

MINUTES

September 8, 2010

ST. MALO LAKE STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP MEETING

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

22-2010: Neil Loughran - Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be hereby adopted as presented with the addition of the media release.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

23-2010: Neil Loughran - Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of June 28, 2010 be hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Old Business

- A) Media Release – Georges
 - Updated media release has been prepared
 - Georges circulates copy to members

24-2010: Neil Loughran – Pat Watson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the updated press release be approved and sent to the local media.

CARRIED

- B) Mark Lowden (Fisheries Biologist) report – Gerry
 - The St Malo Wildlife Association (SMWA) approved approaching Mark Lowden to investigate the possibility of installing a Fish Ladder
 - Consensus is that the St Malo Lake Stewardship Committee supports the SMWA in investigating this issue

4. Presentation by Jennifer Stephens – Water Quality Management Section, Manitoba Water Stewardship: Water Quality on the Rat River & Joubert Creek

- Need to set goals for water testing programs
- Focus on nutrient & bacteria levels
- Identify concerns, pollution sources & mitigation
- Compare changes in upstream vs. downstream tests
- Compare results to Provincial standards
- Province does monitoring quarterly at specific stations
- Some information outliers can be disregarded if the information is decided to be faulty

Georges is excused at 10:30am.

- Government is working on creating standards specific to each area of the Province
- Manitoba is already rich in soil Phosphorus
- Suspended solids are high in the Rat River
- Phosphorus is due to runoff/erosion in the Rat River
- Phosphorus is more likely due to animal sources in Joubert Creek
- Sediment would likely not settle out in St Malo Lake because water turnover is too high (2-3 days)
- Vegetation would not dramatically decrease phosphorus levels in St Malo Lake
- Highest concentration of phosphorus on Joubert Creek is at sites 2A & 2B (middle)
- Phosphorus concentration can be lowered but likely will never be below the guidelines
- Recommendations – BMP's in the lower watershed
 - off-site watering/fencing
 - erosion control (especially for the Rat)
 - riparian buffers
- Education has a huge role
- A good idea is to start a dialogue with DFO on solutions
- CD is best to target non-point source pollutions rather than point source pollution (government's role)
- Could we look at soils in Joubert Creek vs. Rat River?
 - MAFRI or Conservation
 - could overlay results with soil type

5. Rat River IWMP

- Public consultation meetings are: Oct 7, 14, & 21
- Members are encouraged to attend the meeting on Oct 14 in St Malo
- A submission (around 2 pages) can be prepared after public meeting results are compiled

25-2010: Gerry Maynard – Neil Loughran

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Marc Hamonic is hereby appointed as the representative of the St Malo Lake Stewardship Committee to the Rat-Marsh River IWMP Watershed Team.

CARRIED

6. Next Meeting: December 2, 2010, 9:30 am

7. Adjournment