

Environmental and Lake Stewardship Committee DRAFT MINUTES - Thurs Aug 13,20-6:30pm

Please note: No protocols for the opening of the CC have been approved by the CEMC, thus we will follow provincial guidelines of maximum of 50 people, social distancing, facemasks, sanitizers. Please confirm your attendance.

Draft Minutes

Present: Peter Hopkins, Susan Adamson, Tony Best, Don Sneyd, Al Last, Wave Weir

Regrets: Carl Mitchell, Fern Harris, Sheila Hardie, Barbara Ancinelli, Barbara Mallory

Guests: no guests

Guest regrets: Jennifer Ghent-Fuller,

1. Welcome and introductions, quorum
2. Approval of the agenda Don and Wave, approved
3. Approval of the July 30th minutes- already circulated, Tony and Wave, approved
4. Reports and updates:
 - i-Council approval of new member- still one opening-Peter, Al Last is now a legal member.
 - ii-Council – committee vision statement- Peter. It was approved by council, without discussion, unanimously
 - iii-Ridge's phosphorous water testing update- Peter talked to Don the greenskeeper, they are moving forward to try to find a local company to do the testing and we will get a report. There are some committee concerns that whomever they hire must be licensed, registered, competent and reliable, and Peter will pass on the concerns of our committee. We need to know who is on their environment committee.
 - iv-water testing- Jennifer, Andy, they are continuing to test
 - v- Benthic study- Jennifer, Andy, we have no feedback yet, testing is completed
 - vi- other. The spill at the ridge , a hole dug, sludge which was coloured orange, MOE has been in to test it, not toxic. Cause was a clogged pipe, unplugged that pipe. It is largely ferrous debris, they have not yet tested the liquid for phosphorous, fertilizer chemicals and what they use to treat the greens. The golf course will re-establish the drain, treat the area and replant as it is an environmentally protected area

5. -'Clean up our Lakes Project"- Sat Aug 29 9-12, help and promotion- tonnage, photos- Peter. Please hand out flyers to your neighbours. Should be put up at mailbox areas and boat launches, at the dump, Peter will call John of MLCA to forward these out to MLCA members. Greg Gostick will try to find out how much a full dumpster weighs. We need volunteers for that day for the two boat launches.

6. Reports:

-i- Septic issue draft: revised- Tony. This should be a major education focus. There is so much data with respect to septics it is overwhelming. There are mandatory programs and voluntary programs. If it is too big and too large it will never get off the ground. The CBO has been directed to review all documents and report about mandatory inspections. Tony will report at our next meeting so we can proceed with recommendations to council .

-ii-Fish and Fish Habitat Issue draft: revised- Al and Don. Don led us through the report. He will send this to members of the environment committee electronically. He will bring this back completed to our next meeting.

-iii-Safe Boating Issue:- Susan and Peter, Peter shared the report, we need to add environmentally protected areas, no wakes, seadoos, volume of boats...it will be brought back to the next meeting.

-iv- Wave's summary handout-Wave has had positive feedback, please do read her email and respond

-v- Updated Appendices, contacts and references –Peter will have these for our next meeting

-vi-Draft ES Committee interim report on highlights –Peter circulated this electronically, please send any comments to Peter.

7. Future Topical issues: are we going to continue doing these below? Or should we focus on Septic, fishing, water safety and lake capacity. We need to decide.

-a- water levels, waterfronts and watershed –draft done, needs revision

-b- Climate change – draft done- needs revisions

-c- Pollution, pesticides, insecticides, recycling

-d- wildlife and invasive species

-e- Lake Capacity – Carl – study proposal

-f- Rental- awaiting legal disposition

-g-other

8. Action and Council resolutions:

9 AOB

10. Next meeting: Thurs Aug 27, 6:30pm CC

Support handouts: If possible any topic that is completed before the meeting, should be circulated to members of the committee and special visitors.