Au Baril to Britt; State 2 from Britt to French R. (terminus tentatively French R. visitor centre at Hwy 69).
- Trail to be non-motorized (walking only); limited infrastructure for camping and water crossings. High potential as an economic generator and staffing resources required.
- Issues: funding, liability, fire hazard, safety, compliance, infrastructure, staffing, parking. Environmental impacts will be minimal; avoidance of ecologically sensitive areas; low impact camping; minimal infrastructure, controlled access (limited number of people on the trail at one time).

Resolution: The EGBSC is highly supportive of the trail concept as presented and gives a whole-hearted endorsement in principle towards its construction. Carried. **Action: Eric to write letter to GB Coastal Trail Coordinator advising of EGBSC support for this endeavour.**

## 2.0 Review of Previous Meeting (Jan. 6) Minutes

**Action: Ray and/or Greg to advise Graham of the foregoing and report back to Council on Graham's status.** (Done – See item 3.1 following.)

**Action: Eric to invite Scott Finucan to council meeting once options are finalized.**

(Not done because options have not yet been finalized. Scott is aware of our interest in having him present result to Council. Resolution: Eric to contact Scott to set a date for him to give a summary presentation to Council. This to be the date of our next meeting. Carried)

**Action: Eric to follow up with hard copy letter of support to GBA re ballast water issue.**

(Done. Action: Eric to contact Deb and have letter posted in Members Area of our web site for council viewing.)

**Action: 2006 Annual Report: Action – Approved; Eric to have Deb post on web site.** (Done)  
**2007 Annual Work Plan – Action: Eric to make changes and have Deb post on web site.** (Done) Note: The above documents are posted in the “Documents” section of the web site.

Resolution: Minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to be accepted. Carried.

## 3.0 Updates

### 3.1 Membership:

- Graham Poole has accepted full membership in our Council. Consider this first notice re 60-day notice period as per Terms of Reference. There was much discussion amongst members as to the advantages and potential of having Graham as a direct link to the educational system. We welcome him aboard.
- Awaiting conformation from OFAH re nomination of Peter Agnello as their duly appointed representative.
- First Nations representative – Leah Salt recommended by Laura Heidman, PS Resources Liaison Officer. **Action: Eric to contact First Nations seeking their endorsement of Leah Salt as First Nations representative.**
- Others? Discussion: An inland lakes cottage association representative was identified as a vacancy in our Council complement. **Action: Eric to contact Go Home Cottage Association to inquire if they would like to fill this gap on our Council.**

### 3.2 Moon River Enhancement Modelling & Design

- Not currently available; Scott Finucan still working on this.

### 3.3 VHS and Moon River walleye egg collection implications

- Walleye eggs from disease positive waters (including Geo. Bay) cannot be reared at facilities in the disease free zone. Therefore, we cannot get Moon River eggs into White Lake FCS.
- The timely completion of the Moon River walleye rehabilitation plan becomes somewhat of a moot point as it is no longer required to culture walleye at White Lake this spring

- Likewise, EBR posting urgency is much diminished as this too was considered a pre-requisite by the UGLMU for provincial walleye culture.
- Discussion: It appears there may be obstacles, for some time, to us getting Moon River walleye into the Provincial Fish Culture System. Perhaps we should be looking at building our own pond? Even though the stocking plan for Moon River has only a 5-year horizon, we anticipate production from such a pond would be used over an extended period of time to rehabilitate other walleye populations in SE Georgian Bay.  
**Action: Eric to contact UGLMU to seek approval in principle for pond construction and to receive their assurance that authority to raise and stock walleye would be given by MNR.**

### 3.4 Moon River Activities this spring:

- EGBSC will be collecting eggs for rearing at the Moon River Cottages (Bill McRobb's) as per previous years.
- We will also be collecting spawning population monitoring data in partnership with UGLMU.

### 3.5 Moon R. Walleye Rehab. Plan

- Comments from Steve Taylor (Water Control Specialist) and Steve Scholten (Bracebridge Area Fisheries Bio.) have resulted in considerable changes to sections 5.1 (water flow) and 6.0 (synopsis) of the Plan. These changes represent improvements to the Plan and are not controversial. Plan will be posted on our web site in the "Documents" section. Council members are encouraged to review these changes.
- **Action: (Eric / Deb) – Post Version 7 of Draft Moon River Walleye Rehabilitation Plan in Documents section of web site.**
- Plan is now in shape to take to various potential partners for their buy-in. **Action: Eric to send out letters of introduction and copy of plan to various partners.**
- UGLMU requests posting on EBR. **Action: Eric to make EBR posting.**

### 3.6 Increased Enforcement Issue – Section 5.6 of Walleye Rehab Plan

**Recap: Action (from March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting): Re section 5.6 enforcement recommendation of Moon River Walleye Rehabilitation Plan – "whenever possible" added. Council objects to this addition and requests it be deleted. Eric to notify UGLMU.**

- Done. UGLMU responded that they cannot commit to increased enforcement based on current staffing and financial constraints.
- Suggested EGBSC write a letter to Brad Gerrie (Regional Enforcement Operations Manager – Southern Region/Great Lakes) to make a case for increased allotment to UGLMU enforcement staff. Draft letter prepared for Council approval and read to Council.
  - **Action: Eric to send letter to Brad Gerrie with cc to Dave McLeish and Dave Reid.** (Supplemental entry: This was done on April 11, 2007.)
  - **Action: Copy of letter to be posted on web site in Members Area.**

