

# Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance

Annual General Meeting

March 19, 2012-03-21

Living with Lakes Centre

7:00 pm

Minutes

Chair: Lin Gibson

Co chair: Linda Heron

Secretary: Sheri Johnson Purdon

Attendees:

Lin: Brief description of the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance (GSWA);  
history and accomplishments.

- Oct. 2009 to present
- Accomplishments: Weevil program to control Milfoil in the area  
Lakes.

Greater Sudbury Bylaw to ban the use of  
Phosphate fertilizers (first in Ontario)

Linda: Described each position and read submitted nominations for the  
Board, followed by asking the floor for nominations.

## Chair:

Leslie Flowers from the Vermilion River Stewardship and Simon Lake  
Stewardship was nominated by Linda Heron

Leslie Flowers accepted the nomination and was acclaimed.

## Vice Chair:

Mike Mallory from the Richard Lake Stewardship was nominated by Alex  
Cieslewicz.

Mike accepted the nomination and was acclaimed.

## Secretary:

Jillian Smith from the St. Charles Lake Stewardship was nominated by Linda  
Heron.

Jillian Smith accepted the nomination and was acclaimed.

## Treasurer:

Dave Young from the McFarlane Lake Stewardship was nominated by Lin Gibson.  
Dave Young accepted the nomination and was acclaimed.

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## 9 Board Members:

Alex Cieslewicz nominated by Lin Gibson  
Lin Gibson nominated by Linda Heron  
Lily Noble nominated by Linda Heron  
Linda Heron nominated by Lin Gibson  
Jessica Tamm nominated by Perry Sarras  
Margaret McLaughlin nominated by Alex Cieslewicz  
Ron Swiddle nominated by Elizabeth Kari  
Paul Freddette nominated by Lily Noble  
Shannen Dennie nominated by Linda Heron

Meeting was then handed over to the new: Chair Leslie Flowers.

**Mission Statement** should include

- alliance
- watershed
- water quality improvement and protection
- re "blue" our lakes
- recreation
- future/community inclusions

**ex. Through active stewardship, we will endeavor to protect our watersheds for the benefit of the natural environment and the community of Greater Sudbury.**

By Perry Sarras

Leslie asked the floor for a list of priorities.

We all agreed the first priority is Water Quality. In order to achieve this goal we narrowed down the items of concern:

1. Incorporation of GSWA
  - money from Stephen Butcher will be passed on to the treasurer
  - constitution and bylaws have been written and reviewed by lawyers
  
2. Phosphorus Reduction
  - Bylaw
  - mandatory septic system inspections
  - waste water treatment (municipal)
  - education
  - wetland protection
  - green infrastructure (planting of trees in and around the city)
  - no further controls on river water flow
  - lake capacity – development
    - "Greater Sudbury Official Plan"
  - buffer zones

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3. Blue Green Algae
  - alert and reporting system
  - education
4. Partnerships
  - Nickel District Conservation Authority
5. Invasive Species
  - milfoil program
6. Legislation and policy setting
  - response
7. Promotion of Lakes
8. Storm Water Management
9. Restoration – replanting throughout watershed
10. Damn dams
11. Industrial Development

**Next tentative Board Meeting:**

Monday April 30, 2012 at 7:00 pm, Living with Lakes Centre

**Next Tentative Membership Meeting:**

Monday May 28, 2012 at 7:00 pm, Living with Lakes Centre

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Subject: **Minutes of GSWA Oct 24 meeting.**

From: Lilly Noble <globalnilly@persona.ca>

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## Minutes Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance – October 24, 2011

### Attendance:

Lilly Noble – Ramsey Lake - Co-Chair  
Stephen Butcher – Long Lake - Co-Chair  
Linda Heron – Vermillion River Stewardship  
Dave Young – McFarlane Lake  
Alec Cieslewicz – Richard Lake  
Margaret McLaughlin- Fairbank Lake  
Ron Tarini– Simon Lake  
Jillian Smith- St. Charles Lake

### Topics of Discussion

#### Waste Water Treatment –

It was decided to proceed with a Waste Water Treatment Forum to be hosted by GSWA. Date to be determined based on speaker availability but probably in January.

Goals of GSWA re Waste Water Treatment – to encourage all treatment plants within the city to be upgraded to ensure the minimum damage to the environment. It was decided that the plants need to be upgraded with tertiary treatment as soon as possible. As Walden is in the process of being upgraded at this time it should be implemented first.

Action – Linda Heron will co-ordinate this group

#### Field Bed Inspections –

It was decided that GSWA will recommend to the city that there be mandatory field bed inspections around water bodies in the City of Greater Sudbury with a 5 year rotation. It was also felt that any inspection should be carried out by an independent inspector and not the same person who does the pump out.

Action – Stephen and Lilly will head this committee.

#### Cyanobacteria –

Many lakes and rivers in the region experienced cyanobacteria blooms this year. It was decided that GSWA will

host an information session for the general public regarding cyanobacteria if the Water Forum in April did not cover the topic.

Action-Lilly will confirm with the Lake Water Quality Program what the topic is.

**Communication from LAP –**

It was determined that not all GSWA members received the minutes from the last LAP meeting. We will check with Lana to ensure she has all the relevant emails. Upcoming meeting dates are now posted on the City's Lake Water Quality website.

[http://www.greatersudbury.ca/cms/index.cfm?app=div\\_lakewaterquality&lang=en&currID=11384](http://www.greatersudbury.ca/cms/index.cfm?app=div_lakewaterquality&lang=en&currID=11384)

Action – Lilly to forward request

**Incorporation –**

Incorporation is going ahead. To cover expenses, we would like each lake steward group to contribute \$50.

Action – Stephen and Linda are working on that and the constitution.