

Meeting Notes
Private Drinking Water Protection Committee

21 October 2014, 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Room C-11 – City Hall

Present: Lesley Flowers, Lilly Noble, Richard Witham, Margaret McLaughlin, David Young, David Furino, Linda Heron

Regrets: Paul Sajatovic

1. Review of 24 September Meeting Notes

2. Round Table Discussion to Further Explore

a. Partners

- Huron Model is run by two conservation authorities
- Our best partner would be Conservation Sudbury
- Not a good time – Paul is retiring and Lin is busy with election
- Best to wait until Carl Jorgenson is in place and settled

b. Pros and Cons

- Administration of multiple grants would be labour intensive
- Too much work for a volunteer – would require staff
- Very doable to allow for staff in a grant application

c. Funding

- Charitable status would provide more options for grant funding
- Not for profit only has a few options for larger grants – OTF or MEC
- City of Sudbury may contribute

d. Feasibility

- Should focus on affordable campaigns that improve water quality
- Campaign to disconnect downspouts would have a large impact for few dollars
- Boots on the ground – knocking on doors – educating
- Consider coupons towards septic inspection

e. Next Steps

- Gather information on becoming a Charity
 - No application fee to register as charity

Action: Dave will ask members at November GM anyone has expertise in this area

Action: Linda will circulate notes regarding pros and cons of becoming a charity

- Presentation to Conservation Sudbury - future
- Focus - define our goals and priorities

3. Hutchinson Reports - Efficiency of Septic Systems and Managing Shoreline Development

- Relies heavily on one source – Robertson et al.
- Sweeping generalizations
- Too many variables can affect phosphorus retention
- Much of northern Ontario have little soil over bedrock
- MOECC has contracted with Hutchinson for provincial guidelines on lakeshore development

- Pro-development – recommends high phosphorus levels doesn't necessarily mean development must stop
- Best not to quote anything from Hutchinson Report

4. **Next Meeting** – 13 January 2015 – 12:00 to 1:00 pm – Living With Lakes Centre