

Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee
Thursday, May 2, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: Garth Bangay, Blake McDonald, Robin McAdam, Sarah Macleod, Mike Morrison, Ken Ruth Trudy Payne, Chad Haughn

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. A warm welcome was extended to Mike and Ken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be approved with Planning Bylaw added under 6.1 Other Business.

Moved by Robin. Seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of February 28, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Moved by Blake. Seconded by Robin. Motion carried.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Council Presentations

Presentations to both MODL and MOC went well. There was a lot of discussion about mercury and fishing at the MODL presentation. Both Councils were supportive of water quality monitoring program continuing for upcoming year.

4.2 Communications Strategy

The open houses will be removed from the Communications Plan based on a recommendation from MODL Council. Clarification was provided concerning which Sarah (Kucharski or Macleod) was responsible for actions listed in table on page 2 of the plan. To date there has been very little feedback on year one testing results.

It was suggested that photos would be a great addition to Facebook posts. Coastal Action has a photo release form that volunteers will be asked to sign.

Action: Trudy will have the MODL solicitor review the photo release form.

The budget for the communications plan needs to be updated, the total should be \$800 not \$2000.

4.3 Membership Update

Ken Ruth was approved as the newest MODL representative on the committee. Mike Morrison has volunteered as the MOC representative, his appointment needs to be approved by MODL Council.

5. New Business

5.1 Terms of Reference: Goal Setting

The committee reviewed the Terms of Reference. There was some discussion about the role of the committee in relation to activities around the lake i.e. development, vegetation removal (item 19 in Terms of Reference document). Further discussion will take place at the next meeting. May want to involve municipal planning staff as part of this discussion.

Action – Sarah will remind volunteers to use the notes section of the reports to document anything observed that may impact water quality.

5.2 2019 Water Testing Program

Sarah circulated and reviewed the draft program for 2019. Volunteers are lined up and ready to assist with the testing.

Action – Robin will contact the property owner where the Gully River sample is taken to get permission to access the location during the 2019 sampling season.

The weather station was purchased by Sarah and is ready for installation. Ken volunteered to mount the station at his property on the lake. There is internet access to the weather station data so there is no need to have someone physically check the station frequently.

Action – Sarah will get the weather station to Ken and get it set up to start collecting weather data.

6. Other Business

6.1 Planning Bylaw

MOC is currently conducting a municipal plan review. It may be an opportunity to advocate for greater protection of the lake. It was suggested that we invite MOC Planner, Tara McGuire, to attend next meeting and update the committee on what's happening as it relates to development around lakes.

Action – Chad to circulate online access to documents related to the plan review as well as the timeline for final approval.

Sarah requested a Map of the lake with a scale of 1:10,000 for the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for end of June. Chad will get possible dates from Tara.

8. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned (8:55pm). Moved by Ken.