

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

Meeting Date: February 13, 2007	Recorded by: E. McIntyre
Meeting Location: Township of the Archipelago	Status: Draft
<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 Ratushniak	x		Bill McRobb	x	
Peter Agnello		x	Eric McIntyre	x	
Dave Bulger	x		Doug Wright	x	
Terry Crawford, Pres.	x		Mike Palmer	x	
Ray Hachigian	x		Karl Schiefer		x
Greg Mason	x		Graham Poole		x
Leah Salt		x	Gerry Haarmeyer		x
Guests			Guests		

## 1.0 Review / approval January 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes:

Action items from Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> minutes:

- 1.1 Motion: That the EGBSC sign on as a Lake Huron Charter member/supporter. Carried. *(Done)*
- 1.2 Action: Eric to get schedule of cottage association meetings for 2008 *(Done; only 4 responses received.)*
- 1.3 Action: Eric to draft a letter of introduction re above groups *(Done – as per e-mail message to cottage associations related to item 1.2)*
- 1.4 Action: Karl to secure invitation to annual GBA meeting *(Deferred – Karl absent)* **(Action: Eric to e-mail Karl to ensure invitation secured.)**
- 1.5 Action: Eric to investigate promotional 'give away' stuff and cost for above meetings (e.g. Top quality hats, EGB Stewardship Calendar, Poster, Pens, Regulation tapes, etc.) *(Done)*
- 1.6 Action: Eric to draft a one-page newsletter/update brochure that summarizes our 2007 Annual Report. *(Done – copy provided in handout)*
- 1.7 Action: Eric to draft an article re Moon River initiative for submission to GBA Update. *(Done – copy provided in handout; sent to Penny Pepperell @ GBA)*
- 1.8 Action: Eric to contact the Municipality of Killarney as well as Mike Palmer to see if it is acceptable that Mike represent the Municipality. *(Done)*

Motion to approve minutes. Carried

Discussion arising from review of Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> minutes:

- **Action: Eric to investigate cost of pocket folders and canvas bags re handouts at public meetings**

- **Action:** Eric – send Deb copy of 2007 update brochure; Deb to recommend how brochure could be enhanced to be more user-friendly and attractive.
- **Action:** Eric – send Deb old and current logo; Deb to enhance logo with curved name of council around the outside – as per original NCEGBFSC logo.

## 2.0 Updates

### 2.1 'Habitat Rehabilitation & Enhancement Project'

2.1.1 5000 fundraising brochures on order; cost \$1513.00 + tax; costs will be reimbursed by UGLMU COA project

- Next – need to address how to get charitable donation status for American donors and provide directions on our website – as per text contained in our fundraising brochure. **Action: Ray to follow up on this and report at next council meeting.**
- E-mail re introduction of this project sent (Jan. 25) to 69 cottage association reps.
- Purpose of e-mail:
  - Update contact list
  - Request permission to share contact information with other partners
  - Fundraising re Habitat Rehabilitation/Enhancement Project with request for dates of annual general meetings for us to consider attending to promote the project. (Note: Received response from four.)
  - Disseminate 2007 EGBSC Update flyer
- Invitation from Pennsylvania Club to attend their AGM in New Castle, Pa. April 18. Also, GBA Cleveland Conference April 11-13.
  - Cleveland Conference has a broader spectrum of attendees (including Pennsylvania Club) offering good opportunities for contacts re our 'Fish Habitat Enhancement and Rehabilitation Program.'
  - We will attend Cleveland Conference; pass on the Pennsylvania Club AGM – but send a note of thanks for invitation.
  - **Resolution: Ray and spouse to attend Cleveland Conference; expenses to be covered by EGBSC.**

2.1.2 *Fish Habitat Enhancement and Rehabilitation – a Program Outline and Listing of Potential Projects* Report

- As per action item from Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, draft report prepared by Eric and sent to councillors for comment. No comments received to date.
- Hard copy distributed at meeting; any comments – forward to Eric

2.2 Moon River Spawning Bed Enhancement Project:

- Funding currently committed to the Moon R. project: UGLU (COA) - \$100k; EGBSC (COA) - \$50k; OPG - \$40k; UGLMU & OMNR Parry Sound (2007 funding) - \$28k; Total: \$218k.
  - \$18k worth of stone has now been purchased from Duffy's Haulage and stockpiled in their pit.
- First Nations consultation: Whata, Wasauksing & Moose Deer Point have been sent:
  - electronic copies of the Moon River Walleye Rehabilitation Plan
  - Public Notice re Moon R. Spawning Bed Enhancement Project (hard copies)
  - E-mail inviting face-to-face consultation on above project – at their discretion.

