

MEETING NOTES GSWA – MILFOIL FOCUS GROUP (MFG)
Naughton Community Centre
Thursday, January 20, 2011

Present: St. Charles Lake – Dave Hodge, Andy Brunet, and Bob Hay, Richard Lake – Brian Wills, Alex Cieslewicz, regrets Brenda Polano, Simon Lake – Dave Furino, Jessica Tann, John Peroff, Pat Scott, Lesley Flowers, Perry Sarvas, Vermillion River – Linda Heron, Long Lake – regrets Brian Clarke, Stephen Butcher, McFarlane Lake – regrets Lin and Don Gibson.

1. Dave Hodge reviewed the proposed Weevil Project using a prepared summary. He also had prepared printed copies of the Proposal Submission Form for the Invasive Species Partnership Program funded by the Federal government and the Conceptual Program Outline: Biological Control of Eurasian Watermilfoil with the Milfoil Weevil, *Euhrychiopsis lecontei*, in eight Greater Sudbury Lakes. The response from the federal government is expected in 3 months.
2. Dave Hodge also reviewed his research into using the idea of loss of revenue through lowered property values on lakes with EWM. There is no sound data to support this idea so we will not use this in our presentation to the city.
3. ACTION ITEM: Presentation to the Budget Committee
Brian Wills contacted Angie Hache. We are on the list for presentation on Monday January 31st. The presentations which are to be 5 minutes in length start at 5:00pm. We can use a power point presentation and just send it to the city (francabortolussi@greatersudbury.ca) or save to a memory stick and bring that in. Lesley Flowers and Dave Hodge will present. Jessica Tann will help set up the presentation and Andy Brunet will aid with the power point presentation as well.
4. ACTION ITEM: Lesley Flowers will send out the names of the budget committee to the MFG. (It turns out that all members of council are included on the budget committee.) The chair is Terry Kett and the vice-chair is Francis Caldarelli. Our milfoil focus group is to contact members of the committee.
5. ACTION ITEM: Dave Hodge will contact Dr. Charles Ramcharan to seek out support and to ask for independent review of the project.
6. ACTION ITEM: Alex Cieslewicz will ask Stephen Monet for advice regarding our proposal.
7. ACTION ITEM: Pictures of milfoil were requested. Jessica Tann has some on the first pages of the presentation.
8. ACTION ITEM: Alex Cieslewicz/Dave Hodge will follow up with Espanola through the contacts we have been given and he'll also ask Marty Hilovsky if he can get us some response in the form of a report of the success of the Milfoil Abatement program in Clear Lake from Espanola. We consider this key to our presentation.
9. Points raised in the meeting to be considered in the presentation:
 - About 1000 taxpayers directly affected living on the lakes in question
 - Public use of the lakes is also threatened
 - Sudbury is "The City of Lakes" – we need to be proud of clean, usable lakes.
 - There is substantial interest, there were 250 people who attended the Water Forum on this single topic.
 - The Enviroscience proposal includes a plan to use indigenous weevils and to have a facility here to grow them. This may provide a few jobs locally.
 - Concern that individual lake front owners are taking matters into their own hands and cutting or using herbicides or chlorine pucks in the water in an attempt to get rid of EWM. These methods are dangerous to the health of the water and cutting can certainly lead to spreading EWM.
 - Include pictures.
 - Town of Espanola considered this important enough to pay for the whole project.

I think I included everything relevant that we talked about...

Lesley