

SIMON LAKE COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP GROUP

Naughton Community Centre
Thursday, August 20, 2009 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Perry Sarvas, Pat Scott, Linda Heron, Dave Furino, Susan Sarvas, Dan Legrand, Dave Furino

1. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of June 2009 meeting were reviewed – motion passed to accept

2. FINANCES

Our treasurer was unable to attend but we only have one unpaid bill that was for water testing.

3. WATER QUALITY

The milfoil on our lake is not as bad as in previous years and the algae blooms don't seem to be as bad as well but that is likely due to higher and cooler water levels. Clear Lake is Espanola does seem to have a lot of milfoil again this year but we should contact their lake representative for an update on the weevil program.

We will have to meet with the City on the 25th of August to give our input into the continued use of the resonators. We received a letter from WCI detailing their test results and what the options are for further action on the lake. The dissolved oxygen levels on the lake have not gone up as promised by WCI and if that is the case then there is no reason to keep them in the lake. We should look into asking the city that if they decide not to keep the resonators can we use some of the funds that were allocated for the resonator program towards a milfoil abatement program using weevils.

In regards to the letter by Leslie Flowers in the Sudbury Star regarding the smell from Simon Lake and the information we received that the city discharged over 8 billion litres of

untreated sewage into the lake city and ask for an explanation. We should also contact our local MPP and the media to be at the meeting as this discharge is totally unacceptable and is more than the entire city of Toronto. The city has been reporting the spills as they have been required to do but is the MOE doing anything to address the situation.

4. WEBSITE REPORT

There is nothing more to be done with the website at this time.

5. STEWARDSHIP EVENTS FOR THE FALL

Another yard sale was decided against and we have several new members on our committee. We will make a presentation of our committee's work done on the lake at the Walden Fall Fair on September the 12th.

ACTION ITEMS

Write a letter to the Ministry of the Environment requesting they address the sewer bypass issue in particular what policy changes are being considered, what reporting conditions are going to change to accurately reflect the levels of overflow and are there any plans for abatement. Copies of this letter should go to Jacques Barbeau, Stephen Monet, Nick Benkovich, John Rodriguez, France Gelinas and Rick Bartolucci.

Arrange a meeting with Nick Benkovich at address the overflow issues as well as any other questions that our committee has. We should ask if any other stewardship committees want to attend the meeting. This letter should be copied to J. Barbeau, Stephen Monet and John Rodriguez.