

MINUTES

ST.MALO LAKE STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP MEETING

June 18, 2009

Present: Marc Hamonic, Jules Gosselin, Luc Lahaie, Georges Beaudry, Gerry Maynard, Kristy-Layne Carr

Regrets: Pat Watson, Jodi Goerzen

1. Review of the agenda
2. Review of the minutes (May 21, 2009)
3. Review of the terms of reference

1-2009: Luc Lahaie – Georges Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Terms of Reference be hereby adopted with corrections.

CARRIED

The corrections are as follows:

- In the introduction after improve water quality, “manage water levels” is added.
 - Under participants, addition of f) St Malo Wildlife Association – Gerry Maynard.
 - Under the responsibilities of the committee, addition of a bullet about the committee providing recommendations to sub-district 3/4.
 - Under SRRCD responsibilities, addition of a bullet saying that the SRRCD will carry out projects through recommendations of the sub-district to the board.
 - For the schedule, change #8 to Public awareness meetings, and switch the last number to #10 instead of 9.
 - Indicate that the schedule and committee roles will be reviewed after one year. This eliminates the need to mention long-range plans.
 - Under the budget, rename remuneration committee remuneration.
4. E-mail from Pat Watson re: Rat River State of the Watershed Report
 - Kristy-Layne informs committee that with the Rat River IWMP, a State of the Watershed Report will be compiled. This document will include all relevant information that the Provincial Government has on the Rat River Watershed, including St Malo Lake. This information would be available to the committee likely in 2010.
 5. Maps
 - Committee members discuss the need for topography maps, which are available for purchase in Winnipeg. Georges has used info on the MAFRI website to create topo maps. He will e-mail link to Kristy-Layne. This discussions highlights the need for a small budget to cover miscellaneous expenses (i.e.: maps) so the

committee does not have to request small amounts of money from the sub-district every time.

2-2009: Marc Hamonic – Neil Loughran

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the St Malo Lake Stewardship Working Group hereby requests a \$2,500 budget from Sub-District 3/4 to cover miscellaneous, minor expenses.

CARRIED

6. Advertising/Public Education

- The committee discusses the various ways to inform the public about the committee as well as Lake BMP's (Beneficial Management Practices). The SRRCD website will list committee members and their contact info (excluding Neil's) for people to submit their questions/concerns. Sending out a press release was another way to inform the public of the committee's existence. Members decided to recommend putting together a brochure on Lake BMP's which would be available throughout the SRRCD.

3-2009: Marc Hamonic – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the St Malo Lake Stewardship Working Group hereby recommends to Sub-District 3/4 to publish a cottage/waterfront BMP brochure for distribution throughout the SRRCD.

CARRIED

7. Review list of issues/concerns with St Malo Lake

- Committee member Neil Loughran had previously come up with a list of issues with input from Marc Hamonic and Gerry Maynard. The committee edited this list and came up with 7 issues and prioritized them into low and high categories.
- The list reads as follows:
 - Reservoir Bottom – High Priority
 - Water Quality (nutrients & chemicals) – High
 - Bank Stability – High
 - Water Levels – High
 - Dam & related Infrastructure – Low
 - Fisheries – Low
 - Public Access – Low

8. Next Meeting – July 16, 2009 at the RM of De Salaberry at 9:30 am.

- The committee discusses the direction for the next few meetings. The consensus is to invite experts from the Province to address questions/provide information on the issues and concerns identified. It is decided that Arvid Ewashko will be

invited to the next meeting as he would have the most knowledge directly related to St Malo Lake. Other suggestions for guests for future meetings are; Doug Leroux-MB Fisheries, Wendy Ralley-Water Quality, Alena James-Shoreline Erosion, and a hydrologist (KGS?). Members are to e-mail questions for Arvid to Kristy-Layne so that they can be compiled and sent to him prior to the meeting. Also, members are asked to take the broad list of 7 issues and come up with specific concerns which will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment at 12:00 pm