

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

Meeting Date: Sat. Jan. 15, 2011

Recorded by: E. McIntyre

Meeting Location: OMNR Parry Sound Dist. Boardroom

Status: Approved at Feb. 23 meeting.

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.

Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	Abs.	Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	Abs.
John Bell		√		Bill McRobb	√		
Brian Emery	√			Eric McIntyre	√		
Dave Bulger	√			Doug Wright	√		
Terry Crawford, Pres.	√			Mike Palmer	√		
Ray Hachigian		√		Karl Schiefer	√		
Greg Mason	√			Gerry Haarmeyer	√		
John Crawford	√			Glenda Clayton	√		

Guest: Dan Duggan – OMNR Parry Sound Area Supervisor

Handouts provided to Council members included:

- Series of e-mails between McIntyre/Filion/Floean re Economic / Fisheries Revitalization Project progress (dated Jan. 9&10)
- 2010 Annual Report (Prototype for public release) & 2010 Update
- Series of e-mails (McIntyre / Mohr) re Draft Strategic Policy for Commercial Fisheries
- EGBSC Council Review (Report)

Information previously provided by e-mail only:

- Final draft of Lake Stewardship Workshop Outline sent to Council – Dec. 9/10
- EGBSC Council Review (Report)
- Econ / Fish. Revitalization Initiative – Jan. 12, 2011 Concept Paper

## 1.0 Guest Introductions & Welcome – Dan Duggan

## 2.0 Review of Dec. 1/10 Minutes / Action Items:

2.1 **Moon / Muskoka River – Bala Workshop:** Action: Eric to prepare project outline; circulate to Council for comment then forward to Trevor Griffin. (Done. Further discussions with MNR have taken place – see Item 3.3 of these minutes)

2.2 **Economic / Fisheries Revitalization Initiative:** Action: Eric to contact Ivan re: 1) can various component move ahead such that if one bogs-down the others continue to advance? 2) Project outline with timelines attached. Also advise Bob Floean. (Done. See e-mail string in handout McIntyre/Filion/Floean correspondence Dec. 10-13.

Further discussion in item 3.5 of these minutes)

Motion by Bill to accept the minutes of Dec. 1, 2010; second by Glenda; carried.

### **3.0 Updates:**

#### **3.1 First Nation Relations**

- Formal request has been made to MNR (via Leslie Joynt) to set up introductory meeting between Wasausking FN, Moose-Deer Pt. FN and our Councils.
- Discussion: Urgency expressed for this to be completed in near future if we want to have substantive discussions with FNs prior to spring harvest season.
- ACTION: Eric to send reminder to Leslie Joynt. (Supplemental: Done – sent Jan.28)

#### **3.2 2011 Musquash River Walleye Spawning Bed Creation Project**

- Eric gave a short power-point presentation giving an overview of project
- EA process has commenced and draft design has been prepared.
- Draft design referred to MNR's Science & Information Division (Sr. technical staff) for review. They indicate the design lacks scientific rigour and further on-site physical data needs to be collected and modelled to come up with a well-founded design.
- EA review by Steve Scholten (PS Dist. Fisheries Biologist) suggests radio-telemetry study to determine locations walleye are currently spawning at (very good suggestion).
- Further rigorous study can only improve the design and increase the benefits of the project. The only down-side is the project will probably be delayed until 2012. Current COA funding dedicated to the project can be used for the data collection, analysis and modelling as well as the telemetry study. A new application can be made to COA in 2012 to fund the project. This also affords us additional time to secure partner funding – particularly from OPG.
- UGLMU (Dave Reid) and PS District (Dan Duggan) have expressed commitment (e-mail Reid/Duggan to McIntyre; Jan. 12/11) to seeing this project through to fruition.

