

Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2013

I. Call to Order

- Lesley Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Vale Living with Lakes Centre

II. Participants

Lesley Flowers
Alex Cieslewicz
Shannon Dennie
Jillian Smith
Terry Fortin
David Young
Jessica Tann
Lilly Noble

Sherri Purdon
Richard Paquette
Paul Sajatovic
Margaret McLaughlin
Ron Swiddle
Tim Walker
Elaine Porter
Naomi Grant

III. Approval and Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda moved by Ron; seconded by Terry – Carried

IV. Approval Minutes

Motion to approve January 21, 2013 meeting minutes by Lilly; seconded by Shannon – Carried

V. Treasurer's Report

- A \$300 gratuity was given to Ashley for website design
- \$300 was given toward the Adamsdale School rain garden in conjunction with Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury
- BMO balance to date: \$7,117.62
- Two or three volunteers will be needed to form a small year-end audit committee to sign off accounts
- Motion to strike an audit committee of at least two members at large to review GSWA year-end financials moved by Dave; seconded by Elaine – Carried

VI. Board of Directors' Report

- Report summarized by Lesley
- Motion to accept report moved by Lilly; seconded by Tim – Carried

VII. Committee Reports

Website Committee:

Tim Walker navigated through the prospective website. Costs to host were discussed and Richard suggested putting up the site temporarily for editing and feedback.

Storm water Management:

Elaine proposed heightening support for watershed studies (including an interim control bylaw on development) until subwatershed studies of areas posed for development have been completed and lake capacities are known. The Keast Drive project, with prospective phosphorus loads, has the potential to be destructive. Subwatersheds have been ranked as a priority by the city's LAP, but there has not been funding to pursue this research.

- Motion for GSWA to support and encourage city council to enact an interim control bylaw (a moratorium on lake development until watershed studies are completed) by Richard; seconded by Terry
- Discussion: While Dave has concerns regarding lake capacity discrepancies, Naomi concedes that best practices require studies and that the official plan has allotments from 2006. Paul questioned what was being asked of the city.
- A friendly amendment resulted in a motion for GSWA to encourage the city (via the budget presentation) to fund watershed studies that inform and mandate best practices of storm water management; seconded by Terry – Motion carried with 1 abstention

Education Event:

Support for an education event regarding storm water management and best-lake practices moved by Richard; seconded by Sherri – Carried

Ice Hut Committee:

Brochures were distributed. Questions of interest for a joint GSWA/FOCCA member to sit on the MNR Zone 10 Advisory were put forth.

VIII. New Business

Official Plan:

Naomi and Lilly commented on water quality policy recommendations to put forth toward the city's Official Plan before the June draft.

Keast Drive Discussion:

This steep, rocky terrain is expected to support 135 new units. There have not been watershed studies and with limited time, the developer may opt to proceed to the OMB. Historically, the OMB has not set a precedence of saying “no”. Terry contends that plans of study ought to be embedded in the official plan. Paul suggests that the developer may revisit the design of the development. Margaret mentions that because the storm water management pond is in a flood plain, it is technically against the official plan. Observing the strong feelings and the wish to mitigate dangers to the city’s drinking water supply, Lesley suggests a letter to the city should be in order.

IX. Business Remaining

As time expired, the Simon Lake request and the Boat Launch discussion is moved to be tabled by Elaine; seconded by Richard – Carried

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair Lesley Flowers at 9:10 pm.

Next Meetings:

Annual General Meeting: March 25, 2013

Board of Directors: April 15, 2013