

Record of Proceedings - Meeting Minutes Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council

Meeting Date: January 12, 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 Ratuszniak		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	
			* Provisional Member		
Guests			Guests		
Gerry Haarmeyer			Caitlin Chantler & Ashley Gardner, PS High School students		

Introduction of guests: Caitlin Chantler, Ashley Gardner and Gerry Haarmeyer.

1.0 Presentation re Eco-Workshop

In September, Caitlin and Ashley attended the Lake Huron youth summit held at Fathom Five Provincial Park on the Bruce Peninsula. The summit was organized by Environment Canada pursuant to the recently released "*Lake Huron-Georgian Bay Watershed – A Canadian Framework for Community Action*" plan.

- Summit was intended to engage youth leaders to formulate environmental actions and plans to address environmental issues affecting Georgian Bay and Lake Huron.
 - One of the actions taken by the Parry Sound High School attendees was to organize an Environmental Club at the high school
 - Clubs actions include used battery disposal; anti-idling campaign; organizing a water festival and presentations to public schools in the area
- Environmental Issues discussed: Food web changes, invasive species, habitat changes, contaminants and chemicals, human health, climate change, water levels and land uses.
- A complete description of Canadian Framework for Community Action Plan is available at www.lakehuroncommunityaction.ca

Subsequent to the presentation:

Motion: That the EGBSC sign on as a Lake Huron Charter member/supporter. Carried.

2.0 Review / approval November 28th Minutes:

Action Items:

1. **Eric to contact Lloyd Thurston to ask if blasting was part of the Cabin Narrows project in 1980s.**
 - Not required. Bill McRobb has confirmed with photographic documentation that blasting was done in the 1980s.
 2. **Amend fundraising brochure to list only the GBLT as partner on the front page; insert other key supporters within text of the document.**
 - Done.
 3. **Eric to arrange for \$10k to be deposited in GIC account once loan from GBBR is paid.**
 - Will be done once repayment is received; scheduled for end of February.
 4. **Web site updates required re Moon River EA.**
 - Done.
 5. **Action: Ray to report to Council at our next meeting on his deputation to GBLT on Dec. 11th** (See item 3.1.2)
 6. **Action: Eric to contact Gerry Haarmeyer to ask if he would like to sit as a Council member with liaison to inland lake associations. (Done)**
- Motion to approve minutes as presented. Carried

3.0 Updates

3.1.1 'Spawning Habitat Rehabilitation & Enhancement Project' (Ray)

- Copy of flyer circulated to Council
 - Discussion:
 - Several spelling edits noted
 - Insert direction to American donors to go to our website for further instruction

3.1.2 GBLT Partnership re fundraising (Ray):

- In December, Ray and Karl attended GBLT meeting to pitch for a fundraising partnership for our Habitat Enhancement/Rehabilitation Initiative.
- An MOU has been formulated by GBLT. Sets out the protocol as to how funds will be handled. MOU presented to Terry and Ray for signing on behalf of the EGBSC. Eric to forward to GBLT.
- Ray noted the necessity of 'going-on-the-road' to have personal contact with prospective donor cottage associations, municipalities, community groups, etc.
 - **Action: Eric to get schedule of cottage association meetings for 2008**

- **Action: Eric to draft a letter of introduction re above groups**
 - **Action: Karl to secure invitation to annual GBA meeting**
 - **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.)
 - **Action: Eric to draft a one-page newsletter/update brochure that summarizes our 2007 Annual Report.** This brochure could be handed out at the above meetings as well as getting into the Fishing & Boat Show, Bass Pro Shops as a support tool in our fundraising campaign.
- There was considerable discussion around pursuing a ‘supporting membership’ initiative. It was decided to leave this to Ray and his fund-raising committee for further consideration. *(Supplemental: Unfortunately we forgot to appoint a fund-raising committee to help Ray! And as we all know – he needs lots of help! Ray – I’m a bear for punishment - count me in; any others?)*
 - **Action: Eric to draft an article re Moon River initiative for submission to GBA Update.**

Note: An expression of thanks extended to Ray and Karl for their work relating to the fundraising partnership with the GBLT.

3.2 Moon River Spawning Bed Enhancement Project:

- EA Evaluation and Consultation Process outline presented for Council’s information
- Project Description Report and Environmental Screening Report (Step 1 in EA Process) are complete and posted on our website.
- Public Notice (Step 2 in EA Process) was issued in late Dec.; comment period ends Feb. 29, 2008. (This is the stage we are now at.)
- Eric has conferred with Bob Hughes of Georgian Engineering regarding Cabin Narrows navigational barrier. Bob’s comments:
 - It is too late in the season to do any field investigations related to bathymetry
 - An engineered solution to getting a barge past this site would likely be much cheaper than blasting; mused blasting could go as high as \$75k.
 - Recent aerial photography suggests shallow bedrock areas are probably quite extensive.
- Next steps in project are fundraising and First Nations consultation. Laura Heidman, MNR’s Resource Liaison officer has sent a memo to relevant First Nations advising that we are available to attend one of their meetings should they desire.
- 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.
- 2007 OMNR funding:
 - 10k from UGLMU -> for EA requirements, fundraising brochure and purchase of stone
 - 18k from PS District (Steve Taylor) -> purchase of stone
 - Note: purchase of stone noted above is to be made in this fiscal year with stone to be stockpiled and transported to Moon River when construction takes place. We are currently in the process of getting price quotes.

