

Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Minutes

Attendees: Garth Bangay, Blake McDonald, Mike Morrison, Chad Haughn, Shanna Fredericks, Sarah Macleod
Regrets: Tissy Bolivar, Robin McAdam, Ken Ruth
Guests: Hugh Harper

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. Agenda

No additions to the agenda that was circulated.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of September 19, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Mike Seconded by: Blake

Motion carried.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Volunteer Training: Coastal Action will conduct training on the first day of sampling in May for both current and new volunteers. There are two groups of volunteers with a couple of spares. Charles Dickson will be invited to participate.

4.2 Rainfall Sampling: Rainfall event sampling will take place in late May.

4.3 Dalhousie Project: The Dalhousie algae bloom testing program is on hold until the new Coastal Action staff person is in place.

5. Committee Membership

Advertising was done to fill member vacancies. Garth and Robin's terms were up in July 2019. Both members agreed to reoffer.

Ken Ruth has not responded to emails or attended meetings recently. Tissy to follow up and see if he is still interested and has time to participate on the committee.

Blake will not be reoffering once his term is up in July 2020.

When the committee membership advertising is created for next year, it should be circulated through homeowners associations. Invitations could be issued to replace the technical expert member (i.e. NSCC or universities).

6. 2019 Summary Report & Technical Report

Technical Report:

- Point 3 under recommendations – add ... both municipalities should “*continue*” to create and distribute educational pieces...
- Under bullet 4.3 – link both municipal websites or have consistency between information shared by both municipalities.
- Add a recommendation that the stewardship committee and park committee work together if there is any development in 2020-21 season.

Motion: The committee accepts the technical report prepared by Coastal Action with the changes noted above.

Moved by: Blake Seconded By: Mike

Motion carried.

Summary Report:

- Move the overall health of lake section to the top.
- Add a line that this is year two of a five year program.
- Under Algae Bloom add contact info for NS Environment. Let people know they should call NSE to report a bloom.
- Change term Riparian Zone to Vegetative Buffer.
- Put Vegetative Buffer first on list and move Manure Liners to end.
- Under Fertilizing Lawn – change to “Avoid fertilizing lawns if possible”.
- Under Dish Soaps, change camping to cottage.
- Stewardship Committee – last sentence, change property owners to “volunteers”.
- Under Algae Blooms on page 1, change “amounts” to “area”.

Motion: That the summary report be approved with the above changes.

Moved by Blake. Seconded by Mike.

Motion carried.

7. Draft Budget For 2020-2021

Shanna presented a draft budget for 2020-21. There are increased costs related to testing as the lab fees have increased.

To make sure there is not a dramatic increase in the total budget, the committee agreed to remove sediment sampling for 2020-21 at a savings of approximately \$2800.

8. Presentation of 2019 Results to MODL & MOC

Request that Tissy include the committee budget in MODL budget and that she book a presentation date to Council based on the MODL budget timeline and availability of Coastal Action staff.

Chad will tentatively book March 26th for a presentation to MOC Council.

9. Other Business

A big thank you was given to Sarah for all her work and commitment to the committee. The committee wished her well in her new job.

10. Next Meeting

Garth will send out a meeting request.

11. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned (9:15pm).

Moved by Mike. Seconded by Blake.