

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

Meeting Date: Wed. Feb. 25, 2009

Recorded by: E. McIntyre

Meeting Location: OMNR Parry Sound Dist. Boardroom

Status: Approved

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Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	Abs.	Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	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	
John Bell	x			Gerry Haarmeyer		x	

Guests:

- Rob Gibson – UGLMU Enforcement Supervisor
- Cate Ahrens – GBBR
- Keith Smith (Parry Sound Anglers & Hunters) & Roy Warriner

Handouts provided to Council members included:

- EGBSC Letter to Fisheries Branch (Feb. 2) and Feb. 12 reply
- Financial Statement
- Draft Work Plan Outline
- GBBR Environmental Education Facilitator Proposal (from GBBR)
- Letter Re Chimney Swift (Feb. 19) (From Parry Sound Nature Club)
- Fall 2008 Long Point Waterfowl Newsletter (Information Item from Gerry Haarmeyer)

## 1.0 Welcome Guests & Guest Presentations

### 1.1 Cate Ahrens (GBBR):

- Provided an over-view of GBBR initiatives including: Communications Plan; SAR / Awareness Project (Glenda Clayton lead); Educator's Network; Education Advisory Committee; New Manager(s)
- Looking to employ an Environmental Education Facilitator to develop lesson plans on species and habitats that fit with current curriculum. Would identify field trips and outdoor sessions near each school; train teachers and launch a series of Lessons-in-the-backpack. Facilitator would support teachers in and outside the classroom, provide online resources and engage community volunteers in helping with program. Program intended to be self-sustaining in two years. (Outline

provided in handouts)

- Seeking Trillium funding for the position of Facilitator, but partner support dollars are required also. Seeking \$40,000 over 2 years from partners.

See Item 6.1 for discussion on this topic.

#### 1.2 Rob Gibson, UGLMU Enforcement Coordinator

- Presentation re over-view and objectives of the UGLMU enforcement program
- Discussion:
  - Need for enforcement presence to 'show-the-flag' in order to act as a deterrent to violators.
  - Council recognizes that enforcement is an integral part of MNR's fisheries management program; we wish to contribute to the program in any manner that we can.

#### 1.3 Keith Smith (Parry Sound Anglers & Hunters) & Roy Warriner:

- Roy provided an ecological perspective of the Ontario Huntcamps Association philosophy with respect to wildlife habitat enhancement, particularly for deer (tree/brush planting for diversity; browse plots to stimulate new bud growth for feed; creating edge and corridor habitat; providing sanctuaries.)

**Action: Eric to advise Cate Ahrens of linkages between wildlife habitat messages delivered by Roy and possible curriculum content for Educator's Network.**

*Note: It was approximately 8 pm at this point in the meeting and quite evident we would not succeed in covering the agenda. High priority items on the agenda were selected to be dealt with, other deferred to the next meeting.*

## 2.0 Review Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes/Action Items:

- Deferred to next meeting.

## 3.0 Updates:

### 3.1 GBBR Update:

- See item 6.1

### 3.2 Regional Economic Development Fisheries Action Plan (formerly Socio-economic Study)

- Eric spoke with Bob Florean. Zone D – OFAH have indicated support in principle for the project.
- Ivan Filion currently busy with another contract; will get to ours shortly.
- **Action: Eric to contact Bob to set-out a timeline for project.**

### 3.3 Fishing Tournament Issue:

- Deferred to next meeting

### 3.4 2008 Twelve-Mile Bay ESTN Survey

- Deferred to next meeting

- 3.5 2008 Five-Mile Bay SLIN Survey
  - Deferred to next meeting
- 3.6 French R. (Water Quality) Stewardship Council
  - EGBSC \$1250 contribution due March 2009
  - **Action: Eric to make payment.**

#### 4.0 Financial Report

- Copies of report distributed in handout

#### 5.0 Work Planning

- 5.1 2009 Work Plan Proposal
  - Deferred to next meeting

#### 6.0 Business Arising / New Business

- 6.1 GBBR proposal re Environmental Education Facilitator (This item relates to a portion of the presentation given by Cate Ahrens at the beginning of the meeting – Item 1.1)

Discussion:

- Council is very interested in contributing to this very worthwhile endeavour.
- **Action – Eric to ask Greg Mason to speak to this issue at next meeting; request specific amount for contribution.**

- 6.2 Parry Sound Nature Club proposal re Chimney Swift nesting structure
  - Letter from Glenda Clayton (PSNC) - part of Council hand-out package

Discussion:

- Council would be happy to contribute to this project.
- **Action: Eric to contact Glenda to determine contribution request amount. Add to work program.**

- 6.3 Parry Sound Anglers & Hunters re Food Plots Project

- Defer to next meeting

*Note: There was some misunderstanding regarding this item as was anticipated that Keith Smith (PS Anglers & Hunters) and Roy Warner would present a proposal to our Council. Such was not the case as their presentation did not include a project proposal.*

- 6.4 Meeting with Shawanaga First Nation Council – Feb. 23

- Eric met with Shawanaga FN Council on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> to introduce our Council to them and encourage their participation with our Council
- They pointed out that Wikwemikong FN also within our Council area – namely Grondine Point
- FN councillors emphasized they have an interest in their traditional lands between Parry Sound and Magnetawan River, in addition to their Reserve lands. They seemed very interested in our Council activities.
- Discussed briefly possible signage project related to their sacred 'Turtle Rock' where they report inappropriate activities and 'offerings'.

- Asked EGBSC to support the establishment of an aboriginal CO in Parry Sound District.
- Topics of interest: Camping on Crown lands and garbage; zebra mussels; cormorants; educating children to become good stewards of the land.
- Eric asked them to consider a Shawanaga FN liaison person with our Council.

Discussion:

- Council concurs that an aboriginal CO is a good idea.
- **Action: Eric to draft response to Shawanaga FN indicating our willingness to partner on a project for signage at Turtle Rock; add to work program. Also request a Shawanaga FN member join our Council.**

#### 6.5 Membership:

- Leah Salt has resigned her position on Council. Accepted.
- General Discussion on existing membership and who we might invite to join our Council.
- Action: Eric to ask Doug Graham to sit-in for next Council meeting**  
**Action: John B. to ask Dave Powell to sit-in for next Council meeting**  
**Action: Eric to ask Graham Poole if he would like to continue or resign as Council member with the expectation for more involvement if he remains.**

#### 6.6 Other:

- Meeting to discuss cooperative working relationship between EGBSC and GBA to be held Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. Action: Ray, Terry, Karl and Eric to attend on behalf of our Council
- The above meeting will be followed by a meeting between GBA / GBAF / GBLT / GBBR and EGBS following above meeting. Above folks to attend this meeting also.
- Joint EGBSC / GBBR sponsored symposium re Crown land Stewardship scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 7.0 Date for Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2009