



Community Advisory Panel Meeting #11
Wednesday Feb 20, 2013
1:30 - 4:30pm
Bobcaygeon Service Centre

Minutes

Present:

Chris Appleton	(CHAIR - Sturgeon Point Association)
Doug Erlandson	(VICE CHAIR - Balsam Lake Association)
Brian Junkin	(Councilor, City of Kawartha Lakes)
Steve Strangway	(Councilor, City of Kawartha Lakes)
Doug Elmslie	(Councilor, City of Kawartha Lakes)
Pat Warren	(Councilor, City of Kawartha Lakes)
Gerald McGregor	(Councilor, City of Kawartha Lakes)
Kathy Armstrong	(Killarney Bay Cottage Association)
Craig Mather	(Indian Point Property Owners Association)
Katie Clapham	(Gamiing Nature Centre)
Ross Morton	(North Pigeon Lake Ratepayers Association)
George Routcliffe	(Cameron Lake Moorings Association)
Richard Ovcharovich	(Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine-Ridge District Health Unit)
Chris Beverage	(Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine-Ridge District Health Unit)
Mark Phillips	(Ontario Ministry of Environment)
Meredith Carter	(Otonabee Region Conservation Authority)
Erin McGauley	(Otonabee Region Conservation Authority)
Allan Seabrook	(Otonabee Region Conservation Authority)
Lou Probst	(former chair, City of Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee)
Tracy Logan	(Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations)

Regrets

Mike Stedman	(Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association)
Ann VanWarmerdam	(Fleming College)
Paul Reeds	(City of Kawartha Lakes Agricultural Development Advisory Board)
Catherine Gravely	(Resident, Bobcaygeon)
Ken LeMasurier	(Kawartha Protect Our Water)
Mike Hendren	(Kawartha Heritage Conservancy)
Steve Thompson	(Fleming College)
Mike Benner	(City of Kawartha Lakes)

Kawartha Conservation Staff:

Rob Messervey, Chief Administrative Officer
Rob Stavinga, Water Resources Technician
Alex Shulyarenko, Water Quality Specialist
Brett Tregunno, Aquatic Biologist

1) Welcome/Introductions/Adoption of Agenda

- Chair, called to order the meeting at 1:30pm.
- Round table introductions.
- Agenda changes: move presentations (items 4 and 5) to beginning of meeting.

2) Approval of minutes, and business arising from the minutes

- Rob Messervey updated committee in terms of additional project support leveraged, in addition to items captured in Mtg#10 minutes:
 - Engagement w/ Trent Matters, a group active in Canal Lake area; major concern is quarry/aggregate operations; they are supportive of lake management project; Frank Corker is President; willing to become involved, coordinate sampling activities.
 - Ongoing discussions with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority regarding coordination/integration of sampling and planning efforts in the Talbot Arm area; submitted a joint application to Lake Simcoe Cleanup Fund, a Federal grant program for stewardship funding.
 - Ongoing discussions with Otonabee Region Conservation Authority regarding potential for coordinating sampling efforts for Pigeon Lake Plan.
 - Received \$24000 in stewardship funding from Ontario Ministry of Environment, through the Great Lakes Community Guardian fund; project(s) will be conducted in City of Kawartha Lakes and Township of Scugog.

4) Classifying Land Use using Ecological Land Classification

- Through presentation, Rob Stavinga gave an outline of how/why land use is categorized, using Ecological Land Classification, for use in lake management planning project. Some points of clarification:
 - How old are aerial photos? 2008.
 - Do you assess quality of forests, regardless of size? no, resources limited, not currently within scope of plan.
 - How are limestone plains classified? Alvar community group.
 - How is this related to Kawartha Naturally Connected project? - not directly; the KNC planning area does not have complete Ecological Land Classification coverage, therefore use different land use tool and different approach (Marxan); currently Kawartha Conservation is comparing methodologies in Lake Scugog area.

5) Water Stewardship Through Film

- Stan Gibson, from EcoLogos, played a short 2min promo video; through presentation, he provided an outline of the WaterDocs initiative.
 - Film-based festival that consists of showcasing short/feature films that focus on water, with connections to: (i) providing model-based kit for use in making local films, (ii) platform for launching action, (iii) showcasing technologies for public knowledge, (iv) developing classroom-based teaching modules, and (v) providing a community forum to discuss water-related issues/values.

- Ecologos would like to conduct pilot on Kawartha Lakes in March 2014, in Lindsay, with interested partners; currently Sir Sandford Fleming College and Kawartha Conservation are partners; looking for support for project; interested parties should come to Fleming College Sustainability Conference on April 11, 2013.
- Project received support from Community Advisory Panel, in principle.
- How do you see CKL involvement? Need 1-on1 conversation to work out details.
- Daytime of April 11 is difficult to get people attending; limited by venue opportunity.
- Project funding needed? Yes, or other contributions; festival has costs involved that need to be covered.
- AMO's Sustainability Conference information suggests that there is funding available for a project such as this.
- Business Plan for 2013? Do not have a detailed one, need support first then work out details.

ACTION: CAP members to take note of April 11 date; Kawartha Conservation will provide CAP with more details in terms of WaterDocs program.

