

Record of Proceedings - Meeting Minutes Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council

Meeting Date: Wed. Sept. 23, 2009

Recorded by: E. McIntyre

Meeting Location: OMNR Parry Sound Dist. Boardroom

Status: Draft

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

Guest: Glenda Clayton

Handouts provided to Council members included:

- E-mailed before hand:
 - FMZ-14 Invitation letter
 - Draft Notes of Sept. 18 Economic Revitalization Mtg. (sent Sept. 22)
- Distributed at Meeting:
 - Financial Report
 - Budget From Concept Paper – Economic Revitalization Project
 - Draft Notes of Sept. 18 Economic Revitalization Meeting

1.0 Guest Introductions – Glenda Clayton

2.0 Review Aug 20th Minutes/Action Items:

Resolution: Mike P / Terry C / Ray H and Eric M to represent the EGBSC at the Sept. 18th multi-stakeholder meeting. (Done)

Action: Eric to contact UGLMU recommending a regular schedule of assessment surveys for walleye and muskie in the Moon River area. (Done – sent Aug. 25)

Action: Eric to write a letter of support to FRSC re fisheries rehabilitation initiative (Done – Sent Aug. 25)

Minutes accepted; carried.

3.0 Updates:

- 3.1 Go Home Bay Walleye Rehabilitation (Re-introduction) Project
- Tender has been awarded to Schlager Inc. for \$22.8k. Bids ranged from \$22.8 – 74.9k. Surplus funds returned to COA.
 - Work to commence at their discretion, but project must be finished before Nov. 13.
 - For stocking this site – Category B Environmental Assessment to be completed this winter.
- 3.2 Tadenac Bay Walleye Culture Project:
- Conducted snorkel assessment on July 1st; follow-up assessment conducted by Karl and Eric on Aug. 27. Karl saw a couple of y-o-y walleye; Eric saw none.
 - **Action (Eric): Draft project report in preparation; to be circulated upon completion.**
- 3.3 Moon River Walleye Culture Project (Bill)
- Project complete. Planted 433 summer fingerlings from Moon River Cottages' pond; 5600 early summer and late summer fingerlings have been received from Venard Robitaille.
 - \$6,253 of \$15k allocated as per Jan. 10 meeting minutes (Item # 6.2)
- 3.4 Economic / Fisheries Re-vitalization Project; multi-stakeholder meeting Sept. 18th;
Synopsis:
- Draft notes of meeting distributed to council by e-mail (Sept. 22)
 - In attendance: UGLMU (MNR), Parry Sound District (MNR), Min. Tourism, FedNor, GBBR, EGBSC, Manitoulin Area SC, Ontario Stewardship, idNOR Inc., Min N. Devlt Mines & Forest, OFAH
 - Previously, support letters have been received from OFAH (Terry Quinney) and NOTO (Doug Reynolds)
- Discussion:
- Very positive tone to the meeting
 - Concern expressed re seemingly extensive field component of Phase 1 as indicated by the budget – thought this was more of an information gathering and synthesis of information exercise
 - Need to consolidate the organization and administration of this initiative; phase 1 largely an administrative phase
 - Need to hire a project coordinator and perhaps 2 interns -> one fisheries related, one economics related
- 3.6 Moon River Flow Regime – Sub-committee Report:
- No sub-committee meeting has occurred – Eric preoccupied with Go Home Bay project and holidays
 - A synopsis has been pulled together for committee members.
 - Very onerous and time consuming for us to come up with specific operational directions (Eric tried and gave up)
 - Eric recommends refining the decision matrix worked up by MNR water control

- staff and having a meeting with MNR to discuss our recommendations
- (John B) Need for public education of cottagers and building officials; suggest pamphlets / workshop / meeting
- (Eric) Suggest a workshop on this topic in 2010 to replace our annual lake stewardship workshop
- (Greg) Need to get a key contact person from Muskoka Lakes involved in this initiative; we can't begin a relationship until we do; suggest exploratory meeting with Muskoka Cottagers' Assn./ Judy Brouse and Mike Walsh would be key people to involve in this
- Action: John Bell to seek out potential Muskoka Cottagers' Assn member for our Moon River flow sub-committee
- Action: John Bell added to Moon River flow sub-committee
- (Glenda) There are numerous other species in addition to fish that are impacted by highly variable flows and water levels; consider an article in the Muskoka Sun

4.0 Financial Report

- Financial statement presented to Council
- Missing \$1.5k commitment of GBBR Env. Education Program (Supplemental: Cheque sent to GBBR in accordance with Item 3.1, March 24/09 minutes.)
- Matter of financial bonus for Stewardship Rangers: (Terry) Defer to next meeting

5.0 Business Arising / New Business

- 5.1 Fall Central Zone Ont. Stewardship Council meeting – Oct. 5 & 6, Talisman Resort
- If anyone would like to attend (and we would like a council member to attend), please notify Eric

- 5.2 Designate Mike Palmer as EGBSC representative on French River (Water Quality) Stewardship Council; agreed. **Action: Mike to represent EGBSC on FRSC.**

Update from Sept. 18th meeting of FRSC (?)

- Fish Habitat Rehabilitation Initiative
 - Eric has had discussion with Mac Heddle about this; referred the FRSC to Sudbury District MNR staff
 - Will provide further updates as they become available

- 5.3 FMZ-14 Invitation to participate letter (received Sept. 16)

- Electronic copy sent to Council Sept. 16
- Request to respond re Oct. 31 proposed meeting

Discussion:

- Terry has received invitation to be on the FMZ-14 Council – but not as an EGBSC representative
- **Action: Bill McRobb and Karl Schiefer to represent EGBSC with Eric as alternate**

- 5.4 Request from UGLMU for us to conduct Big Sound LT egg collection for thiamine analysis:
- Eric recommends we do so contingent upon the project not conflicting with the Go Home Bay walleye spawning bed enhancement project. Agreed & carried.
 - **Action (Eric): To request UGLMU that VHS testing also be conducted on lake trout eggs collected.**
- 5.5 Moon River Memorial
- (Bill) Family/friends of drowning victim(s) have erected a memorial at Moon River Falls. Talked to about 27 people; 24 opposed, 1 neutral, 2 'think it's great'.
 - (Eric) It's a crown land occupancy matter; let the MNR deal with the matter through due process.
 - **Acton (Eric): Advise MNR we would like to see the issue addressed before vandalism occurs and surviving family members insulted. (Moon Basin Marina can provide family contact information.)**
- 5.6 Fundraising – Art Auction
- (Eric) A gentleman who is a woodcarver has offered us one of his carvings to auction for fundraising purposes. He advised they retail for about \$500.
 - Consider contact information booth (or alternate suitable location) south of town for silent auction.

7.0 Date for Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2009