

GREATER SUDBURY WATERSHED ALLIANCE INC.
GENERAL MEETING
 By Zoom Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7 p.m.

AGENDA

PRESENT: 26 Participants / 17 water member groups

QUORUM: YES

ATTENDEE	WATER BODY
Richard Witham, Chair	Long Lake
Susan Darling, Secretary	Long
David Young, Treasurer	McFarlane
Gisele Cretien*	McFarlane
Sandi Willock*	Grant
Jim Gomm *	Rock
Valerie Lalonde *	Fairbank
Margaret McLaughlin*	Fairbank
Tom Muir	Forest
Lesley Flowers	Grassy
Brandon Holden	Junction Creek
Miranda Virtanen*	Junction Creek
Lori Adams *	Long
Laura Young*	Robinson
Mandy Hey*	Nepahwin
Bill Querney	Nepahwin
Alex Cieslewicz*	Richard
Craig Hamilton*	Richard
Norm Eady *	Lake Wahnapiatae
Nicholas Smit*	Simon
Angie Carson	Simon
John Lindsay *	Minnnow
Stu Greaves*	Panache
Richard Denton* Past Chair	St. Charles
Dave Hodge	St. Charles
Nick Benkovich*	Tilton

* indicates voting representative for their association

1. Agenda approval. Moved by Richard D; seconded by Norm. **CARRIED**
2. Minutes of October 26, 2020. Motion to approve by Dave H; seconded by Lori. **CARRIED**
3. Business Arising/Previous Business - Richard W
 - GSWA purchased Directors, Officers and Business Liability insurance from Cade Insurance Brokers for one year at a cost of \$891.
 - Richard clarified that instead of sending a letter responding to the passing of Bill 197, GSWA focused on submissions designed to influence government policy before the legislation was passed.

4. Correspondence

Richard W. briefly reviewed the implication of Bill 197, Provincially Significant Wetlands, EAA Project List, Conservation Authorities and some related correspondence.

- a) GSWA response to proposed project list subject to environmental assessment
- b) Letter to Minister Clark regarding Minister Zoning Orders
- c) Letter to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs

KED Motion: John L shared with the GSWA Board a draft motion intended for City Council. The motion asks that Council reconsider the location of the Kingsway Entertainment Development (KED) to outside of the Ramsey Lake watershed. The Board voted to support the motion. Subsequent to this John had discussions with Councillors Cormier, Leduc and Vagnini about the wisdom of presenting the motion at this sensitive time. There was agreement that emphasis should be on the Ramsey Lake Sub-watershed Study and responses to it. The proposed motion will be put on hold and revisited when the RL study is presented to Council.

5. Treasurer's Report – Dave Young's report (attached) shows our bank balance to be \$12653.69. This includes the Trust Fund amount of \$414.67 that the Education Committee plans to access for the Troubled Waters event.

MOTION to receive and file by David; seconded by John. **CARRIED**

6. Committee Reports

Education Committee: Troubled Waters Webinar Series – Alex explained that the five original speakers for last spring's planned event agreed to present virtually for a webinar series. He reviewed the poster and details: 5 Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 4. GSWA is proud to partner with Vale Living with Lakes and with FOCA. Alex encouraged all members to attend and to help publicize the series. An email with the poster and registration link will be shared later this week. Some suggestions were received such as emphasizing that the webinars are free; to add our event to Eventbrite; notify the City via their Community Initiatives Coordinator (e.g. CAN's); and to notify LU, college and high school science departments. Zoom Webinar will handle registrations and email reminders to participants.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS-EWM) – no update

