Drinking Water Protection Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, 1 March 2018 – 11:30 am

Room LL202, Living with Lakes Center

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 ¹/₂ 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

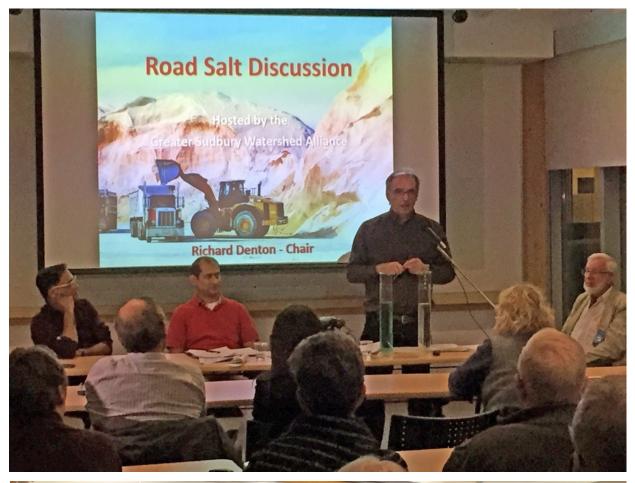
Advisory Panel would like to partner with GSWA on this event.

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

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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
 - o 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