#### **3.3 Moon / Muskoka River – Bala Workshop**

- MNR has reviewed our Workshop Outline (previously distributed to Council; Dec. 9 e-mail). They have concerns relating to:
  - Bala hydro-generating proposal by Swift River Energy is still a highly controversial and contentious topic. Notwithstanding Council efforts to stay away from this topic – its inclusion is inevitable.
  - In 2010 a 'gentleman's agreement' with respect to modifications to water management within the MRWMP was agreed to between the Council and MNR. The agreement was implemented in 2010 and will continue to guide water management operations. The agreement should be further tested to confirm its efficacy.

Discussion:

- (Dan:) The Moon R. spawning bed enhancement project has been recently

- completed; we need to wait and see how it's functioning
- (Dan) The Council needs to highlight some of its accomplishments at the Moon River; ask partners what can they do to help.
- (Dan) Extended an invitation for a Council member to accompany MNR water control staff during springtime operations.
- (Greg) The MRWMP is not scheduled for re-negotiation until 2016. We have 5 years of educational opportunities until then.
- We need to consider alternative modes of communication -> Cottage Life magazine; Sideroads magazine; attend Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA) Meeting, MLA newsletter article; media coverage. We should have prepared film footage for local cable programming; use local people.
- If we don't do the Moon/Muskoka River workshop – what is an alternate theme?
- (Eric) The GBBR is in the midst of a “State of the Bay” initiative. We could focus on this topic bringing in speakers related to fisheries, water levels, wetlands, etc.
- ACTION: Eric to request of GB-5 who is doing what with respect to workshops / symposia / meetings / etc. in 2011. This as a precursor to inviting them to participate in our workshop. (Supplemental: Request sent by e-mail; Jan. 31).
- ACTION: Glenda to get contact person for Muskoka Heritage Workshop
  - (Supplemental: Glenda provided by e-mail (Jan. 17): Rebecca Francis [stewardship@muskokaheritage.org](mailto:stewardship@muskokaheritage.org).)

#### 3.4 **GB-5 Meeting held Dec. 2/10 Re ‘Georgian Bay Vision Document’:**

- Eric joined meeting via conference call (weather too bad for driving)
- Consensus to adopt the existing Lake Huron Charter as the guiding strategic vision for GB-5
- ACTION: Eric to send copy of Charter out to Council. (Supplemental: sent Jan. 31)

#### 3.5 **Economic Fisheries Revitalization Initiative:**

- From Dec. 1/10 minutes: Action - Eric to contact Ivan re: 1) can various component move ahead such that if one bogs-down the others continue to advance? 2) Project outline with timelines attached. Also advise Bob Florean
- Above completed. See e-mail (Filion to Florean & McIntyre; Jan. 10) in handout package for response.
- In discussions with Bob Florean, it was recommended current outstanding financial expenditures with Ivan be tidied up prior to Bob's retirement (end of February). Ivan has been requested to submit an invoice for his services to date (e-mail Dec. 22 and Jan. 6)
- Ivan's respond contained in above e-mail also. Wishes to wait until tasks associated with Project Proposal document and funding applications are complete before billing for services.
- Latest version of Concept Paper sent to Council Jan. 12. This is not the FINAL version as First Nations review yet to be conducted.
- Ivan is scheduled to attend an Anishinabek Conference Jan 21/11 at Nipissing First Nation where he will be promoting the project.

- Mike Palmer distributed information flyer to Council entitled: American overnight tourists offer the highest yield for Northern Ontario. Flyer detailed the economic and job benefits of tourism.

### 3.6 **Stewardship Ranger Crew – 2011**

- Tentatively advised the Parry Sound District will only have 1 OS Ranger Crew in 2011. Tentative plan is for the crew to be shared by the EGBSC and Muskoka/Parry Sound Council
- Crew would be based in Bracebridge

#### Discussion:

- (Dan) MNR is committed to having the crew work 50/50 with each Council; get the work plan submitted early so this can be arranged; prioritize projects.
- ACTION: Eric to prepare OS Range work plan for next meeting
- (John C) Consider including Tim Horton's volunteers in work planning

### 3.7 **Annual Report**

- Draft of 2010 Annual Report (with Council's comments/corrections) in handout along with 2010 Update

