

Environmental and Lake Stewardship Committee

Draft Minutes Thurs Aug 27, 6:30 CC

Present: Peter Hopkins, Susan Adamson, Sheila Hardie, Don Sneyd, Al Last, Barbara Ancinelli, Fern Harris, Tony Best, Wave Weir

Committee regrets: Barbara Mallory, Carl Mitchell

Present guests: Jennifer Fuller-Ghent, Mark Ancinelli

Guest regrets: Andy Kellner

Proposed Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions: members and guests. We have quorum!
2. Approval of Aug 13. 20 Minutes as circulated, moved by Wave and Barb, approved
3. Approval of the Agenda approved
4. Updates:

-i- Ridge MOE clean up- Peter, completed

-ii- Lake Manitouwabing- MOE test algae- Peter. Signs were posted at the beaches and Minerva Park and MLCA was appraised. A Press release was sent out. Blue algae moves with the wind. Whitestone and Seguin have a similar issue which was circulated to the committee. Jennifer reported MLCA tested 4 samples. All samples were under the variance specified. According to the MIE BGA is suspended and cloudy, about a foot underwater, with some adhesion. Barb spotted it as well. The MOE will not disclose the location, except possibly to the Township. According to their website there are numerous factors that may contribute to blue green algae whose official name is Plankton thrift, cyanobacteria and may be toxic form. Rob Gibson was very helpful with this issue. Action: Peter will develop a draft protocol and a set of guidelines on how the township will deal with BGA, for the next meeting, including causes and prevention possibilities. Also should be included are causes and prevention possibilities. FYI, Beaver fever is also present on the lake. Our committee feels action is needed ASAP.

As a community what should we do? We need to educate the community. We need to find ways to communicate with all residents. (Our lake stewardship issue is becoming our number one priority)

-iii- MLCA- water testing results- Andy and Jennifer..3 sampling runs, latest on Aug 11, 2 sites have come down in numbers, all others were fine. Bethnic report should be sent in September.

-iv- Health Unit- beaches. As of August 12 Armstrong is slightly over the 200 mark, higher than it has been, probably caused by geese

-v- Safe Boating Webinar: Peter, Mike and Susan all watched, we will get the full document from Safe Quiet Boating to peruse.

- | 5. Reports: | Education | Action |
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| -a- Interim Report- Peter | draft | Lake capacity draft to be added to this report and it is going to council on Sept. 8th, Item h) needs a semi colon on the 3rd point 'do not litter'. This will go to the Tait's Island and MLCA meetings, once it is run by council. Christmas and Thanksgiving markets will not be held here. Developing protocols for the library and council office. |
| -b- Safe Boating-Susan-Peter | draft | draft. We will add materials about buoys and bring this back to the next meeting |
| -c- Septic – Tony-all | draft | discussion. Building inspector has all the information and it will be a staff report which will come to council. Building permits should decrease in December, with a report to follow. There is greater urgency, now more than before, we need action. It is a health issue and it should be prioritized. Why don't we ask council to engage a consultant who will come up with a plan for our township - similar to Hit Spot protocols. |
| Resolution: Moved by Tony, Resolution to council, in order for this community to move forward expeditiously, council should hire a consultant to review and develop a plan for our community on septic re-inspection programs. Seconded by Don, unanimously passed. This will be presented on the 8th. | | |
| -d- Lake Capacity- Carl | draft | pending, Peter will speak with Carl to straighten out whether a resolution to council should be made, r if more information is needed. |
| -e- Fishing and Habitat-Don,Al | draft | pending-sent to the committee, no feedback, Peter will take this to council on the 8th |
| -f- Appendices- Peter | draft | pending approval, not complete yet |
| -g- Wave`s summary | draft | pending, what shall we do with this? Revise, ask council to endorse it before it goes out to the public, then approach MLCA to ask to publish it in the website |
| -h- Climate Change; | some preliminary, but needs to be completed | |
| -i- Water levels - water fronts: | Some preliminary work that needs completion | |
| -j- etc | | |

6. Council Actions and Resolutions-

-a- Fish habitat: Three reports to council – educational draft, report and long-term recommendations to council September 8

-b- Interim Report to council September 8

-c- resolution about septic: See report on hiring a consultant to help the CBO and his report

7. Clean Up Our Lakes Sat Aug 29, 9-12: ***Needed 8 volunteers to supervise bins-2 hour each. Bins will be weighed so we know how much waste has been collected. Sanitizers will be at a table at each place, face masks and gloves.

Stewart Park: Sheila and Fern 8:30-10:30 , Jennifer and David 10:30-12:30

Lakeside Park: 8:30- 10:30 Barb and Sue, 10:30-12 The Mitchell's

8. AOB- do not copy everyone when you say you are going to attend or not going to attend

9. Next meeting: Saturday, September 26th @ 9:00 CC.

Saturday, October 17th @9:00 CC