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GREATER SUDBURY WATERSHED ALLIANCE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 25, 2024 7:00 – 8:30 PM

ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

A scenic photograph of a calm lake at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and purple. The lake's surface reflects the sky and the surrounding forest. The shoreline is lined with a dense forest of evergreen and deciduous trees. In the foreground on the right, there are rocks and some autumn-colored foliage.

GREATER SUDBURY WATERSHED ALLIANCE

GSWA is a not-for-profit organization and is made up of lake, river or creek stewards, or First Nations delegates who represent their organizations.

The GSWA speaks as one unified voice and our decisions are made by majority vote.



MISSION:

- To protect, promote and advocate for sustainable improvements in water quality and healthy watersheds.

VISION:

- Healthy, dynamic and sustainable watersheds within the Greater Sudbury region.

VALUES:

- Working collaboratively in truth, sensibility and wisdom.
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ACTIVITY IN THE PAST YEAR

- Annual Meeting did not result in any new directors March 27, 2023
- March/April 2023 GSWA board unable to elect any additional executive
- Climate Justice Corner McKenzie Library April 22, 2023
- JCSC Water Stewardship Gathering, Science North, April 23, 2023
- General meeting to discuss GSWA future May 8, 2023
- Meeting with Director of Planning Services and staff June 22, 2023
- new chair elected Sept. 11, 2023
- Draft Constitutional changes October/November, 2023

ACTIVITY IN THE PAST YEAR CONTINUED

- Circulated comments on Amendments to Endangered Species Act Jan/24
- Circulated Environmental Defense letter to MECP on road salt use reduction Feb/24
- Circulated Carleton University “Landowner Survey” Feb/24
- SECAN Open House, South End Library Feb. 3, 2024
- Formed Committee of Adjustment Group – 7 members
- JCSC “Reviving our Lakes and Streams,” Living with Lakes, March 23, 2024

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

- Membership: R Witham, A Cieslewicz, R Debicki, B Querney, A Delabbio, S Darling
 - Met with city officials May 26 and June 20, 2023 to discuss PSA & benthic mats
 - Met with MNRF to discuss the implications of draft report of milfoil research Oct 23, 2023
 - Completed editing of “Research of Options for Suppressing or Eliminating Eurasian Watermilfoil” report and distributed
 - Results of MNRF communication (letter of intent)
 - DFO application

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Membership: J Lindsay, E Porter, R Witham
- Letter to Kris Longston May 12, 2023 requesting a meeting regarding protection of setbacks
- Letter to Brittany Hallam, Director of Linear Infrastructure Sept. 27, 2023 reduction in salted roads
- Ontario Nature letter to MECP Oct. 30, 2023 advancing protected and conserved areas in Ontario 30/30
- Ontario Nature to MECP Black Ash protection (Emerald Ash Borer)

WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Membership: M Hey, M Virtanen, N Eady, M McLaughlin

- The GSWA WPC has not been formally active in 2023. The group has ongoing work below.
- Focus areas of the committee: Salt levels, with a focus on the Ramsey Lake (DWPZ) and Nepahwin Lake watersheds
- *1. CGS Salt Cup Campaign*
- *Action for winter 2024-25:*
- *2. The CGS Stormwater Feasibility Funding Study:*
- *Action for 2024:*

COUNCIL'S RESPONSES REGARDING SUPPORT FOR A FULLY-FUNDED STORMWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mayor	Paul Lefebvre	Yes
Ward 1	Mark Signoretti	Yes
Ward 2	Michael Vagnini	No reply
Ward 3	Gerry Montpellier	No reply
Ward 4	Pauline Fortier	No reply
Ward 5	Michel Parent	Yes
Ward 6	Rene Lapierre	No reply
Ward 7	Natalie Labbee	Yes
Ward 8	Al Sizer	Yes
Ward 9	Deb McIntosh	Unsure
Ward 10	Fern Cormier	Unsure
Ward 11	Bill Leduc	No reply
Ward 12	Josceleyne Landry-Altmann	Yes

UPCOMING PLANS

- **Involvement of all members in a major road salt initiative**
- **Applying for charitable status so that GSWA can provide charitable receipts**
- **Clarification of blue green algae reporting procedure**
- **Promotion of membership in GSWA**
- **Community input into CGS short term rental bylaw**
- **Presentation to Council supporting a fully funded Stormwater Asset Management Plan**

LAKE STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Rock Lake

Richard Lake

Junction Creek

Tri-Lakes

Nepahwin Lake

Long Lake

Lake Panache

St. Charles Lake

Onaping lake

BUSINESS OF THE AGM

Current Board of Directors

- Chair: Richard Witham
- Treasurer: David Young
- Past Chair: Alex Cieslewicz
- Margaret McLaughlin
- Norm Eady
- Amanda Hey
- John Lindsay
- Miranda Virtanen

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – *UP TO 13*

- **Qualification:** Directors will be a minimum of eighteen years of age. They must also be members in good standing of a local Stewardship and have regular access to a computer, email and the internet.
- Directors are elected on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded.
- Generally, directors should attend all board meetings and functions, such as special events. They should be informed about the organization's mission, vision and values and review agenda and supporting materials prior to Board meetings.

ELECTION TO THE GSWA BOARD 2024

- Board members willing to stand for another term:

Amanda Hey, Alex Cieslewicz, David Young, John Lindsay, Miranda Virtanen

- New applicants: Lisa MacDonald, Alexandra Reurink
- Nominations from the floor, 3 open positions?