

Lake Stewardship and Environment Ad hoc Committee

Meeting #4

Saturday July 27, 8am, Council Chambers

Draft minutes

Present; Fern Harris, Barb Ancinelli, Wave Weir, Carl Mitchel, Barbara Mallory, Tom Poonik, Sheila Hardy Freed, Peter Hopkins, Mike Corson, Susan Adamson, Tony Best Regrets, Bill Young

Visitors; Vida Senkus, Al Last

1. Call to order
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Additions to the agenda
4. Approval of the agenda
5. New resources: Archipelago brochure and Mattawa Septic procedures,
6. Guests: **Ellen Walker- Plastics Free Parry Sound**,
300 members, launched the straw free campaign and the Pledge campaign for businesses, municipalities as well as individuals.
Encourages elimination or reduction of plastic where possible. Large education component. Values of PSPF; collaborative, fun and light hearted, celebrate the wins, inclusivity, recognizing indigenous land. Lobby for no plastics by law. Book; *Zero Waste Home*, B Johnson
Rob Gibson - MNRF, sees community fisheries and wildlife improvement projects as a help in enforcement. Simplified fishing regulations are in the works. Black Crappie destroy local species. Important to educate public. Clean, and not restricted bait important. Need to educate safe catch and release methods so fish does not die in 20 minutes. To get spawn from Whitetone the fish needs to be certified as disease free, can be done, Steve Sholdice- Dan Duggan.
Have a Junior Ranger Program to maintain spawning beds and restore rivers.
Clean shorelines and lawns do not support a fish population. Encourage natural shorelines without sand beaches wherever possible. Leave natural barrier wherever possible to discourage geese and encourage fish. Fry need the shore weeds to survive.
Individuals can apply for a free Land Use Permit where a technician will come out to help design a shoreline that meets your needs as well as the natural habitat and species.
7. Correspondence from MLCA/ Andy Kellner: water testing. Hot spots. Need to develop protocol for hot spots, Peter to invite all water testing bodies to a meeting to help establish future protocol.
Education paramount

8. Council update: boating signs to be installed
transfer station – Councillor Kekkenan to determine recycle rules to post and educate. ,
Butterfly park opening August 24, 10am
9. Next Meeting #5 : Sat Aug 24, 8am