DWPC – no chair; no report

Membership Committee – no update

7. Presentations – Amanda Hey

a) **Phosphorous and Chloride Levels in Nepahwin Lake** - Mandy continued her review of the findings of the CGS-commissioned Nepahwin Lake (Phosphorous) Causation Study and CGS water quality sampling. Nepahwin is hit hard by urban runoff. Her PPTX included maps showing the salted roads, large parking lots, and drainage discharge outlets, and charts illustrating elevated phosphorous and chloride levels. There is internal phosphorous loading in deeper sediments and a decline in dissolved oxygen concentrations levels at depth providing 'legacy' phosphorous in sediments that can continue to be released over time. Unlike Ramsey, Nepahwin does not have protection as a drinking water source and is vulnerable to ongoing salt loading from cross-sectorial road/parking lot/driveway salting practices. A framework to mitigate further salinization was shared. The link to the NLWS Causation Study is

b) **Decision Guide** for winter salt use – Mandy worked with Margaret and Richard W to update the GSWA's *De-Icers & Melting Aids* document. Data and a disclaimer have been added and the colour-coded document is re-titled *A Decision Aid for Common Residential Ice Melts and Traction Aids*. The guide is intended to educate consumers and vendors as to how we can have options that address safety and are environmentally friendly at the same time. While not part of the content of the Decision Aid, in gathering the product information at stores, it was noted the packages displayed terms (natural, organic etc.) and visuals (photos or icons) that were potentially misleading. Appreciation was expressed to Mandy and her team for developing this comprehensive document. A soft rollout is planned, starting with sharing it with our member stewardship groups.

Discussion was held on suggestions about next steps GSWA might take towards mitigating the use of salt. Smart About Salt Council is an important resource.

ACTION: A salt working group will be struck to explore options. An appeal will go out to our member groups for volunteers to serve. Those expressing interest at this time include Mandy, Norm, Margaret, Nicholas S, and Gisele.

8. The Chair asked everyone to consider serving on the GSWA Board or its committees. GSWA is in need of a social media coordinator, a francophone spokesperson and members wishing to serve as chair, vice-chair or as a director. Several terms end as of the March 2021 AGM, including Richard's term as chair. Nicholas offered to help with social media and will consider involvement on the Board.

9. Other Business

Next general meeting date will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday, March 29/21.
New Business – none.

10. Adjournment at 9:30 moved by Val.

Recorder, Susan Darling

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Treasurer's Report to the General Meeting
January 11, 2021

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1. GSWA INC. BUSINESS BANK ACCOUNT May 18, 2020 to Jan 4, 2021				
Date	Description	Debit	Deposit	Balance
2020				13005.02
April 27	Membership 2020 to March 2021 1.Panache (Mar 2018-Mar 2023) 2. Atikameksheng Anishnawbek 3. Four Lakes 4. L. Wahnapiatae 5. Onaping, 6. McFarlane 7. Rock 8.Fairbank 9. Robinson 10. Nepawassi 11. St. Charles (Mar 2020-2022) 12. Junction Creek 13.Wahnapiatae First Nation 14. Minnow Lake		Paid and deposited already	
April 8	Membership 15. Grant L. (Mar 2020-2022)		40.00	13045.02
May19	Membership 16.Nepahwin L. 17. Richard L (Mar 2020-Mar 2022) 18. Tilton L. (Mar 2020-Mar2022 by N. Benkovich & by R. Fabbro) 19. Clear L. 20. Black L. 21. Grassy L. 22. Forest L.		180.00	13225.02
June 24	Donation from Simon L. Stewardship bank funds on their dissolution		1950.53	15175.55
Nov 2	#99 Return of Donation to Simon L. Stewardship for reinstatement Membership 23.Simon L.(\$20 fee deducted)	1930.53		13245.02
Sept 13	# 97 Fee for Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association FOCA membership	125.00		13120.02
Sept 13	# 98 Fee for ReThink Green membership	50.00		13070.02
Sept 30	Membership 24. Long L. (Mar 2020-2022)		40.00	13110.02
Nov 3	#100 Insurance-Cade Insurance Brokers (Directors & Officers and Business Liability) Nov 5 2020 to Nov 5 2021	891.00		12219.02
Nov 30	Membership 25. Ramsey L.		20.00	12239.02

2. GSWA INC. RAFFLE TRUST ACCOUNT May 18, 2020 to Jan 4, 2021				
	Description	Debit	Deposits	Balance
2020				473.17
April-Dec	Bank Charge -Maintenance & Statement Fee 9 months @ \$6.50/month	58.50		414.67

Thus, total funds = \$12239.02 + \$414.67= **\$12653.69**

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