

**Meeting Notes**  
**Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance**  
**Private Drinking Water Protection Committee**  
4 November 2015, 12:00 to 3:00 pm  
Living with Lakes Centre

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**Present:** Lesley Flowers, Lilly Noble, Richard Witham, Margaret McLaughlin, David Young, Melanie Venne, Linda Heron

**Regrets:** Lin Gibson

**1. Reviewed 9 July 2015 Meeting Notes**

- **Action:** Lin will follow-up with the City to see whether it is legal to slash prices and haul to Killarney – **Deferred**

**2. Second Review of Proposed Stewardship Program Survey Results**

- On first examination the Committee felt the data did not support providing a grant towards septic system pump-out and/or replacement
- Committee revisited the survey results again, to review responses in more detail
- Committee agreed that the survey data results did not support the creation of a Stewardship Program at this time.

**3. Next Steps**

- It was agreed that an Educational program would benefit our lakes most, and is in line with our mission statement
- **Love Your Lake – Healthy Shorelines for Healthy Lakes**
  - A shoreline evaluation and stewardship program
  - Implements science-based stewardship
  - A great education and motivational tool
  - Engages the community for lasting benefits
  - Helps make lakes healthier for people and wildlife
  - Conducted by the City of Sudbury for 2 or 3 years – Lana Haslam is the contact
  - Area lakes volunteered to take part in the program
  - City took photos of homes on the lake, and provide a nice booklet to the property owner to inform of ways to lessen their impact on the lake
  - A program that fits with GSWA mission, and benefits broadly
- **Action:** **Linda** will contact Lana to find out how successful the Love Your Lakes program is/was, and how we could support or start such a program.
- **Septic Socials or Doc Talk** have been a success in other areas
  - Host community gatherings to educate about septic systems
  - Guest speakers
    - Types, care and maintenance of septic systems
    - Troubleshooting
    - Impacts or connection between properly working septic systems and healthy aquifers, creeks, rivers and lakes
- **Action:** **Melanie** will provide information and explore models on Septic Socials and Doc Talk.

**4. Meeting Adjourned 3:00 pm**