

WISTIWASING WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday June 25, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Hodgins with members Paul Girard, John Symons, Susan Major, David Dockendorff, Diane Othmer, and Carsten Jergensen present, as well as recording secretary, Jessica Scarfone and Alice Lauzon.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2014-06 (WWMC)

Susan Major – Paul Girard: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the June 25th, 2014 meeting of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee be adopted as presented. **‘Carried’**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 2014-07 (WWMC)

John Symons – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Minutes from the January 7th, 2014 meeting of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a) Committee read the accepted recommendations from Council regarding cost for the signage at Wasi Beach and Laporte’s Landing, and use of remaining money the committee can purchase a bear proof container with.

OPEN FORUM

NEW BUSINESS

- a) John Symons spoke to committee about the signs put up at Wasi Beach and at Laporte’s Landing. Pictures were shown of the sign locations. Signs were about \$300 each plus \$175 for lumber. Committee approved of the signs and locations.
- b) John Symons and Diane Othmer spoke of their findings from their site visit to the trails at Laporte’s Landing. There were existing firewood cutting trails still present on site. Trails are visible and would only need some brush cutting to complete. There are many trails present that can be used for this project. Diane Othmer has obtained maps from the MNR of the Crown Land at Laporte’s Landing. MNR will visit the site and approve the proposal for the trails. Permits may need to be obtained for any work being doing. Woodchips will be used to line the walking trail. Diane will look into getting woodchips.
- c) NBMCA is organizing an education program to assist landowners in naturalizing their shorelines. Some concerns with this were the proposed 15 meter buffer strip. Most

cottagers thought this was too much and would take up most of their property. Also a concern of having non-native plants planted in their yard could cause a problem with other species of plant or animal. A list of native plants was given so landowners know which plants are best for different areas.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Garbage has been found at the beach at Laporte's Landing around the tree line. Committee would like a bear proof container placed near where the garbage was being found. The committee will be responsible for emptying garbage due to the fact that the garbage contractor is unable to access the beach with his vehicle. John Symons will give staff the information to order the bear proof bin.

The portable washroom from Laporte's was damaged last year and taken away by Public Works. Staff will send a memo to Public Works to find out how much damage was done and ask to have it placed back at Laporte's.

Resolution 2014-08 (WWMC)

Susan Major – Diane Othmer: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Wisiwasing Watershed Management Committee now be adjourned and that this Committee meets again at the call of the Chair. **'Carried'**

Chairman, David Hodgins

Recording Secretary, Jessica Scarfone