



**Sturgeon Lake Community Advisory Panel Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Date:** November 10, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Place:** Kawartha Conservation Field Center  
277 Kenrei Road  
Lindsay, Ontario

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**List of Attendees:**

Mike Stedman	(Kawartha Lake Stewards Association)
Mike Dolbey	(Kawartha Lake Stewards Association)
Paul Reeds	(City of Kawartha Lakes Agricultural Advisory Committee)
Chris Appleton	(Sturgeon Point Association)
Ken LeMeseurier	(Kawartha Protect Our Water)
Don Holloway	(Kawartha Protect Our Water)
Doug Erlandson	(Balsam Lake Cottagers Association)
Terry Rees	(Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations)
Lou Probst	(City of Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee)
Dave Kerr	(City of Kawartha Lakes)
Michael Benner	(City of Kawartha Lakes)
Rob Messervey	(Kawartha Conservation)
Dave Pridham	(Kawartha Conservation)
Alex Shulyarenko	(Kawartha Conservation)
Rob Stavinga	(Kawartha Conservation)
Doug van Hemessen	(Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council)
Beth Cockburn	(Trent Severn Waterway)
Mike Hendren	(Kawartha Heritage Conservancy)

**Regrets:**

Steve Thompson (Sir Sandford Fleming College)

**1) Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Rob Messervey, CAO KRCA greeted participants

**2) New Members and Round Table Introductions**

**3) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

Rob Messervey moved to the election of Chair and Vice-Chair and asked members whether they have any candidatures. Prior to selection there were some questions about the role and time commitment.

The Chair will:

- Work with the project management team
- Lead meetings
- Take part in community outreach
- Liaise with other groups as time permits (Project Team, Executive Liaison Group, Science & Technical Committee).

Ken L. nominated Chris Appleton for the position of Chair, seconded by Mike S.

Doug Erlandson offered to take up the position of vice chair

No other nominations were made and Chris Appleton and Doug Erlandson were accepted as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

#### **4) Project Terms of Reference - review and approval**

There was lively discussion about TOR:

- Terry R- expressed interest in socio economic studies, lake capacity, sediment studies and paleolimnology. Happy with how the drinking water aspect was addressed.
- Paul R. - suggested adding partners from agriculture to TOR. Stressed importance of inclusion during study phase. Agreed with suggestion that a presentation be made to major commodity groups in early 2011 to introduce this process to them – most would probably prefer to provide comments early, but become more involved during plan implementation
- Lou P. - CKL Environmental Advisory Committee most concerned with septic systems around the lake, and take a lead or co-lead on this aspect
- Chris A. – Sturgeon Point - where are the commercial interests around the lake represented on this committee, eg. marinas, chamber of commerce
- Mike S. – KLSA to follow up with Bill Parish (Marina Assoc.)
- Terry R./Beth C. – indicated that there is input from marinas with their programs (FOCA and TSW) as well as hydro power and other commercial interests
- Mike S. – inclusions of golf courses
- Mike S. – Indicated the importance of timing the plans objectives to fit with inclusion in official plans and coincide with updating planning and policy
- Rob M. – the timing of objectives is captured in the workplan
- Mike H. - interested in partnering with lakeshore planning to promote aesthetics, landscape character, Lake of Bays e.g. 75% treed lakeshore
- Beth C. – TSW would like to partner in early implementation and stewardship activities

## 5) Sturgeon Lake Management Plan – Activity Update

### Residential Canals – Rob S.

- Update on status of South Bayou – resident believes illness was caused by water along shoreline
- Canal has poor circulation, large geese population, potential septic problems, aquatic plant growth
- Currently awaiting decisions on ownership of canal bed, input from Trent University on identifying source of pathogens
- Members of panel cautioned that one seasonal resident's issue should not overly influence decision making process
- Panel agreed that residential canals should be included in SLMP study and that they offer opportunities for early implementation of stewardship practices and programs
- Although unclear at this time as to who owns the bed of these canals, TSW views them as an extension of the lake when it comes to work permits

