

GREATER SUDBURY WATERSHED ALLIANCE, INC.
GENERAL MEETING
Monday, April 9, 2018, 7:00 pm – 8:50
Vale Living With Lakes Centre, Ramsey Lake Road

MINUTES

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Richard Denton (Chair), Margaret McLaughlin, Alex Cieslewicz, Lesley Flowers, Linda Heron, Sheri Johnson, John Lindsay, Irene Nizzero, Lilly Noble, Elaine Porter (Recorder), David Young.

REGRETS: Susan Darling, Richard Witham

OTHER STEWARDSHIP GROUP MEMBERS: Sandra Willock (Grant Lake), Miranda Virtanen (Junction Creek), Lori Adams and Scott Darling (alt.), (Long Lake), Rod Chambers (McFarlane Lake), Kate Kearney (Richard Lake), Laura Young (Robinson Lake), David Furino (Simon Lake), Norm Eady (Lake Wahnapiatae).

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Peter Beckett, Ray Bennett, Naomi Grant, Roger Jackson, Tom Price, David Robinson, Pat Rogerson, Graeme Spiers, Fred Twilley, Colleen Fraser, Tom Kellar.

1. PRESENTATIONS BY GSWA MEMBERS:

- A. Introduced by Alex Cieslewicz and presented by Kate Kearney, both from Richard Lake, a Powerpoint presentation on the dangers of building a ferrochrome smelter in Coniston, a brownfield site in the City of Greater Sudbury.**

[Richard Lake presentation: Concerns over Proposed Ferrochrome Smelter](#)

Kate showed the risks of Chromium 6 (Cr(VI) or hexavalent chromium) entering into our soil, water and air and emphasized that this carcinogen would affect our drinking water both in Ramsey Lake and from the Wahnipitae River. There were several action items attached:

- 1) writing letters to Noront, to the CGS Councillors and Mayor;
- 2) helping to raise funds for and place signs that show the range of the Cr(VI) effects on the city;
- 3) attending an educational forum on Cr(VI) to be held in Coniston on April 28th.

- B. Sheri Johnson and Linda Heron, Strategic Planning Committee, of the Vermilion River Stewardship, made a Powerpoint presentation on the Lower Vermilion Source Water Project Quality Monitoring Project.**

[VRS Presentation: Lower Vermilion Source Water Quality Monitoring Project, by Sheri Johnson & Linda Heron](#)

Sheri and Linda demonstrated what can be accomplished when a community organization is open to working with universities and other interested researchers to address concerns about water quality. The study involved sampling at 28 sites, 6 months a year over 3 years

in a water quality study spanning from a baseline several kilometers above the old Moose Mountain site near Capreol to the bottom of the watershed at the confluence of the Vermilion with the Spanish River. Their data has been shared with Vale and is being used by the City of Sudbury for their sub-watershed studies.

- 2. REQUEST FROM THE FLOOR:** There was a request made by Mr. Eady from Wahnipitae for the GSWA to write a letter to the city giving our position on the casino to be built. The discussion on this matter focused on the parking lot for the recreational complex to be built on the Kingsway. Mr. Denton, our Board Chair, took a straw poll among those present to determine their level of support for reacting to both issues.

The result showed general support for both issues:

1. Salt concentration in Ramsey Lake increasing due to the parking lot of the Kingsway Entertainment Development; and
2. Contamination of Ramsey Lake from the proposed ferrochrome smelter if built in Coniston.

The board will take this support into consideration at its next meeting.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE GENERAL MEETING: Submitted by David Young (Treasurer).

Date	Description	Debit	Deposits	Balance
2018 Mar 19	1. Minnow L. and 2. Ramsey Lake have both paid 2018-2019 Membership during previous Treasurer's Report			5205.78
Mar 20	Membership 3. Black L., 4. Fairbank, 5. Junction Cr., 6. Long L.(2yrs), 7. McFarlane, 8. Nepahwin, 9. Simon L. 10. St. Charles L.(2yrs), 11. Vermillion R., 12. Wahnipitae (2yrs), 13. Tilton 14. Whitewater		300.00	5505.78
Apr 4	#63 2 yr. membership in CRE Laurentides	63.00		5442.78
Apr 5	#64 SepticSocial- Returnable damage deposit (Legion)	100.00		5342.78
Apr 5	#65 Septic Social- Rental of Legion site	56.50		5286.28

4. **MOTION:** To approve the Road Salt Discussion – Summary Report; Press Release; and Road Salt Discussion Forum Survey, to be released and posted to our GSWA website Blog as follows:

- 1. [Media Release: Road Salt Discussion – Summary Report](#)
- 2. [Road Salt Discussion – Summary Report](#)
- 3. [Road Salt Discussion Forum Survey](#)

Moved by Linda Heron, seconded by John Lindsay

Motion: **CARRIED**

5. **MOTION:** To approve the Septic Social event to be held at the Lockerby Legion on 3 May 2018, 7 to 9:00 pm; and the associated Press Release and Flyer to be released and posted on our GSWA website Blog; and to approve an event budget to a maximum of \$800.

- 1. [GSWA Septic Social Press Release](#)
- 2. [GSWA Septic Social Flyer](#)
- 3. Septic Social - Budget - \$800 as follows:
 - GSWA Initial Budget Proposal (version 1)
 For the **Septic Social**, May 3, 2018, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Lockerby Legion on Long Lake Road
 From David Young, Treasurer of GSWA and member of the Drinking Water Protection Committee of GSWA
 \$100 returnable deposit is not listed below
 All prices include HST where appropriate:
 Venue Rental.....\$56.50
 Sound System Rental.....\$50.00
 Catering -Deserts...50 people X \$3.39.....\$169.50
 Coffee/Tea...100 X \$.565.....\$56.50
 Door Prizes – Septic Pump-out Voucher.....\$250.00
 Plant Draw\$50.00
 Speaker’s Thank you Card & Gifts.....\$100.00
 Other (tickets for draw, etc.)\$50.00
Total.....\$785.50

Moved by Linda Heron, seconded by John Lindsay

Motion: **CARRIED**

6. **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM**

Recorder, Elaine Porter