

Ad Hoc Lake Stewardship and Environment Committee Meeting Draft Minutes
Saturday, September 28, 8:00-10:30

1. Welcome and Introductions, PRESENT: Tony Best, Fern Harris, Peter Hopkins, Susan Adamson, Michael Carson, Barbara Mallory, Don Sneyd, VISITORS: Don Carmichael, Peter Engbers, Brian Ingram, Barry Campbell. REGRETS: Barbara Bryer-Ancinelli, Wave Weir, Sheila Hardie-Freed, Andy Kellner, Carl Mitchell
2. No conflict of interest reported
3. No Amendments to the agenda
4. Approval of agenda, moved by Fern, seconded by Don S, carried
5. Approval of Minutes, as above
6. UPDATES: restocking meeting with MNRF in Bracebridge on Oct 4th, Mike Carson, Al Last and Peter Hopkins to attend.

FOCA seminar - Peter Hopkins to attend Nov. 16

Peter Hopkins will formally thank the children who contributed to the amazing Natural Word Summer Themed Tree

The Ridge is planning a \$20 million expansion including 40 play and stay cottages located up on the hill away from the water. This will double employment in the area. Manager Drew Rachar has left the Ridge, so there is new management, but same owner, which may help them to get a liquor licence.

Two climate change workshops: GBBR Sept. 24, Don Carmichael attended, looking to make massive reductions in emissions, undergoing a residential inventory of carbon emissions, 4 municipalities have signed on, @\$10,000 each, council has approved the plan but no money has been sent. Tammy has the terms of reference for the Climate Change Footprint analysis. The other is Sept.27/28 in Sundridge: Climate change: are we ready?

VISITOR

Brian Ingram, Bracebridge Generation Ltd, . They are a green energy company - they can influence the lake but Mother Nature controls it. They lower the levels to ensure snow melt and spring run-off will not cause issues. They have stats in water levels from 1993-2018. Measurement of water levels used to be the 'look see' method, but now is by cellular water level instrumentation. Precipitation, water usage and evaporation are the wild cards. The Ridge has a permit to take 2.2 million / day. The demand for water increases with more cottages and larger structures, rentals also impacts this.

Water levels impact water lines and docks. Brian suggests our committee recommend waterlines be buried 4' underground and docks should be disconnected and able to absorb water level changes of about .5 Metres. Bracebridge Gen reports to the MNRF regularly and when changes occur because these changes impact spawning beds and wildlife management. Stagnant water is undesirable due to species impact and the minimum is too low for reptiles, specifically turtles. This concern will be shared with the MNRF at the restocking meeting.

The standing advisory committee appears to have fizzled out as members keep changing, there is not much interest except in times of crisis. MLCA sends out notices from Bracebridge power gen, perhaps the township should get these notices too. We may want to look at limiting lawn watering, car washing etc. At times of drought.

Bracebridge has undergone some construction and updating on the damn and associated facilities.

7. Hot spot protocol

We are awaiting material from Mattawa. Peter will discuss with township employees their responsibility when hot spots are detected by the MLCA water testers. Peter will ask FOCA what they do about septic issues. We need guideline and procedures for people to follow, such as a list of local folks who inspect and empty septic. A bylaw is needed that when a property is transferred, the septic should be inspected.

Once the material from Mattawa is received we will develop an action plan. Follow up from last meeting's motion to council: inspecting septic systems cannot be a condition of sale

8. Guests at next meeting: Chris Bordeleau building inspector
Nancy Cohen, Safe, Quiet Boating

9. New Business: discussion needed at Nov. mtg on the December meeting date
MLCA will be contacted by Peter to change their coli count to 200 to reflect Ministry and Public Health standards

This committee recommends to council that this ad hoc committee needs to extend meetings until April 202 (Barbara/Fern, carried)

10. New motion: it is recommended that the sale of a property within 500' of the water in McKellar township, can be registered once a satisfactory report on the condition of the septic system is submitted from approved septic inspectors such as Ecoflo, Weeks, Adams.

Moved by Tony, seconded by Don S and carried

11. Next meetings: Sat. Oct. 26, Sat. Nov. 23, Dec. ?

12. Adjournment 10:37