### KPOW Proposal – Sediment Sampling - Ken L.

- Concerns about water quality around landfills and sewage treatment plants, particularly the Scugog River discharge into Sturgeon
- Interested in sediment testing in embayment areas
- Emily creek may be a source of PCB's from Emily dump
- Snug Harbour and Pickerel Point have shallow water that is impacted by disturbing the sediment (boat traffic etc.)
- City sediment testing is done on 5 yr basis, sediment testing needs to be done now to be included in the SLMP
- OCWA tests water at Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, and would have results to be included
- Looking for information on sediments to determine what current conditions are
- There are a number of parameters that water treatment plants cannot remove
- Dave K. – Dumps are regulated and materials that were once legal are not longer permitted (prior to 1971)
- There are measures in place to improve dumps, inventories, closing procedures, closed dump monitoring
- Beth C. - sediment sampling requires a permit from TSW
- A number of sites where testing has been done in the past, some areas are free of contaminants, others such as Scugog mouth and Sinister Creek are contaminated
- Consensus that sediment conditions should be looked at, determine current conditions
- Available data on sediments should be utilized
- Sampling protocols should look at background conditions as well to determine levels of contamination
- Proposal was referred to Science and Technical Committee for review and to determine how to proceed, sampling protocols, lab costs, etc. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Executive Liaison Group – report on first meeting and launch event – Rob M.

- Provided overview of Executive Liaison Group and launch event

- Event provided media profile and had strong political representation
- Chris A. – suggested a cross committed representation with Chair of the CAP sitting on Executive Liaison Group and Chair of the ELG sitting on the CAP.

### **Report on Kawartha Conservation sampling network and volunteer activities – Alex S.**

- A summary of locations and number of samples taken by KRCA, Fleming College and KLSA as well as number of parameters, flow and precipitation monitoring stations. As well, Alex provided information about new sampling locations and Trent University areas of study.
- Doug E. – suggested data be summarized for members of CAP to review
- Chris A. - requested results of sampling in a one page summary format

### **Year End Reporting**

- Dave P. – KRCA to work with KLSA on a year end report, asked that Chris A. be added to year end reporting committee
- Suggestion that this report be kept to one page to be user friendly. Or at least produce a 1-page version to be circulated to the lake associations / residents

### **Communications Plan – Brent Kulba**

- Overview of communications plan
- Paul R. - communication take place through all organizations, a unified communication plan
- Suggestions:
  - Lou P. - a newsletter and the use of Survey Monkey to access public input, information
  - Chris A.- a database of interest groups needed, also outreach and presentations around the lake
  - Beth C. – provide short SLMP article for their newsletter, waterway wildlife website available for links, calendar, specific community events, also developing lock information stations
  - Video loop – community T.V., at fair display
  - Trailer tour – take it to the communities

**Golf Courses and other possible land use categories – how do we categorize them amongst all other landuses when we provide statistical analysis results of nutrient sources?** – Rob M. shortly outlined the issue. What others (?) – recreational sites / camp grounds on tributaries.

### **6) Work Plan and Budget 2011**

- Budget for Lake plans put forward to CKL
- Continue with sampling on Sturgeon Lake in 2011
- Next phase Balsam and Cameron, proposed for 2011

### **7) Other Business**

No other business was brought forward

## **8) Next Meeting Date**

- February 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

## **9) Adjourn**

### **Action Items:**

- Update the Terms of Reference support chart for program leads and support and send revised TOR to members of all committees
- Create communications linkages in partner websites and mailouts
- Develop newsletter
- Governance - broaden membership to include industrial/commercial sector, e.g. marina association
- Circulate workplan to CAP members
- Determine categories for other land uses
- Develop a workplan and budget for natural heritage approach
- Develop a survey (Survey Monkey or other)
- Clarify the role of Science and Technical Committee with regards to working with and reporting to CAP in the TOR
- Ask the Science and Technical Committee to provide scientific opinion on KPOW proposal