2.3 Geo. Bay Biosphere Reserve – Partner projects (Greg):

**Project #1: Species at Risk outreach & education project**

- DVD re “Working in Massassauga Habitat” – draft complete; DVD for contractors to educate them how to deal with Massassauga contacts
- Brochure & poster – copy circulated to Council
- Re-print of rattlesnake fact sheet - in development
- Purchase of ID sheets from Toronto Zoo – ongoing
- Website descriptions of SAR – mostly done; still needs a few range maps/images
- Power Point presentation – in development

**Project #2: ‘Pilot Project’ – Lake Huron Framework for Community Action**

- Draft copy of ‘Public Awareness Document’ (State of the Bay) complete
- Planning re annual meeting with partners/stakeholders underway. Meeting scheduled for March 19, 2008
- Work continuing on GBBR Conservation Committee Strategic Plan

2.4 2007 Annual Report

- Copies distributed to Council at Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Final document now available on our website.
- Report submitted to Aqua-Graphics to be turned into a professional looking document for circulation to our partners; awaiting their response.

2.5 Custodial Co-management on Crown Land (Conservation Reserves)

- 2 MOUs (with Carling & Archipelago Twp.s) have been formulated to facilitate transfer of \$5k from MNR to EGBSC account.
- \$2.5k for Carling to be used for Franklin Island initiative in 2008
- \$1.0k for Archipelago can be used for any partnership along Geo. Bay Coast
- \$1.5k Administrative fee for EGBSC

2.6 Socio-Economic Study:

- (Re) Start-up conference call scheduled for Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Discussion:
- Project needs a northern partner for Fed-Nor funding; possible partners -> Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, Rainbow Country and Westwind.
  - A lead partner has yet to be selected for the project.

### 3. Terms of Reference Amendment

- Amended as per Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
- Resolution to accept Gerry Haarmeyer as councillor with liaison to inland cottage associations. Carried.
- Invite sent to Killarney to attend this meeting as a guest/observer. Unable to attend due to conflict with Municipal council meeting. (*Addendum: Killarney holds Council meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.*)
- **Action: Eric to extend an invitation for a representative to attend as a guest at our next meeting.** (*Addendum: Unable to attend due to pre-scheduled council meeting.*)

## 4. Financial Report

- For information purposes, copy of financial statement distributed to Council
- **Action: Next financial report to indicate how much of the balance in our general funds is committed to various projects and therefore not available for expenditure.**

## 5. Work Planning - 2008

- 5.1 From Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> minutes – consensus to conduct an ESTN survey in the Britt-Byng Inlet area of Geo. Bay. UGLMU indicates the Anishinabek Fisheries Resource Centre conducted an ESTN survey here a couple of years ago. UGLMU will suggest an alternate location when they do their 2008 work planning.
- **Action: Eric to contact UGLMU to determine if data/report from above study is available**
- 5.2 Planning / Meeting EA Requirements for next spawning bed rehabilitation project: Where do we go next?
- Discussion:
    - Consensus that Port Severn may be the best location; Eric to contact UGLMU for their input.
    - Eric to e-mail Karl for input re priority rating of other walleye spawning sites in south-eastern Georgian Bay
    - There is a need for spring-time assessment of candidate sites as well as modelling requirements similar to that done at Moon River.
- 5.3 Sandy Island Stewardship Plan
- **Action: Eric to contact Wendy Cooper to scope out our potential involvement in such a plan, especially as it relates to involving local high school students**
  - Possible candidate partners: Sir Sandford Flemming College, Canadore College, Parry Sound High School

## 6. Business Arising

- 6.1 French River Water Quality Stewardship Council (Mike Palmer):
- Letter of request for donation of \$2.5k received (dated Feb. 4/08) from Joe Dippong, Chairperson of FRSC
  - Mike gave presentation/distributed material relating to the French River Water Quality Stewardship Council. Items covered: Who we are; What we are; timeframe of program; study area; What we do; and Why partnerships.
  - Greg pointed out that many lessons could be learned from the Sturgeon Bay experience relating to blue-green algal events that the Township of The Archipelago has been wrestling with for years. (French R. Stewardship Council to contact Greg directly for information.)
  - Discussion / comments to the effect that this type of project is very consistent with our goals and objectives.
  - Resolution re expenditure deferred until next meeting.
  - Deb: The Council may wish to consider a written policy relating to an Environmental Health and Safety Statement that is posted on our website.

6.2 Rino Ouellete Stewardship Award

- Eric: Need to commence the process with the high school to institute this award.
- **Action: Eric to lead a sub-committed that includes Doug, Dave and Mike to establish award criteria.**
- **Action: Eric to contact Graham to see if he could act as liaison with the PS High School.**

**7. Date for Next Meeting:** March 12, 2008.