# <u>Minutes of Meeting</u> <u>Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance General Meeting</u> <u>Monday, January 19, 2015</u>

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

## I. Call to Order

Chairman Lesley Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## II. Participants

David Young, Rodney Chambers, Alex Cieslewicz, Sandra Willock ,Richard Witham, Elaine Porter , ShannonDennie, Claude Nadon, Norm Eady, Dave Furino, Denise Goodmurphy, Richard Paquette, Lesley Flowers, JillianSmith, Sheri Purdon, Craig Hamilton, Marg McLaughlinRegrets: Linda Heron

## III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve and adopt agenda moved by Alex Cieslewicz and seconded by Richard Witham.

CARRIED

## IV. Presentation: Tickets and Posters for Comedy

Tickets were handed out and receipts given for sold tickets. Posters were passed out for circulation. Tickets were spread out to 15 lakes. Corporate sponsorship seating will be improved. Silent Auction items, such as donated art are being solicited. Our goal is \$10,000.00. Sponsorships are also being sought.

V. <u>Minutes of November 17, 2014 General Meeting</u> Motion to approve the report moved by Dave Furino and seconded by Shannon Dennie.

CARRIED

V. <u>Matters Arising From the Minutes</u> None.

## VI. Treasurer's Report

David Young reported a balance of \$2,975.17, but money is coming in for the Fund Raiser. Motion to approve the report moved by Richard Paquette and seconded by Craig Hamilton.

CARRIED

## VII. Committee Reports

1. Fundraising Committee - Already covered

### 2. Private Source Drinking Water Protection Committee – Chairman Lesley Flowers in L.Heron's absence.

- Committee met with Judy Sewell and Carl Jorgenson, Conservation Sudbury (CS), last Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of January to discuss the possibility of collaborating on a project along the lines of the Huron Model
- CS expressed interest in partnering with GSWA in a similar manner as the arrangement they already have with Vermilion River Stewardship
  - o GSWA would contract with CS to carry out technical and administrative functions
  - o Would fulfill duties related to applications, assessment, approvals, and monitoring to completion of work
  - o GSWA would administer the grant funds and report to OTF
- A GSWA Stewardship Pilot Program should focus on something doable
  - Would recommend a pilot project to focus on repair/improvement of private sewage/septic systems
  - Private domestic land owners
  - Must be within 200 meters of a river, creek or lake within the City of Greater Sudbury
  - Volunteer inspection and upgrade funding application process
  - o A Stewardship Program of this nature would require collaboration with SDHU
    - SDHU would be required to do septic inspections
    - Private citizen would request the Sudbury and District Health Unit (SDHU) inspect their septic system
    - SDHU would provide application to qualified landowner for submission to CS
    - Compensation for payment of inspection would be authorized by SOHU inspector approving its eligibility
- Arranging a meeting in early to mid-February with SDHU, CS and Private Drinking Water Protection Committee to discuss the potential of such a program.

#### Motion proposed in response to the Private Source Drinking Water Protection Committee Report:

Be it resolved to approve that a joint committee be formed with the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance, Conservation Sudbury, and the Sudbury and District Health Unit in order to pursue the private source water protection initiatives.

Moved by Shannon Dennie and seconded by Jillian Smith

CARRIED

#### 3. Invasive Species Committee - deferred

#### VIII. New Business

#### 1. 2015 Budget Input to the City of Greater Sudbury

Presentation to the city council will be made by Lesley, recommending once again that watershed studies be conducted. Funds needed to be invested in sewage infrastructure should be maintained. Also, a program of mandatory inspections of private septic systems is needed.

Motion to approve the presentation moved by David Young and seconded by Sandra Willock.

CARRIED

#### 2. Long Lake Run-off from Golf Course

Referred to Long Lake Stewardship through Sandi Willock

Note: The issue of the hospital parking lot has been postponed pending more information

#### IX. Other

a) There will be a meeting with Nick Benkovich about sewage run-offs into Whitewater Lake with concerned citizens. Richard Paquette will keep us informed.

b) Sewer Bypass Alerts – Sheri Purdon reported that the city has detailed information, such as graphs of flow rates, which could be shared on internet postings. The city will post for 7 days when a bypass starts. Improvements on these notices will be forthcoming.

#### X. Adjournment at 8:30

Next Meeting: Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Living with Lakes Centre