ACTION: Eric to circulate Annual Report to partners

### 3.8 **Xeneca Power Development – Wanapitei River**

- Council has received an invitation to attend a Public Information Centre on Jan. 17 @ French River Inn.
- Action: Ray and Mike to attend on behalf of the EGBSC

#### Discussion:

- (Karl) We need to be concerned about the process. The Class EA is relatively superficial and inappropriate for a pristine, remote, green-field site; we need an individual EA. Current process is designed to minimize public input.
- (Mike) The French River Delta Association has environmental concerns that have not been addressed in the current EA. Concerns with Green Energy Act – has removed empowerment by local MNR, MOE, Municipalities to intervene. Act is highly political, not resource management driven.
- ACTION: Greg to draft a letter to Xeneca expressing Council's environmental concerns in this matter including recommendation for EA bump-up.  
(Supplemental: Done Jan. 18; letter sent by Terry)

### 3.9 **Draft Strategic Policy for Commercial Fisheries**

- Copy of EGBSC comments to UGLMU – sent to Councillors via e-mail Dec. 14/10 (duplicate included in handouts)

#### Discussion:

- (Karl) We need further discussion relating to the role of our Council with respect to exclusion zones/time and selective gear.
- ACTION: Eric to request commercial fish policies relating to these issues from UGLMU; also copy of recent annual commercial fishing reports

## 4.0 Financial Report

Year end financial statement provided for Council review.

Motion to accept the 2010 financial statement:

Motion to accept financial report by: Eric; Seconded by: Doug; Carried.

Action: Trustees John Crawford and Dave Bulger to review transactions for 2011 and to report back to Council at next meeting that they reflect a true, accurate and legitimate account of EGBSC transactions.

### 4.1 Partnership funding contribution – GBBR (Env. Ed. Facilitator)

- As per resolution from our March 24/09 minutes, EGBSC to consider a follow-up donation in 2010 to the GBBR re their Education programming

Resolution: The EGBSC is pleased to provide partnership support funding to the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve's Environmental Education Program through a contribution of \$1000.

Motion by: Eric; Seconded: John C.; Carried. (Supplemental: Cheque #0052 issued Jan. 15 to GBBR)

## 5.0 Business Arising / New Business

### 5.1 Revisions to Operating Guidelines / By-Laws & EGBSC Review Report

- Council reviewed changes made throughout 2010.
- Council concurs with proposed changes discussed.
- Action: Eric to make changes and post on website.

### 5.2 Election of Officers:

Chairperson: Terry Crawford

Co-Chairperson: Bill McRobb

Treasurer: Ray Hachigian

Secretary: Eric McIntyre

### 5.3 Preliminary 2011 Work Planning

- Spawning habitat evaluation – Pickerel River (Magnetawan FN)
- Moon River walleye egg collection / spawning index / culture / stocking
- Go Home Bay walleye rehabilitation (stocking)
- Tadenac Bay walleye rehabilitation (stocking) (dependent on Tadenac Club funding)
- Musquash River – telemetry / site characterization / analysis
- Lake Stewardship Workshop
- Moon River – Lake Sturgeon Assessment
- Custodial management of Crown land
- Ontario Stewardship Ranger Program
- Economic / Fisheries Revitalization Initiative
- Pike telemetry survey – Wah-Wah-Taysee (with Jon Midwood)
- Killbear Channel / Big Sound LT egg collection - ?
- Oak Bay osprey nest construction
- Species at Risk brochure – (Glenda) Muskoka Heritage Foundation is currently

- working on this
- Partner Projects
  - Geo Bay Biosphere Environmental Report Card
  - Signage re sturgeon

**5.4 Walk on Items**

5.4.1 Notice re Public Information Centre for Hwy 400 construction

5.4.2 Notice re Sierra Club Announcement Mary Muter to join new Great Lakes Section

5.4.3 Notice re Louise Goulding to provide deputation at next (future) meeting

5.4.4 GBBR welcomes EGBSC involvement in their educational programming

**6.0 Date for Next Meeting:** Feb. 23, 2011