

## MINUTES

July 18, 2012

### ST. MALO LAKE STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP MEETING

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

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

Approved by consensus with additions of St Malo Park Consultations, and Surface Water Management Consultations.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of February 23, 2011 were reviewed and discussed. 3A) Pat Watson will talk to Ken Kansas regarding the fish survey. 3D) John Harris is creating an emergency plan for the dam/spillway. 4B) Dredging was happening at Little Saskatchewan reservoir several decades ago. Kristy-Layne will talk to LSRC manager to enquire.

#### 3. Old Business

##### A) De Salaberry Crown Land Project Update

- RM of De Salaberry to rent bulldozer and use at the site to strip and clear dykeline
- Anticipated to happen mid-August
- Discussion ensues regarding effect of project on downstream peak flows on the Rat River. From Dean Gould's report, inflow diverted from Road 19N = 98 acre-ft/day, and inflow from precipitation and runoff = 33 acre-ft/day (total 131 acre-ft/day) and outflow = 11.6 acre-ft/day.

##### B) St Malo Wildlife Fish Ladder Update

- Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) funding has been denied
- MIT is not in favor of the fish ladder being built
- Mark Lowden (biologist) can push through this
- Feasibility study will not happen until funding is available
- SMWA can apply to FEF again
- MIT is concerned that they will end up inheriting the structure

##### C) Rat River IWMP Update

- Draft plan is being written
- 70% complete

#### **4. New Business**

- A) Sedimentation at inlet to Lake, feasibility of dredging, and info on available dredging machine
  - Province owns two amphibex
  - One is available to rent at \$400/hr
  - It is harder to get environmental approval if weeds are present
  - Province could apply for licensing for the group for a small fee
  - First need to have a site visit
  - Cost doesn't include hauling pumped material
  
- B) Plan for additional field work in and around lake?
  - Consensus is to focus on prevention rather than further sediment study
  
- C) Communication with local cottagers' summer 2012? Are we providing any lake information or updates to them?
  - Will create a water quality survey to distribute around the Lake with brochures (up to Friesen rd)
  
- D) Future work of the committee
  - Committee will be still active and meet as needed
  - Will comment on draft IWMP
  
- E) St Malo Park consultation
  - Gerry will represent St Malo Lake committee July 21, 2012
  
- F) Surface Water Management
  - Province is working on putting together a strategy (should be ready in 2013)

#### **5. Next Meeting**

- Will be called once the draft plan is ready

#### **6. Adjournment**

#### **7. Visit to have closer look at inlet to lake re: sedimentation**