

## MINUTES

June 28, 2010

### ST. MALO LAKE STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP MEETING

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

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

##### **19-2010: Gerry Maynard – Neil Loughran**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be hereby adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

##### **20-2010: Gerry Maynard – Georges Beaudry**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of May 19, 2010 be hereby adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Old Business

##### A) Fish survey report – Gerry

- Mark Lowden (Fisheries Biologist) conducted the survey
- He is a private consultant (AAE Tech Services) hired by the Province as a consultant
- Gave a verbal report to the SMWA
- 18 species were found – lots of minnow types
- Few pickerel (could have been spawning upstream), master angler yellow perch, rock bass, jack
- Report submitted to Fisheries Branch – Mark is willing to present to the Steering Committee
- SMWA is working with him on a fish ladder and will come up with a quote
- Mark will look for external funding and will be paid out of that funding
- SMWA may approach RM to partner
- Fisheries department may come back later in summer to get a better idea of fish species
- Overall, fish population is healthy but tackling weeds will be a tough job
- Mark is interested in presenting to the SRRCD
- 2 or 3 types of suckers are present which help clean up the lake bottom
- There was a strong current during sampling and the boat did not go far upstream

- Argument for fish ladder – the dam is unnaturally preventing fish from travelling upstream; if it wasn't there, the [undesirable] fish would already be in the Lake
- Fish ladder may be designed to keep carp out
- Best location would be on the Park side

B) Tour of Lake with Ken Kansas – Algae is starting to appear

C) Promotion – Georges – Press release was sent to the media

D) Orthophoto purchase from Prov. Library – Done, maps brought to meeting

E) Info from Arvid – he has sent some info but not the report on the Cam-Mart  
 - Should the Committee pursue it further or wait for the Rat River IWMP?

F) “Turn in Polluters” program – Do we want to pursue this?  
 - Should it be a recommendation to the IWMP?  
 - It is MB Conservation’s mandate – they need to be enforcing it  
 - Partner with the RM? – Through by-laws, people could report to the RM

4. New Business

A) Categorizing issues as SRRCD projects and IWMP recommendations

**1. Water Quality**

**SRRCD**

- Public awareness brochures – sewage
- Take winter sample Jan/Feb on the Lake to test for vegetation

**IWMP**

- lobby MB Conservation to get sewage inspectors to St Malo Lake area
- recommend connecting livestock waste to crop producers
- recommend compiling a report of manure management of barns upstream of St Malo Lake

**2. Lake Bottom – Sediment Removal (South Basin)**

**SRRCD**

- Meet with DFO to discuss sediment removal

**IWMP**

- Calculate reduction of flow and carrying capacity of Crown Land and Ernie Goertzen projects
- Rivermill road ditch-redirect water to Friesen road drain (similar to Topeka Farms)

### **3. Vegetation Removal/Control**

#### **SRRCD**

#### **IWMP**

- Meet with Pascal re: weed species ID at the end of July
- Invite Park on tour
- Pat will ask Eugene Kozera to test the dam gate

5. Next Meeting: Sept. 9, 2010, 9:30 am
6. Kristy-Layne will ask Ken Kansas for copy of Fisheries report
  - Ask Wendy Ralley for an interpretation of Rat River Water Quality results
7. Adjournment

#### **21-2010: Jules Gosselin – Georges Beaudry**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is hereby adjourned.

**CARRIED**