

SIMON LAKE COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP GROUP

Naughton Community Centre
Wednesday, 28 January 2009 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Perry Sarvas, Dan Legrand, JoAnn Santi, Pat Scott & Linda Heron

STEWARDSHIP EXECUTIVE – POSITION VACANCIES

1. JoAnn Santi resigned as Treasurer, and Susan Smyth will take her place.
2. Signing authority must be changed over to Susan Smyth.
3. Position of Secretary is now vacant.

FINANCES

- We are short of funds to pay for the water analysis.
- Jacques Barbeau, and Stewardship members made donations to help with finances.
- Our Stewardship would require \$2,000 to get through one year of monitoring; \$500 will come from the City for Water Quality testing, and that would leave \$1,500 to be raised.
- Jacques Barbeau offered to give us some ideas for fundraising.
- Perhaps Delron would make a contribution to the Stewardship.
- Talk to Inco about helping with testing – Kevin Fowke.
- MNR could perhaps help with testing.
- The City, MOE and MNR all do testing and monitoring, but we have a vested interest.
- Ideas for fundraisers were:
 1. John Peroff has offered to make wooden clock faces, towel racks, etc.
 2. Caruso Club would be a great place to hold a dinner fundraiser as they don't charge for the space if there are over a certain number.
 3. Bottle collection – timing is important.
 4. Table at grocery store selling raffle tickets.
 5. Look for grant funding.

ACTION: Perry will follow up with Jacques Barbeau.
JoAnn will follow up with the Caruso Club.
Pat will check with his son regarding Grant funding.

UPDATE ON COHERENT WATER RESONATORS

Resonators were placed in lake on Saturday, 10 January 2009. Stephen Monet came out with Perry for the water monitoring -- Stephen is taking Lana Haslam's place in water monitoring and testing. The dissolved oxygen results were disturbing – already showing signs of very low oxygen levels on the bottom.

EURASIAN MILFOIL

The Stewardship Committee watched a Video presentation regarding the use of weevils to control Eurasian Milfoil (EM).

EM has extremely aggressive growth and there were numerous testimonials to the effectiveness of this method. The weevils are environmentally safe and are a native species added to the lake to consume the Eurasian Milfoil. There has been an environmental license for this application since the 1990's. Puslinch Lake, in Guelph, was very successful. Their numbers depend on the

availability of the food source. Aaron Jacobs is on the Puslinch Stewardship and was very enthusiastic about this treatment, however, he is also a representative for the company.

ACTION: Perry will follow up with Aaron Jacobs of the Puslinch Stewardship to get more information about the weevils.

WALDEN-CAN COMMUNITY CONFERENCE—SPOTLIGHT ON SIMON LAKE

Perry has attended Walden-CAN meetings. They are addressing many issues in Walden such as seniors, youth, health and safety, and they are now on-board with the environmental issues of Simon Lake. They are holding a Walden-CAN Community Conference in April, and the spotlight will be on Simon Lake. The Committee is looking for a keynote speaker, and considering Dave Pearson or Perry. Walden-CAN wants to get the whole of Walden on-board with a common vision and joint effort.

SEWAGE

The question was put forward: What happens when Inco stops hauling sewage? We should start lobbying Jacques and the City to start thinking about alternatives. Put pressure on the City to cap tonnage of output to keep quantity fixed. White Water has a Development Policy stipulating the condition that phosphate levels will not be increased.

ACTION: Dan will obtain a copy of the White Water Lake Development Policy.

WEBSITE

We might want to consider posting water quality results on the website—temperature and dissolved oxygen readings.

ACTION: Linda will:

1. Post all minutes to the website, and will make them available for download.
2. Post meeting dates and locations.
3. Promote the website.
4. Place a Google Earth link on the site & perhaps pertinent You-Tube links.

STEWARDSHIP MEETINGS

ACTION: Simon Lake Community Stewardship Group meetings will be held every 3rd Thursday of the month from now on.

Anyone wishing to add items to the agenda should forward them to Perry one week before the meeting.

Meetings are open to the public.

Next Meeting – 19 February 2009.