

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

Meeting Date: Wed. Feb. 24, 2010

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Meeting Location: OMNR Parry Sound Dist. Boardroom

Status: Approved (March 24, 2010)

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Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	Abs.	Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	Abs.
John Bell		x		Bill McRobb	x		
Brian Emery	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			Glenda Clayton		x	

Guest: Joe Dipong (Chair, French River Stewardship Council)

Handouts provided to Council members included:

- Distributed at Meeting:
  - Proposed Go Home Bay Notice re "Do not move rock."
  - E-mail McIntyre to EGBSC; Feb. 8/10 Re Negotiations Update with UOI
    - Website information for Union of Ontario Indians (UOI)
    - Website information for Anishinabek –Ontario Resource Management Council
  - Draft 2010 Work Plan
  - Financial Report (complete to Jan. 31/10)
  - Project Description – White Squall Outer Islands Custodial Project

## 1.0 Guest Introductions & Welcome – Joe Dipong

## 2.0 Review Jan. 16, 2010 Minutes/Action Items:

- 2.1 **Action: There is a need for signage at Go Home Bay Chutes to inform cottagers not to relocate rock used to enhance the spawning site.** (Proposed sign distributed to Council for review; see item 3.1 of these minutes)
- 2.2 Item 3.2 from Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – Moon River Flow sub-committee report:
- **Action: Eric to determine when MRWMP is up for review.** (Answer: 2016; but there is a provision for plan to be 'opened' if a major modification is deemed necessary.)
  - **Action: Council to monitor flow during spring-freshet for compliance with**

- proposed flow curve.** (Will be done following freshet.)
    - **Action: Eric to formulate reply to MNR**
      - **thanks for their positive response to the issues;**
      - **looking forward to MNR's formal position**
      - (Supplemental: Letter formulated Feb. 2/10 and sent; see item 3.2 of these minutes)
- 2.3 **Action: Eric to make \$1.5k payment to the Georgian Bay Coastal Trail and request copy of feasibility study once complete.** (Done)
- 2.4 **Action: Dave Bulger and John Crawford to act as trustees to review 2009 financial statement.**
- 2.5 We have verbal commitments from the Pennsylvania Club and the Iron City Club for donations, but none received. **Action: Eric to contact them in this regard.** (Done; see item 4.0 of these minutes)
- 2.6 Item 5.3 From Jan 16 Minutes: How to handle requests for donations:  
**Action:**
- **All requests to be made in writing**
  - **Eric to draft a request form**
  - **Requests to be reviewed by Council 3 times a year**
- Incorporate foregoing in by-laws** (Done)
- 2.7 Correction: Item 2.0 – Should read “Review Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes” ... not Sept. 23rd

Motion by Mike Palmer to accept the Minutes of January 16, 2010; second by Dave Bulger; carried.

### **3.0 Updates:**

- 3.1 Go Home Bay Walleye Rehabilitation (Re-introduction) Project
- Second component will be re-introductory walleye plantings commencing 2010 and continuing for 3 years
  - MNR has ‘signed off’ that project is a Category A under the Class EA – Resource Stewardship and Facility Development; project can proceed
  - Draft sign re “Do Not Relocate Rock” for Go Home Chutes
    - Recommended changes: i) Enlarge and move “Please Do Not Relocate Rock” to top; ii) Indicate EGBSC project – in smaller print near bottom
- 3.2 Moon River Flow Regime – Sub-committee Report:
- Letter sent to Andy Heerschap, PS OMNR District Manager re EGBSC preliminary response
  - No reply from MNR to date; MNR has indicated they will be responding shortly

### 3.3 Economic/Fisheries Revitalization Initiative:

- i.d.Nor has submitted invoice in the amount of \$7480 for services rendered; payment made by EGBSC; next instalment to be paid for by MASC.
- (Information from the websites of the UOI and Anishinabek-Ontario Resource Management Council (AORMC) distributed in handouts)
  
- Update from Ivan re negotiations with the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) sent to members on Feb. 8/10 (Copy in handouts)
  - UOI have indicated they want to be full participants in this initiative – not just as signatories as an interest group
  - UOI have suggested the following changes to the Concept Paper:
    - i) Revise Introduction to include Conservation goal and allocation priority (i.e. conservation, then subsistence, then sport & commercial fisheries). The foregoing is in accordance with the Sparrow Case ruling and is in-fact the law of the land; by including it – we are simply recognizing what currently exists.
    - ii) AOFRC to be collector of data
    - iii) Approach AORMC for support/endorsement of initiative; such endorsement would allow AOFRC to become involved as a project partner

#### Action:

1. Ivan to re-write the Concept Paper with UOI recommended changes. Council will review at next meeting.
  2. Eric to contact Andy Houser for an 'outside perspective' on how these changes might impact support for the initiative
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- GBBR Conservation Stakeholder Meeting (March 5<sup>th</sup>) and Life in the Biosphere Event (March 6<sup>th</sup>) will feature Ivan giving a presentation on the Economic/Fisheries Revitalization Initiative at both. Members are encouraged to be in attendance. Action: Eric to send out agenda reminder (Done – Feb. 25).

### 3.4 2010 Work Plan

- Copy of Draft Work Plan distributed in handout
- Will be posted to our website. This is one of the MNR requirements in order for us to obtain annual seed funding.
- The work plan is subject to on-going revisions throughout the year and we are not necessarily committed to exactly what is in the draft Work Plan.

