

WISTIWASING WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 9th, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Hodgins with members Councillor Chris Jull, Paul Girard, John Symons, David Dockendorff, Carsten Jorgensen, and Recording Secretary Jessica Scarfone. Dianne Othmer was absent with regrets. Guests in attendance was Mr. and Mrs. Jason Leblond.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2015-08 (WWMC)

Chris Jull – Carsten Jorgenson: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the December 9th, 2015 meeting of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee be adopted as presented.

‘Carried’

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 2015-09 (WWMC)

Paul Girard – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Minutes from the May 27th, 2015 meeting of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management, Committee be adopted as printed and circulated.

‘Carried’

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Update form Friends of Wasi Lake

Paul Girard reported on what the collaborated municipalities achieved in 2015. The “Restore Your Shore” program was a great success. There were many lake landowners and owners along the watershed that signed up for the free planting. All planting was done by the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, with the help of volunteers, from the association as well as a member of Council, and land owners. It is possible that this project will be extended to next year with addition to a new project about planting along rivers in the form of riparian work. The association also installed 2 bear proof garbage bins on concrete bases at Laporte’s Landing.

b) Laporte Landing Trails

John Symons spoke to the committee about the progress of the Laporte Trails. 2 km of trails have been brushed, cleaned, and spread with two truckloads of wood chips along the trail. A sitting bench has been purchased, assembled and installed along the lake, and 2 more benches were acquired that will need to be restored. Would like to purchase a fourth bench next year. Colour coded signage is needed to mark the trails, as well as signage for a trail map, historical information, flora and fauna information, and no trespassing signs.

300 yards of the trail needs to be leveled with an excavator, and no trespassing signs need to be put up. Councillor Hodgins has offered to supply all the materials needed for no trespassing sign, as well as timbers to stop motor vehicles from entering the trails.

OPEN FORUM

Jason Leblond spoke of his experiences with the “Restore Your Shore Program” and was very happy with what was being done. He expressed his concern of the high water level and wants to ensure the committee is aware and working to rectify. Committee discussed the need for beaver dams to be destroyed along the river to help with the high water level on Chiswick line and Memorial Park Drive. Action taken on the beaver dams will be further discussed with the Public Works Committee. Concerns were also raised of the rumours of someone dropping rocks at the base of the river. Committee discussed the possibility of having a camera for surveillance of this area, and approaching landowners for permission.

NEW BUSINESS

a) 2016 Budget

Committee discussed the cost of signs for the Laporte Trails, and the cost of a game camera that could be used.

Resolution 2015-10 (WWMC)

Paul Girard – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee, recommends to Council that \$2,000 be set aside in the 2016 budget for the purchase of signage, benches, and a game camera. **‘Carried’**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2015-11 (WWMC)

David Dockendorff – John Symons: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Wistiwasing 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