

Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee
Thursday, September 19, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: Garth Bangay, Blake McDonald, Robin McAdam, Sarah Macleod, Mike Morrison, Chad Haughn

Regrets: Trudy Payne, Ken Ruth

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Business Arising

None

4. New Business

4.1 2019 Water Testing Program Update

September testing was done within 36 hours of Hurricane Dorian. It was great to capture this data. There was over 100ml of rain from that event.

The weather station has had a few errors but has been corrected.

Preliminary results are in and there was a spike in bacteria count. It is normal to get a peak in bacteria after a rainfall, but it is expected a dilute soon after and it did not. Normally people should wait 24 hours after a rainfall to go in the water.

Two separate people contacted Coastal Action about work on Sherbrooke Lake. The Fox Point and Sherbrooke Lake section of the Coastal Action website had 32 visits recently.

A volunteer expressed interest in helping with sampling: Charles Dickson 902-644-3794. Garth will contact him and setup training for April 2020.

Coastal Action contacted Dalhousie University about algae bloom testing. They are in the early stages of a potential project. Looking to develop a handheld sampling device. The professor has done some samples. They are looking for a location for a permanent testing site. Sarah will keep the committee updated on the work.

We don't currently have a protocol for high bacteria. Fox Point has a protocol where the homeowner president sends a note out to all residents. A possible solution is education - include info in next information booklet i.e. avoid swimming within 24 hours after a rainfall. If we get a high reading, it would be possible to send out reminders through Municipal websites and homeowners associations.

4.2 Letter to MOC Plan Review

Chad will find out the Public Hearing date for the Plan Review.

The draft letter could use more of an intro and could include the work of this committee. Garth will write and include a public education paragraph but will also keep it brief. Once completed the letter will be submitted to Municipal Council.

Motion: That the updated letter be submitted to MOC Council.

Moved by Robin. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Robin will contact Tina Connors as the local councillor to discuss details.

5. Other Business

6.1 None

6. Next Meeting

An email will be sent out to schedule the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by Mike. Seconded by Robin.