3.3 Geo. Bay Biosphere Reserve – Partner projects:

- Conservation Committee meeting on Monday, Jan. 14th

Project #1: Species at Risk outreach & education project (Glenda Clayton)

- DVD re “Working in Massassauga Habitat” – first draft complete; hope to have final presentation ready by end of January
- Brochure & poster under development by graphic artist; hope to go to print by end of January
- 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
- Work on workshop arrangements have not yet been started.

The GBBR has applied to Environment Canada for an HSP (Habitat Stewardship Project) grant to continue their *Species-At-Risk (SAR) Awareness and Education project* – presently funded by OMNR’s SAR Stewardship Fund until March 31st.

Motion: Whereas the EGBSC is a supporting partner to the GBBR with respect to it’s SAR Awareness and Education Project, be it resolved the EGBSC will contribute \$1.5k towards the project should it be accepted by EC. Carried.

Project #2: ‘Pilot Project’ – Lake Huron Framework for Community Action (Gloria Marshall)

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

3.4 Draft 2007 Annual Report

- Copies distributed to Council. Please forward any revisions to Eric for inclusion in final document.
- Suggested that a dozen or so top-quality copies be made for distribution to key partners / stakeholder groups.
- **Action: Eric – Draft one-page newsletter / update brochure summarizing 2007 Annual Report**

3.5 Custodial Co-management on Crown Land (CRs)

- Project summary report has been sent out to all partners
- MNR has offered \$5k to renew custodial partnerships
- Motion to allocate funding as follows:
 - \$2.5k for Franklin Island as per last year’s partnership lead by Carling Township

- \$1.0k for Great Lakes Sea Kayaking partnership – outer islands of Carling Township
- \$1.5k for Archipelago partnership – money available for a divers array of projects and locations as per MOU
- Carried.

4. Terms of Reference Amendment

- ToR amendment arising from Oct. 23rd meeting minutes have passed 60-day waiting period and can not be approved. Amendments include three new members: Peter Agnello, Graham Poole and Leah Salt.
- Motion to accept amendments as note. Carried.
- Inquiry from Municipality of Killarney to join our Council.
- **Action: Eric to contact the Municipality of Killarney as well as Mike Palmer to see if it is acceptable that Mike represent the Municipality.**

5. Elections

- Motion that existing executive remain in their positions if willing to do so; all were. Carried.
 - Chairperson – Terry Crawford
 - Vice Chair – Bill McRobb
 - Treasurer – Ray Hachigian
 - Secretary – Eric McIntyre

6. Financial Report

- Copy of financial statement distributed to Council
- Discrepancy noted that \$1k donation from Tadenac Club was absent from transaction listing.
 - *(Supplemental: Above discrepancy investigated by Eric. Discrepancy an inadvertent omission; duly corrected and will appear on next financial report..)*

7. Work Planning - 2008

- Draft work plan handed out for discussion purposes:
 1. Invasive Species Community Outreach & Education Project - Consensus to continue with project
 2. Lake Stewardship Workshop – Consensus to continue
 3. Custodial Co-management Project – Consensus to continue
 4. Moon R. Walleye Culture & stocking – Consensus to continue. Depending on availability, it would be highly desirable to provide the Tadenac Outlet rehabilitation site with walleye fry and/or fingerlings this spring. Action: Eric to confirm this arrangement okay with UGLMU.
 5. Moon R. Walleye Spawning Bed Project – proceeding on assumption work will be conducted in 2008.
 6. Bass Nest Creation Project – Consensus to continue.
 7. Harris Lake Walleye Culture Project – Consensus to adopt this project

8. ESTN Survey – Consensus to conduct this project. Britt / Byng Inlet area suggested for 2008. Eric to confer with UGLMU and PS District that this is acceptable.
9. Socio-Economic Study – Consensus to continue. Action: Eric to contact Bob Florean to ‘start the ball rolling.’
10. GBBR project support – Consensus to continue.
11. Species at Risk Stewardship Project – Draft project design received from Jeff Spears at UGLMU. Design is very intensive – requiring 2 man crew for 1 month. Council unable to make such a manpower commitment especially considering conflicting projects in the same timeframe (ESTN survey / walleye culture / preparation for lake workshop). Consensus not to proceed with project.
12. Adopt-A-Pond: Potential partnership with Parry Sound Nature Club; low intensity monitoring / assessment project. Intended to get more in-the-field public participation. Consensus to proceed.
13. Planning / Meeting EA Requirements for next spawning bed rehabilitation project: Consensus to proceed.
14. Walleye Culture / Index Spawners Survey at Village of Magnetawan: Consensus to proceed contingent upon PS OMNR District Office approval and notification to Parry Sound – Muskoka Stewardship Council.

Additions:

15. Tadenac Walleye Pond Rearing Site Assessment: Consensus to proceed.
16. Sandy Island Stewardship Plan partnership with GBLT and PS High School: This will need to be lead by GBLT who have not yet indicated an outreach for partners. Nonetheless, we can still express or desire to be involved with such a partnership.

8. Business Arising

- Karl: We should have some kind of stewardship award to recognize exceptional efforts by our partners.
 - **Action: Eric to look into options and costs of having such an award.**
- Action: (All) Next meeting – bring in your favourite ball cap.

9. Date for Next Meeting: Wed. Feb. 13th