

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance General Meeting**  
**Monday, August 18, 2014**

Vale Living with Lakes Centre, Ramsey Lake Rd., Sudbury Rm LL202

**I. Call to Order**

**Chair Lesley Flowers opened the meeting at 7:00pm.**

**II. Participants**

Lesley Flowers, David Young, Rodney Chambers, Ron Swiddle, Margaret McLaughlin, Jessica Tann, Alex Cieslewicz, Linda Heron, Craig Hamilton, Sandi Willock, Dave Furino, Tim Walker, Lin Gibson, Paul Sajatovic, Larry Hautamaki, Jack Fraser, Lori Adams, Mary Faris, Claude Nadon, Richard Witham,

**III. Approval and Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to approve and adopt agenda moved by Linda Heron and seconded by Dave Furino

CARRIED

**IV. NORSE- Northern Robotic Solutions and Equipment**

Presentation Colin Roos and Xuan Han about innovative algae harvester, ODIN

Modified with ODIN 1.5. The product launch was Aug.26

**V. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of May 12, 2014.**

Moved by Linda Heron and seconded by Lori Adams.

CARRIED

**VI. Matters Arising From The Minutes**

None

**VII. Treasurer's Report**

David Young reported a balance of \$ 4856.67.

New monthly bank charges from the Bank of Montreal for community accounts have been initiated.

Motion to approve the report moved by Richard Witham and seconded by Alex Cieslewicz.

CARRIED

**VIII. Presentation re: Application for Consent- Lin Gibson** - Deferred to another meeting.

**IX. Lake Advisory Panel LAC - Lin Gibson**

Presentation to the City by LAC.

Recommendations

- Renew LAC term ( 2015-18 )
- Protect and educate Re: Wetlands for both public and city staff.
- Storm water management.
- Citizen engagement.eg. MOE Lake Partner Program
- Increase "seed" funding (\$5K to \$10K /year) for new stewardship groups.
- Support and encourage academic projects on water quality
- New name for LAC ... Watershed Advisory Panel.

X. Executive Report - Full Executive Report is attached to these minutes. Here is a summation.

1. Second Ave. –Lesley and Lilly met with David Shelsted of the City. They received a written reply. The Board of Directors voted not to rescind part 2 Order Request.
2. Waste Water Plan was reviewed at PIC. Letter supporting plan. Letter recommending Septic Inspections. Letters of congratulations to Junction Creek (Earth Day Hometown Heroes) and Conservation Sudbury (RBC grant Storm water at Northern Water Sports Centre).
3. Press release (Blue green Algae) not picked up by media.
4. Milfoil Committee work – Stephen Monet meeting, reports to Council and second Milfoil Committee meeting.
5. Hutchinson Report – Linda Heron, Lilly Noble, and Lesley Flowers met S.Monet and Mark Simeoni.
6. Lesley Flowers attended Council presentation by LAP and Minnow Lake CAN.
7. Funding Requests- \$500.00 to \$1000.00 to NORSE project and \$200.00 to Water Journey

a. Motion to approve Executive Report moved by Linda Heron and seconded by David Furino.  
CARRIED

b. Motion to support NORSE with a grant of \$1000.00 for ODIN 1.5  
Moved by David Young and seconded by Margaret McLaughlin

CARRIED

#### XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Private Source Drinking Water Report – Letter sent regarding regular inspection and mandatory maintenance of septic tanks; Committee to work on recommendations; members- L. Heron, R. Whitham, M.McLaughlin, D. Furino, and D.Young’
2. Hutchinson Report – discussed meeting
3. Milfoil Meetings – discussed outcomes.
4. Translations - Chair Flowers will try to recruit more funding for Septic information

#### XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Fundraising – Committee – Alex C., David Y., Sandi W. and Jessica T.
2. Needs of rural lakes – we have lost Onwattin and 4 Lakes, possible reasons: distance, time constraints, concerns Need promotion, survey of lakes’ issues and building reports.
3. Invasive Aquatic Species – Committee Plan of Action...to be worked on during our Nov. meeting.  
FOCA – could give a seminar on this topic.

#### XIII. OTHER

1. Wanapitae Lake mentioned in FOCA for recruiting members. Congratulations extended by Chair Flowers.
2. ONTARIO RIVERS- AGM at 10.00AM, presentation at1:00PM on Nov.1st, 2014 at Nip U.
3. Invite potential City Councillors to Simon Lake event for NORSE.
4. Boat Cleaning Signage – available from Boat Smart program. Lin Gibson has not heard back from Lana concerning metal signs funded through the city.
5. Portable Toilets – discussion

a. Motion to have the GSWA to investigate the placement at the boat launches, shorelines and public access sites of portable toilets that are not secured and too close to water bodies.

Moved by D. Young, seconded by J. Fraser

CARRIED

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM

Next general meeting: Monday November17.2014

Next Board of Director’s Meeting: Monday October 20, 2014

**GSWA Executive Report****Monday August 18, 2014**

May – Lilly Noble and I met with David Shelsted regarding GSWA's letter of support for the part 2 order request made by the Minnow Lake Restoration Group. We received a letter that said the city was currently preparing the terms of reference for a watershed study of Ramsey Lake. The terms of reference will include state of the art and best management practices for storm water management and treatment. Also a prioritization and implementation plan of treatment improvements in Ramsey Lake. GSWA will be recognized as a key stakeholder in the watershed study.

The Board of Directors voted to not rescind the part 2 order request.

June - The Water and Waste Water Plan was reviewed at a PIC and the Board of Directors approved a letter from GSWA supporting the components of the plan. The Board of Directors meeting was held on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Letters of congratulations to Junction Creek – Earth Day Home Town heroes and Conservation Sudbury for RBC grant re storm water management at Northern Watersports Centre. Also a letter sent to council and planning recommending mandatory septic inspections. Sent out a press release re Preventing Blue Green Algae... not printed or picked up by any one....

July – available members of the Milfoil committee met with Stephen Monet re the GSWA Milfoil report and agreed on some ways of moving forward with some of our recommendations. Both Stephen Monet and I presented our milfoil reports to council (full report was in their handouts). Thank you for those who were able to attend. A large group in support of a presentation is very effective in sending a strong message.

A second Milfoil committee meeting was held to review the plans for monitoring weevils and milfoil in 2014. This work is beginning August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Apart from the milfoil work, Linda Heron, Lilly Noble and I met with S. Monet and Mark Simeoni regarding GSWA's concern about the use of the Hutchinson Report for planning waterfront development. We were assured that the report was only part of the information gathering for the formation of a very conservative and protective plan for waterfront development. The reality is that the actual type of development that takes place is one lot here, one lot there and imposing standards that no one else has had to abide by becomes difficult... ie not supported by OMB.

August – I attended the LAP (now Watershed Advisory Panel) presentation to Council and Minnow Lake CAN.

I have made two requests of the Board of Directors regarding disbursement of money - \$ 500 to 1000 to NORSE/Odin Project (I'd like to give them \$ 1000) and \$200 to Water Journey. Lilly, Linda, Shannon and I will be part of the Anishnaabe Kweg, women's water journey around Ramsey Lake. The \$200 will go towards the cost of the feast held after the journey. Sept 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 am, email Lesley for more details.

Now what is not complete: Brochure, translation of Septic Booklet, there should also be more on the website.

Respectfully submitted by

Lesley Flowers, Chair