

Drinking Water Protection Committee
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, 21 March 2018 – 12:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

Present: Richard Witham, David Young, Lilly Nobel, Margaret McLaughlin, Lesley Flowers, Linda Heron

Regrets: John Lindsay

1. Review the 1 March 2018 Meeting Notes

- All action items were followed up on, except the survey
- One correction – name of lab is EXP
- Meeting Notes, with amendment, approved by the Committee

2. Road Salt Discussion

• **Summary & Full Report**

- Full Report was sent to our Science Panelists for input
- Dr. Gunn made several cosmetic edits – mostly for grammar and clarity
- Charles Ramcharan responded with thanks – no edits
- One error to be corrected on P-5.
- Committee is pleased with both the short and long versions
- Once approved the short Summary Report and Survey will go out to all the event attendees
- At the end of the short Summary, a link to the full Summary Report will direct the reader to our website Blog

Action: Linda will forward a pdf of the Short & Full Summary Report to the full Board for input.

Action: Linda will prepare a draft Press Release to announce our Summary Report once approved.

• **Survey – Richard W.**

- Survey will include questions looking for ways of improving our events
- Once approved, the Survey and Summary Report will go out to Road Salt Discussion event attendees
- Survey will go to Board for approval at the 9 April 2018 General Meeting.

Action: Richard D will ask the Secretary to add the Summary Report, Press Release & Survey to the 9 April 2018 Agenda for approval.

Action: Richard W will send a draft survey around to the Committee for input.

• **Road Salt Pamphlet**

- When the City and Committee have made all our edits, the pamphlet will go to our Board for final approval.
- Margaret will provide Linda with edits

Action: Margaret will take Committee edits to the WAP meeting tomorrow

• **Ramsey Lake Sub-Watershed Study**

- Margaret said the Junction Creek Sub-Watershed Study meeting No. 5 is tonight, and then we should have a better idea of when the Ramsey Lake Sub-Watershed Study will be released for comment
- WAP is looking at a retrospective analysis of a watershed study done on Nepahwin 10 years ago, what worked and what didn't.

3. Septic Social

• **Update**

- Septic Social will be a purely educational event

- Potential dates are 3, 10 or 17 May
- Brittany Pellerin has received a 50-slide presentation from Bassim Abbassi
- Brittany has just written her exam for inspections
- Should invite pumpers and installers to set up at a table
- Should check information on [FOCA's website](#) regarding septic systems
- Will have some copies of Fairbank Lake's Septic Booklet to give out
- Richard Auld has declined our invitation to present at the Septic Social
- Stephen M said City involvement would depend on whether Richard took part
- Can't book a date until we have an answer from Stephen M about partnering with the City

Action: Margaret will talk to Stephen Monet tomorrow to ask whether he would still consider partnering with GSWA

- Charles Ramcharan will be invited to provide a perspective on how ineffective septic systems impact on water quality and aquatic life

Action: Lilly will ask Charles Ramcharan if he would make a short presentation at the Septic Social.

- **Venue**

- Can't arrange for a venue until we know whether we are partnering with the City
 - May need a larger facility if the City partners
 - If City partners they would help facilitate/promote the event
- If GSWA hosts event alone, the Legion on Long Lake Road will hold about 150 people
- Should have snacks available – it's a social – helps to support the legion for the use of their facility
- Door prizes: 1st – Septic pump-out; 2nd – Sweet Gale plant – will need to get approval from the Board

Action: David will check availability of the Legion and explore possibility and/or cost of providing finger foods, sandwiches, veggies, fruit, tea, coffee, water.

Action: David will check to see if we have tickets for the draw – if not will purchase.

- **Flyer**

Action: Lesley will prepare a draft flyer.

4. **Water Quality Study – Richard W**

- Linda spoke to Miranda Virtanen, Junction Creek
 - She is new in her position and I made her aware of existing studies, including the VRS study, and the PWQMN sampling
 - I told her to contact Anoop to find out what is available and gave her links to PWQMN data
 - Told her our Committee talked about doing a more Ramsey Lake focused study, but that GSWA would be interested in discussing the possibility of partnering if she decides to move forward on a water quality sampling project
- Anoop said the City collects raw water data from the David Street plant on a volunteer basis every few years – the last sample was taken in 2012/13
- Perhaps GSWA could fill that gap with a water quality study
- Needs to be discussed more fully at another meeting - deferred

5. **Dr. Gunn as a GSWA Special Advisor**

- Lilly sent an email to Dr. Gunn inviting him to be a Special Advisor to GSWA
- Awaiting his response

6. **Next Meeting**

- Zoom Meeting - 5 April, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm