

## Drinking Water Protection Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, 1 March 2018 – 11:30 am  
Room LL202, Living with Lakes Center

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**Present:** Richard Witham, David Young, John Lindsay, Lilly Nobel, Linda Heron  
**Regrets:** Margaret McLaughlin, Lesley Flowers

### 1. Reviewed the 18 January 2018 Committee Meeting Notes

- Action items were carried out

### 2. Committee Name

- Concern was expressed: why was this a Private Drinking Water Protection Committee
- Explained it was in reference to “private” drinking water intakes
- It was agreed that to avoid confusion the word “private” should be removed and the Committee be called the Drinking Water Protection Committee

#### **Recommendation to the Board - 1:**

The name of the committee be changed to the Drinking Water Protection Committee.

### 3. Septic Social

- Bassim Abbassi, University of Guelph, provided a list of local people who had completed their 5-day Onsite Sewage Systems course
- Only 3 local contacts on the list & 1 in New Liskeard
- 1 declined, 1 no response, but Brittany Pellerin, of Hanmer, with the lab EXP, is very interested
- Works in the lab processing sewage samples every day - sees first-hand the result of inefficient septic systems
- Bassim has offered to provide the slide presentation for Brittany
- Presentation 1 ½ to 2 hours
  1. Different types of Septic Systems – 45 min
    - a. How they differ
    - b. Pros and cons
    - c. Effectiveness of bacteria and nutrient control
  2. Operation and maintenance – 45 min
    - a. What to do and not to do
    - b. How they work
    - c. How to operate and maintain

**Action: Chair** will contact Brittany to find a suitable date – end of April beginning of May.

**Action: Chair** will speak to Stephen Monet to see if either the City or the Watershed Advisory Panel would like to partner with GSWA on this event.

**Action: Chair** will speak to Richard Auld, SDHU to see if he will take part to answer questions about septic inspection.

#### **Recommendation to the Board - 2:**

GSWA hold a Septic Social event on a suitable date in late April or early May, and if possible partner with the City.

#### 4. Road Salt Event



- **Roundtable Discussion**
    - **Critique – debrief**
      - Overall a success – well attended
      - Expert panel sat for long stretches without any questions
      - Grandstanding
      - Could have utilized our expert panel more effectively
    - **Media coverage**
      - Excellent media coverage
      - CBC (2), CTV (2), The Sudbury Star (4), Sudbury.com (1)
    - **Did GSWA accomplish its Objective?**
      - We accomplished our objective to raise an awareness of the salt issue
      - Provided a platform for Dr. Gunn to make a strong case for the City to take the road salt issue very seriously, and to create a made in Sudbury solution in the Ramsey Lake Sub-Watershed Study.
  - **Next steps**
    - **Summary document**
      - Will use the transcript of the event to create a summary of the Road Sale Discussion event – Addendum 1
      - Introduction/Background
      - Discussion - Key Points
        - The Concerns
        - The Vision
        - The Challenges
        - The Gripes
        - The Solutions
        - Conclusion/Recommendations?
- Action:** **Chair** will create a draft summary to be circulated to the Committee for input and approval - then out to the Board for input and approval.
- **Follow-up to participants & public – photos**
    - Survey to attendees to ask for feedback on the event
    - Will help us improve our events
- Action:** **Richard Witham** will work on survey questions
- Once the summary and survey are approved by the Board they will be sent out with a short thank you to event participants
- **Invitation from Stephen Monet - Margaret**
    - WAP decided to take on the road salt mitigation issue at last WAP meeting
    - S. Monet wants to know if GSWA is interested in collaborating on a 1-page pamphlet (similar to the Milfoil & Ice Fishing ones)
    - Everyone agreed this is a good opportunity
    - S. Monet is going ahead & doing a draft for 22 March WAP meeting
    - GSWA would have input into what goes on the card
    - WAP is trying to get someone from City Roads & Risk Management at next meeting to discuss the City's policies – same ones we tried to get to our salt discussion
- Action:** **Lilly** will speak to Dr. Gunn to see if he would agree to be a Special Advisor to GSWA, as provided in the Constitution and ByLaws.
- Action:** **Chair** will contact S. Monet and circulate a draft to the committee for input and final draft will go to the Board for approval.

**Recommendation to the Board - 3:**

GSWA partner with the WAP on a road salt pamphlet.

**Recommendation to the Board - 4:**

Dr. Gunn is invited to be a Special Advisor to GSWA.

5. **Next Meeting:** 21 March 12:00 to 1:00 – Zoom Meeting