

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

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.