### 3.7 Custodial Co-Management in Conservation Reserves Initiative:

- MOU initiative with Severn River Association of Property Owners (SRAPO) terminated due to fundamental differences in objectives (irreconcilable difference: bush latrine deployment; they objected to this being done). EGBSC and MNR to run an abbreviated program on the Severn River independent of SRAPO.
- Franklin Is / Carling initiative still under discussion with several partners (White Squall, GBLT, GLSKA, West Carling Assn. and Carling Twp) to formulate an ambitious program including summer staff. Tentatively, Carling Twp. to be lead partner.
- Signed MOUs: Bayfield-Nares Islanders Assn. – 1.5k; Wahwashkesh Cons. Assn. – 1.5k; Lower Moon River – 1.5k; Twp. of Archipelago – 4.0k

### 3.8 FMZ Advisory Role for EGBSC:

- Eric read response from Dave McLeish re 3 questions by Council (see item 6, March 6<sup>th</sup> minutes).
- Discussion: Consensus that we need to be engaged in the FMZ advisory capacity otherwise we have no input. This is an advisory role, not a decision-making one.
- **Action: Eric to advise UGLMU that we accept the FMZ advisory role.**  
(Supplementary: E-mail advising such was sent to Dave McLeish on April 11, 2007.)
- **Action: Eric to request expense sheet from UGLMU to cover expenses incurred by members relating to FMZ advisory role.**

### 3.9 COA Update:

- We had applied for three projects:
  - 1. **S. Geo. Bay Walleye Rehabilitation Project – 5/50/50k over 3 yrs.**
  - 2. Contribution to GBBR Wildlife Awareness Project – 2/15/15k
  - 3. Socio-economic study 5/20/20k over 3 yrs
  - Only #1 above received tentative approval
- Lower Moon River Flow study (Steve Taylor) – 15/35/15k not approved
- UGLMU have submitted for Moon R. enhancement project – 10/100/6k approved
- UGLMU have submitted for Geo. Bay Stewardship Council - approved

### 3.10 Deputation to Seguin Council

- Given by Ray & Eric – April 2<sup>nd</sup>

### 3.11 OFAH Invasive Species Awareness Project

- Is a comprehensive educational / outreach program focused on raising public awareness of the environmental threats of invasive species
- Also tracks the spread of invasive species through volunteered based monitoring initiatives and citizen reports.
- Application has been made to Service Canada by OFAH.
- To increase wage from \$9.50/ hr to 11.50 – cost: \$1,265.
- GBBR to contribute \$400; EGBSC to pick up outstanding \$900.
- Resolution: Council supports its participation in this joint venture and authorizes the expenditure of \$900 towards the initiative. **Action: Eric to notify OFAH of our participation in the program.**

### 3.12 Lake Huron Advisory Committee

- Re resolution from previous meeting to cover Terry's costs to attend this meeting, Dave McLeish advises the UGLMU will cover expenses.

### 3.13 EGBSC Coordinator's Position

- Permanent position to be posted by MNR in April 2007
- Terry: The EGBSC have been invited by MNR to have limited participation in an advisor / observer role in the process.
- This is a full-time, OPSEU position and rules governing how it is filled are well defined within the collective agreement.

## New Business

### 4. Year End financial report

- Financial statement received from Westwind. Several deposits are still outstanding and will be included in next year's income.
- Year end financial report to be revised (1k cheque from Archipelago re GBLT contribution) needs to be included. (Supplementary: Above deposit made and balance now true and accurate.)
- **Action: Eric and Ray to sign approval of year-end statement and return to Westwind.** (Supplementary: Done – April 11<sup>th</sup>.)
- **Action: Year end financial statement to be posted in Members Area of web site for council perusal.**

### 5. Socio-Economic Study (Phase 1 – Scoping Report)

- DSS Management Consultants selected to conduct work, based on recommendation from MNR Senior Economist who reviewed proposals
- Budget Submission: \$20,062. EGBSC and MASC had each committed 1.5k to top up 13.5k from Fed-Nor. Consequently, we are \$5,062 short of allocated funds.
- Start-up meeting scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. Bi-weekly report meetings scheduled thereafter with final presentation to Councils. Scoping report to be completed by end of June.
- Need to start looking at funding sources for Phase 2.
- **Action: Sub-committee to track progress: Ray and Eric**

### 6. Web Site

- Need for frequent and time-consuming modifications to web site (i.e. update documents, minutes, issues, etc.). Discussion: A \$500 annual payment was made for the first two years the former council was in existence. No payment since. Deb - \$500 is a bargain for this service.
- Resolution: Upon invoice receipt, \$500/year to be paid to Backwater for services rendered to maintain the EGBSC website. (*This resolution was amended at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to: "Upon invoice receipt, \$500/year to be paid to Backwater for services rendered to maintain the EGBSC website and to be retroactive to 2002."*)
- **Action: Deb to place links to OS, GBA, GBBR, Westwind Forest Stewardship and OFAH web sites on our site. Eric to provide e-mail addresses of these links.**

### 7. Species At Risk (SAR) Legislation

- Stewardship – one of three pillars of the SAR program
- High potential to access funding for projects with a direct or indirect relation to species at risk by the Committee On the Status of Species At Risk in Ontario (COSSARO)

**8. Fun in the Sun – Advertising?**

- Eric wondered if the Council would like to place an advertisement in the Fun in the Sun magazine which is free and receives wide distribution through the Parry Sound area. Target audience is primarily tourists and cottagers.
- Cost: \$178 or 1/8<sup>th</sup> page advertisement; primary colours add \$95 each.
- Discussion: Yes, council would be interested but would want add placement in top right or bottom left.
- **Action: Eric to place ad if above condition can be met.**

**9. Overview of spawning sites related to Southeastern Geo. Bay walleye populations.**

- There was inadequate time available for presentation of this topic. Item deferred to a future meeting.

**10. Date of next meeting:** Eric to contact Scott Finucan and schedule next meeting when Scott is available to make a presentation to Council.