

Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee

February 6, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Chester Municipal Office

Those in attendance: Robin McAdam, Blake McDonald, Terry Matheson, Garth Bangay, Shanna Fredericks, Chad Haughn and Trudy Payne.

Regrets: Mat Whynott

Agenda:

Approval of minutes from previous meeting;

Insurance;

Water Quality Monitoring Program/Budget

Approval of minutes

Page 2 should say to create. Concerning action items from the minutes Terry did send Trudy the information about DFO.

Moved by Blake and seconded by Terry that the minutes be approved as amended.

Garth wanted to formally recognize all the work Shanna has put into getting the water quality monitoring program to this stage.

Water Quality Monitoring Program

A draft power point presentation was shown to the committee. After discussion several amendments were made to help clarify the slides for the Council presentations. It was agreed by the committee that option 2 is what would be recommended to the Councils; which would see the cost of the water quality program at \$22,000 (this is the option with the volunteers collecting the water samples). As a capital item it was agreed that a request be made to the District of Chester and the District of Lunenburg to invest \$5,000 each into purchasing a YSI to aid in the collection of water samples. If one cannot be purchased it will require borrowing one from one of the university's in Halifax which will require volunteers to schedule the use of the equipment, travel in to get it and then take it back. This could cause scheduling issues, not to mention increasing costs for the water quality monitoring program in terms of operating costs. If MODL owned one for this project, it would make it easier to recruit volunteers and help ensure consistency of the collection of water samples as the YSI would be used for this program.

The question was asked where are the volunteers to come from? Both Garth and Robin volunteered to recruit volunteers to collect the water samples. It was agreed to try to recruit 6 -9 people; having two regular teams of three. The requirements of the volunteers are boat availability; training and collecting the samples once a month and getting them to Bluenose Coastal Action in a timely fashion to get them to

the lab. There will be elements of adhering to a schedule and possibility traveling to and from Halifax. Also, volunteers would need to be ready to get water samples at set locations after a heavy rain. So, the element of readiness exists. Shanna stated that samples could not be taken on Saturdays as they must be delivered to the lab within 24 hours of collection. Trudy mentioned the extra insurance was acquired by MODL for volunteer coverage.

Robin commented he did send a request for volunteers already and indicated samples would either need to happen during the week or Sundays due to the 24 hours of getting the samples to the lab.

It was agreed that the revised power point would be sent out to the committee to ensure all the changes were captured and ready to present to Council. Folks are to send their comments to Trudy.

Garth commented that power point should be sent for peer review to Denny P. with Environment Canada.

Trudy will see if the presentation can be a joint council meeting. It was agreed for the Committee to meet a week after the joint presentation.

Meeting was then adjourned.