

TERMS OF REFERENCE

ST. MALO LAKE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

The RM of De Salaberry has expressed an interest in improving the water quality and reducing the sedimentation of St. Malo Lake. Many local residents have seen changes in the lake and surrounding area over the last 30 years and feel that there are many sites that need to be cleaned up, restored and improved to ensure that it remains a vibrant and enjoyable recreational destination for the thousands of people who visit the area every year.

The vision for the area is “That St. Malo Lake remains a popular and desirable destination where people can enjoy water-based recreational activities and feel safe with the quality of the water and surrounding environment”.

The purpose of the St. Malo Lake Stewardship Plan is to identify logical and attainable projects and activities that improve water quality, manage water levels, protect and enhance ecosystem health and ensure the integrity of local infrastructure.

PLANNING AREA

Figure 1 – St. Malo Lake Stewardship Planning Area

PARTICIPANTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

St. Malo Lake Stewardship Committee will include:

- a) Representatives from the Seine-Rat River Conservation District (SRRCD), Rat River Watershed (Sub-district 3 & 4) – Marc Hamonic, Jules Gosselin
- b) SRRCD staff – Kristy-Layne Carr and Jodi Goerzen
- c) Representatives from the RM of De Salaberry – Gerry Maynard, Neil Loughran
- d) St. Malo Chamber of Commerce – Georges Beaudry
- e) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Patrick Watson
- f) St. Malo Wildlife Association – Gerry Maynard

Committee responsibilities:

- Designate a Chair who will organize the meetings through an agenda distributed in advance of the meeting
- The Chair will be responsible for calling and running the meetings and if unavailable to attend a meeting, will designate an alternate (Vice-Chair)
- The Secretary of the committee will take minutes, distribute them to all committee members and post them on the Seine-Rat River Conservation District website (www.srrcd.ca)
- Strive to obtain and become familiar with information and reports related to St. Malo Lake / Reservoir
- Participate in field tours and site visits as required
- Share resources, creativity, experience and expertise
- Reflect community interests; and communicate the goals of the planning initiative with local stakeholders in order to engage participation and interest.

- Establish and maintain communications with the general public and important stakeholders
- Locate and harness local human and other resources, where possible
- Promote resident and stakeholder knowledge and civic responsibility for the ecological health of the reservoir
- Create a long-term monitoring and remediation action plan
- Estimate the long-term, recurrent remediation actions and associated costs
- Determine the appropriate methods and sources of funding
- Provide recommendations to the Rat River / Joubert Creek sub-district #3 & 4 committee of the SRRCD
- Provide recommendations to the Rat River Watershed Management Planning process
- The Watershed Planner from Manitoba Water Stewardship will provide general guidance and assistance to the Committee, and submit written requests for technical information to Provincial or Federal government personnel when required

SRRCD responsibilities:

- General administrative services to the Committee
- Secretarial record of Committee deliberations and actions
- Budget preparation, monitoring, and reporting
- Carry out projects recommended by the Rat River / Joubert Creek sub-district committee
- Purchase, preparation, and storage of PR materials
- Procurement, advertisement and hosting of PR venues
- Maintain written and other communications to/from residents and stakeholders on the SRRCD website (www.srrcd.ca)
- Record, source location, and storage of relevant documents used by or prepared for/by the Committee including their long-term safe-keeping

SCHEDULE

1	Organize and orient committee	Dec 2008 – May 2009
2	Locate and review existing literature	Jan 2009 – June 2009
3	Committee Field Tour	May 2009
4	Identify and prioritize issues	May – July 2009
5	Identify potential partners and funding sources	June – July 2009
6	Project and activity planning	June – August 2009
7	Commence initial projects and activities	August – September 2009
8	Public awareness meetings	August – September 2009
9	Strategic planning	October – December 2009
10	Long-term monitoring and assessment	April - October 2010

The schedule and committee member responsibilities will be reviewed after one year.

BUDGET

The Committee will meet as required (2-5 meetings/yr.) and related expenses will be shared between RM of De Salaberry, SRRCD, St Malo Chamber of Commerce and Manitoba Water Stewardship.

Committee remuneration is as follows:

- SRRCD – Marc Hamonic, Jules Gosselin, Gerry Maynard, Kristy-Layne Carr, Jodi Goerzen
- RM of De Salaberry – Neil Loughran, Luc Lahaie
- St. Malo Chamber of Commerce – Georges Beaudry
- Manitoba Water Stewardship – Patrick Watson

The budget for the projects and initiatives identified by the committee are not part of this document.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The SRRCD will play a lead role in the initiation and completion of most of the projects and initiatives identified in the plan
- The long-term success of this planning and project identification initiative is largely dependant on the SRRCD, and will form the basis of the annual work plans and projects for the Rat River Watershed (sub-district 3 & 4 committee)
- This site-specific, sub-watershed planning initiative will be completed along-side the Rat River Integrated Watershed Management Plan that the SRRCD, as Water Planning Authority, will be developing over the next two years

ENDORSEMENT

The St. Malo Lake Stewardship Committee agrees to the work within the terms identified in this document.

Marc Hamonic
Chair, St. Malo Lake Stewardship Committee

Date

St. Malo Lake Planning Area

