

**Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance Inc.**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**May 27, 2013**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Lesley Flowers called the GSWA meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Vale Living with Lakes Centre

**II. Participants**

Lesley Flowers – Vermilion River  
Alex Cieslewicz – Richard Lake  
Richard Paquette – Whitewater Lake  
Paul Sajatovic – Conservation Sudbury  
Margaret McLaughlin – Fairbank Lake  
Richard Witham – Long Lake  
Jack Fraser – Long Lake  
Dave Young – McFarlane Lake  
Nigelle Fredette – Lake Penage  
Jessica Tann – Simon Lake  
John Lindsay – Minnow Lake  
K.V. Nagarajan – Ramsey Lake  
Larry Huhtamaki

**III. Agenda/ Past Minutes**

- K.V. moves to adopt agenda; Jack seconds the motion – Carried
- Richard moves to accept minutes; John seconds the motion – Carried

**IV. Matters arising from Minutes**

- As per a letter received from Lin Gibson regarding FOCA Zone 10 panel representation: Lin suggests a GSWA director contact Brian Ramakko (Chair of the Zone 10 panel) on how to pursue representation
- ACTION ITEM: Jillian Smith to contact Brian
- The GSWA website is up at: [www.gswa.ca](http://www.gswa.ca)
- Minor adjustments and additions are required before release on promotional items

## **V. Treasurer's Report**

- After receiving 2013 member group fee payments (and covering expenditures for recent promotional events), the GSWA balance stands at \$6807.73
- Richard moves to accept the Treasurer's Report; Alex seconds the motion – Carried

## **VI. Executive Report**

The following GSWA letters have been sent since the last general meeting:

- Letter to suspend development until watershed studies and lake capacity studies have been completed
  - Letter to planning board re: woodland development (Grandview condos)
  - Letter to editor re: importance of storm water management
  - Letter to councillors and mayor re: watershed studies, plus brochures, education event info
  - Joint letter to support watershed motion put forth by Terry Kett
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- Council approved the watershed motion in council chambers May 14, 2013
  - GSWA had representation at Earth Day festivities and the Gardening Festival
  - GSWA plans to partner with Science North for an event each year during the last week of April
  - Lesley attended a science communication event that emphasized addressing audience benefits when delivering scientific information
  - Discussion: John is concerned that inadequate catch basins (in relation to the Grandview condo development) will overwhelm drainage into Minnow Lake

## **VII. Watershed and Sub-Watershed Studies**

A committee was struck to ensure studies remain a council priority

Committee Members: Paul, Elaine (& KV), Jessica, Jill, Alex (distant back-up)

ACTION ITEM: Lesley will check with the membership for others interested in sitting on the committee; Lesley will set up a meeting with Bill Lautenbach.

## **VIII. Educational Event: "Our Lakes, Rivers and Creeks: Ask a Scientist"**

- 51 people in attendance
  - Cost: \$300 to Science North plus a \$50 honorarium to each of the three scientists
  - Richard suggests broadening access to events via the GSWA website; this would include formats such as mp3 and software to link power points to audio
- ACTION ITEM: Collaboration between Richard and Tim

## **IX. Private-Source Water Protection**

The committee, spearheaded by Linda H., will meet sometime after June 10<sup>th</sup>. Lin G will attend to add input via Conservation Sudbury; the first few meetings will comprise of data collaboration and integration.

## **X. Storm Water Management Committee**

Margaret proposes combining the committee with the Watershed Committee

## **XI. City of Greater Sudbury – Public Budget Input**

A public budget input meeting will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in council chambers. Chair Lesley Flowers will provide a 5 min presentation to council emphasizing the need for watershed studies (including storm water management). Paul stresses that priorities will be based upon the official plan and that the aforementioned studies require a clearly defined scope integrating a wholistic approach. Stated otherwise, the GSWA presentation must convey the need for watershed studies to remain a priority, define the scope of the project, present resource allocation suggestions, and build the political will to strengthen and drive the issue forward.

ACTION ITEM: Jill will discuss watershed study recommendations with Charles Ramcharan. Alex, Jessica, and Jill will assist Lesley with the GSWA presentation.

## **XII. Other**

- Milfoil update: interim report on city website
- Larry H objects to Conservation Sudbury's course of action: Chair Lesley Flowers deems Mr. Huhtamaki out-of-order
- K.V. applauds GSWA efforts over the past year
- Lin & Paul recommend group and stewardship updates for future meetings. Conservation Sudbury will provide an update at the next meeting.
- The GSWA had better exposure at the Gardening Festival than at Earth Day events
- Nigelle's daughter will commence Penage shoreline studies this summer

## **XIII. Adjournment**

Chair Lesley Flowers adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm

## **Next General Meeting:**

**Monday, August 19, 2013**  
**7 pm Vale Living with Lakes Centre**