3) CAP Special Project Committee

i. Committee activities Update

- Brett Tregunno provided update on activities of Special Project Committee; meeting #3 held on Jan21, 2013; focus was on reviewing draft Sturgeon Lake Plan and Characterization reports; action items from the SPC meeting form the basis of this agenda item; SPC is to reports directly to CAP.
- Working with Catherine Gravely and Michael Benner on reviewing CKL Official Plan and associated policies/bylaws; met in early Feb; Kawartha Conservation will report on progress at next CAP meeting.
- Is there a potential pecuniary interest? not apparent but Rob to confirm.

ACTION: Kawartha Conservation to follow up to confirm there is no issue of pecuniary interest.

ii. Sturgeon Lake Characterization Report

- Brett Tregunno provided update on Sturgeon Lake Characterization report; provided draft Water Quality summary to group; looking for feedback from Committee in terms of format, accessibility, etc.
 - Good approach, it is now accessible to lay person.
 - Still difficult to interpret, e.g., so what? is it really an issue or isn't it? and what are we going to do about it?
 - Need to put important information up front.
 - Change wording to "Issues - requiring attention", to separate high priority issues from lower priority.
 - Change format, put Observations first, then explain key issues and why it is an issue; some of the bullets meet this format, other don't.
 - Consider changing format to: Results and Discussion.

- #'s by themselves (e.g., "x"mg/L) do not mean anything, need to explain importance where not apparent.
- A concern with language used, in saying water quality parameters posed a significant threat, and other negative tone of language; need to point out good news stories as water quality is better than it's been and need to continue this good work; money is tight, so need to properly assess severity of issues; data doesn't support significant concerns in terms of lake health (e.g., chlorides in one small stream are high).
- Although data may not support significant concerns, there still are concerns at the "dock-level", e.g., blue green algae blooms and excessive weeds, algae growth, etc.
- CAP exists because public opinion about lake was generally negative; people want to be able to use lake; lakes need to provide good recreation.
- Lake seems healthier now than it was 30 years ago; need to educate people on specific nature of bluegreen algae bloom development.
- Need to vet water quality summary through Science and Technical Committee for peer review.
- According to Dr. Sager from Trent University, lakes are cleaner than they have been for years; small man-made shallow lakes are naturally productive so expect significant plant growth.
- Need a vision for a healthy lake, visioning exercise needed.

ACTION: Kawartha Conservation to consider CAP feedback for inclusion into Watershed Characterization report.

iii. Sturgeon Lake Management Plan

- Brett Tregunno provided update on Sturgeon Lake Management Plan report; provided draft Table of Contents, and Education and Outreach Strategy to group; looking for feedback from Committee in terms of format, accessibility, etc.
 - Chapter 2: Current State is important to keep.
 - Are there priorities for Strategies? Not at this time, but likely Planning and Regulations would be high; however, might run risk of poor readability of plan (e.g., too much policy discussion up front, need to quickly get to the actions).
 - In Chapter 2: Current State, need to include target(s) for success.
 - Wording of Strategies titles does not entice reader; where are the actions that the stakeholders can do to protect their lake? They remain in current draft, need balance between suggesting Best Management Practices and suggesting program-based action items.
 - The lay person needs to be able to "find themselves" in plan.
 - What will Kawartha Conservation have ready for the next SPC meeting in April 2013 (tentative date) Kawartha Conservation will provide work relating to Planning and Policy item; will rework strategy and present information.

ACTION: Kawartha Conservation to consider CAP feedback for inclusion into Lake Management Plans.

6, 7) New Business/Roundtable - Polluter Pay Discussion

- Lou Probst introduced a topic for consideration from the group, proposing that the cost of remedial shoreline action should be borne by shoreline users through a reality surcharge. A number of comments were offered:
 - Prefer a carrot approach, e.g., working with shoreline resident to help improve shoreline, not penalize.
 - Is there a real issue with shoreline septic systems, or is there not; the science I have seen does not support this as a big threat.
 - If you penalize people, then you will likely receive significant pushback.
 - Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP) and Conservation Lands Tax Incentive Program (CLTIP) are examples of approaches/programs may be good tools for shoreline improvement/management incentive.
 - Septic systems may or may not be causing harm to lakes; does science indicate a problem or not? If so, then proposal is a good idea, if not then poor idea.
 - Source Water Protection Plans identified septic systems as threat in Intake Protection Zones, and is requiring specific plan to address threat; cost borne by landowner likely.
 - MFTIP programs somewhat voluntary, people may/are abusing system.
 - Would like to see Open Loops Geothermal Heating added to next CAP meeting agenda; concerned that this is an issue, likely having impacts to lakes and no rules exist.
 - Funding reductions to the Trent-Severn Waterway may reduce capacity for TSW to effectively manage system, to the detriment of lake health and recreational opportunities.

ACTION: Kawartha Conservation to invite Jewel Cunningham, new Director of Ontario Waterways (TSW and Rideau), to give status update at next CAP meeting.

ACTION: CAP to add "Geothermal Open Hoop Heating" as an agenda item for next meeting; Kawartha Conservation to provide background information.

8) Next meeting date

- Next meeting scheduled for June 19, 2013.

9) Adjournment