## 4.0 Financial Report

- Financial statement presented to Council for review.
- 2009 Financial Report has been reviewed by Trustees; no irregularities. Trustees have signed-off that the 2009 financial statement is a true and accurate account of EGBSC financial dealings.
- \$861 cheque from GBLT received; money from Great Lakes Basin Conservancy (American donations towards our rehabilitation fund). Unable to determine who made the donation.
  - Action – Eric to contact Pennsylvania Club and Iron City Club to ascertain if donation from them; respond accordingly with thank-you letter.

## 5.0 Business Arising / New Business

### 5.1 Deputation by Joe Dipong – French River (Water Quality) Stewardship Council

Joe thanked the EGBSC for our continued support of their Council and looks forward to this continued mutual cooperation between Councils.

Update on project the French River SC have been up to:

1. Tree Planting Project
  - Began in 2008 with 500 trees planted
  - 2009, incorporated elementary schools with 1000 trees planted
2. 3-Year Water Sampling
  - 16 sampling sites; 180 duplicate samples taken; sampling from upper reaches of French River (outflow of Lake Nippissing) to Georgian Bay
  - Primarily sampling phosphorus levels
3. Noelville Lagoon Project
  - Experimental project to demonstrate potential for improved effluent discharge
  - Engineering firm (on contract) has completed septage plan for improved efficiencies in lagoon operation
4. Fisheries committee
  - Following up on project commenced by MNR in 1990s
  - Have selected candidate sites for spawning bed rehabilitation work

### 5.2 Pike Fishing Tournament

Potential exists for our Council to become involved with a spring, Pike Fishing Tournament in Parry Sound. Opportunity exists for us to assist with local economic benefits associated with the tournament as well as valuable biological data collection.

### 5.3 FMZ-14 Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled for Sat. March 27<sup>th</sup> in Sudbury
- The Upper Great Lakes Management Unit is looking for our three top priority items.

Discussion:

- Unfortunately inadequate time available to fully discuss at this meeting.
- A couple of potential priorities:
  - Address VHS as an inhibitor to getting Georgian Bay walleye into the Provincial Fish Culture System
  - Walleye rehabilitative plantings – why is this not being effectively used as a management tool?
- Action: Eric to send out e-mail asking for members comments in this regard.

5.4 Invitation from Severn Sound Environmental Association / Town of Midland to attend “Sustainability Advisory Team (SAT)” event – Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>

- Eric to attend on behalf of the EGBSC

5.5 Ardbeg 4X4 Land Use Issue

MNR has invited us to participate in helping to collect information and assist with finding a resolution to an issue involving conflicts between 4x4 ‘mudders’ and cottage owners who share an un-official, common access road between Black Lake and Bolger Lake.

Discussion:

- ‘Our plate is pretty full with other projects ... do we want to take on another one?’
- (McIntyre) We could probably have our Stewardship Rangers work on this for several days with no impacts to our other planned and on-going projects.
- ‘Let’s find out more about this before we decide how to proceed.’
- Action: Eric to send out background information to Council members.

5.6 White Squall Outer Islands (Custodial activities) Project

- Project outline circulated to members in handout

Discussion

- (McIntyre) Project is very similar to the GLSKA partnership we had a couple of year’s ago. We have adequate surplus money in our dedicated funds for custodial work; this is the kind of partnership on which our MOU with MNR is based. Recommend dedicating \$1k to the project – same as the former partnership with GLSKA. Also 1/5<sup>th</sup> of anticipated \$5k cost for five potential partners.
- Action: Complete ‘Request For Donation Form’ and table at first meeting after May 1 as per by-law (Section 3.5)

5.7 Central Ontario Ortho-photography Project (COOP) - High Resolution Imagery

Collaborative opportunity for public and private sector organization (44 to date) willing to provide funding support to access and use high resolution photography according to their needs.

Discussion:

- Do we want to become a financial supporter and partner in this initiative?
- Although this is a worthwhile project ... what benefits will accrue to us?
- A \$500 – 1000 contribution is a big deal for us, but its pocket change for many of the 44 partners listed; will our contribution be meaningful?
- Council declines becoming a financial supported of this project at the present time.

## 5.8 GB-5 Update – Strategic Planning

Feb. 4/10 – Ray & Eric attended GB-5 Meeting in Toronto re cooperative strategic planning amongst members (GBA, GBF, GBLT, GBBR & EGBSC)

- (McIntyre) 'I would not recommend EGBSC participation in a major planning initiative – too expensive and time consuming. However, a one-day workshop to come up with a joint-manifesto of mutual values shared by members could be quite useful. It would allow us to indirectly state our position (values) on a number of issues without being accused of lobbying.
- Eric and Ray to form a sub-committee to keep Council informed in this matter.
- Wait and see how this issue develops and bring back to Council as the situation dictates.

## 5.9 First Nation Matters:

Update on 'Chief's meeting' held Feb. 17 @ Kellerman's Resort

- Eric attended on behalf of the EGBSC
- 3 purposes in attending:
  - i) Put a face to the EGBSC – Who & What we are
  - ii) Appeal for FN membership on our Council
  - iii) Introduce the Eco/Fish Revitalization Initiative to FNs
- Through MNR's FN Liaison Officer, we have requested to make a deputation to First Nation Council in our Council area

## 5.10 Membership:

Resolution: The EGBSC is pleased to accept the nomination of Brian Emery as the representative of the PS Anglers & Hunters on our Council. We hereby bestow upon Brian all the privileges, honours, prestige and ceremonial gratuities of being a full Council member. Motion by: Mike P.; Second: Greg Mason; Carried. Welcome Brian!

## 5.11 Other business raised by members:

Bill is aware of an individual from the Muskoka Lakes area who is interested in information relating to fish habitat rehabilitation process. He is welcome to attend one of our meetings as a guest.

## 7.0 Date for Next Meeting: Wed. March 24, 2010