

MINUTES

March 1, 2010

ST. MALO LAKE STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP MEETING

Present: Marc Hamonic, Luc Lahaie, Neil Loughran, Georges Beaudry, Jules Gosselin, Pat Watson, Kristy-Layne Carr, Jodi Goerzen

1. Approval of the Agenda

07-2010: Gerry Maynard - Georges Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be hereby adopted as presented with the addition of 3b) Arvid Ewashko, 3c) Media Letter & 4f) Fish Count & Pressure.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

08-2010: Jules Gosselin - Neil Loughran

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of March 1, 2010 be hereby adopted as presented with the addition of Pat Watson to the list of attendees.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Maps – Jodi is working on putting them together, members want project locations identified along with major drains
- Summer students & water sampling – Marc did not get around to taking a water sample over the winter, next winter staff will take a sample
- Ernie Goertzen project – SRRCD will be looking into purchasing the land with the RM's of Hanover & De Salaberry
- De Salaberry Crown Land Project – survey needs to be completed to the intermunicipal road

3. Old Business

- A) Brochures – Include statement stating that for any activities on Crown Land, consult with the Conservation Office in Steinbach
 - Manager will talk to Pascal about analyzing a sample for vegetation/algae

09-2010: Gerry Maynard – Georges Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the St Malo Lake Committee hereby recommends that 500 copies be printed of each waterfront brochure, paid for out of the St Malo Lake Plan budget.

CARRIED

10-2010: Neil Loughran – Georges Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the St Malo Lake Committee hereby recommends that the SRRCD summer students hand out the waterfront brochures in the study area and ask for feedback on St Malo Lake issues.

CARRIED

11-2010: Neil Loughran – Jules Gosselin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the St Malo Lake Committee hereby recommends that Pascal Badiou be approached to analyze a water sample for vegetation/biological composition.

CARRIED

12-2010: Gerry Maynard – Marc Hamonic

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the event that the south end of St Malo Lake dries up, the Committee hereby recommends to hire a sediment specialist to determine how much sediment needs to be removed, if any.

CARRIED

13-2010: Gerry Maynard – Neil Loughran

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the St Malo Lake Committee hereby recommends that a letter be send to Manitoba Conservation inquiring if the Provincial sewage inspectors will be surveying the St Malo Lake area.

CARRIED

- B) Arvid Ewashko – Pat received the DU plans and passed them onto Mark Lee. Can-Mart plans are still needed – Marc to contact Arvid. Question for Arvid – Is the dam gate operational?
- C) Media Letter – Georges presented it at the RM drainage meeting at Dufrost. He will submit it to local papers, economic development group & grocery stores.

4. New Business

- A) Method of proceeding from here on
- B) Prioritizing Issues

- C) Discussion of project to adopt
- D) Prepare recommendations to Rat River IWMP
- E) Activities that can be pursued by Stewardship Group
- F) Fish Count & Pressure – Any information has been passed on to Ken Kansas & Doug Leroux. Have responded by e-mail indicating that their budget is tight but they will still try to do the fish survey. The Committee needs a firm answer, if not North/South Consultants could be hired to do the survey. Kristy-Layne will e-mail summer fishing pressure numbers (very minimal, especially at the Park), and will ask about the Fisheries Branch doing a Press Release on the survey.

14-2010: Gerry Maynard – Georges Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the St Malo Lake Committee hereby recommends that the importance of the St Malo fish survey be stressed to the Provincial Fisheries biologists and that the Committee offers to cover up to \$500 of out of pocket expenses to help with the cost of the survey.

CARRIED

5. Next Steps

- A) For items 4. A-E, Committee members will review the findings list and come up with their top four issues that need to be tackled, for the next meeting. Kristy-Layne will add the fish shack counts to the findings.

6. Next Meeting: May 19, 2010, 9am

7. Adjournment