

WISTIWASING WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members were introduced to new member, Susan Major, replacing Micheline Mamone.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Paul Girard asked to change item 7 on the agenda from “Reports from Committee Members” to “Presentation from Committee Members” and informed the Committee that John Symons would be making this presentation.

Resolution 2013-01(WWMC)

Susan Major – Paul Girard: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the February 6th, 2013 meeting of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee be adopted as presented and amended.

‘Carried’

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 2013-02 (WWMC)

Paul Girard – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Minutes from the June 20th, 2012 meeting of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee be adopted as printed and further that the notes from the August 9th, 2012 Information Session be received. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- The Township has received invoices from the North Bay- Mattawa Conservation Authority for a total of 97 inspections done last fall. Some of these invoices have already gone out to the residents. A few complaints have been received by the administrative staff and forwarded to Robert Palin for handling.
- The fridge magnets are also being distributed, along with these invoices, to the residents affected by the mandatory inspection. These will also be handed out at the office.
- Staff will check to see if stats can be obtained regarding septic systems meeting the requirements.
- Dianne Othmer reported that because of illness, the trapper she had previously contacted was not able to trap any beavers in our township this year but is willing to do it next year if he is still needed.

PRESENTATION FROM FRIENDS OF WASI LAKE

A Power-Point presentation was made by John Symons on the proposed “Wistiwasing Walking Trail Project”. He explained how the idea began and what the process has been since then. This proposed trail is to be developed on the 50-acre property known as Laporte Park, which is Crown Land. The group has been meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources as well as the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority. This trail would be the township’s outdoor education centre and would serve as the starting point for the education program which is to be developed by the five townships in the Callander Bay watershed, in conjunction with the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.

The group is seeking township’s approval. They are also asking if the township could set \$1,000 aside in its 2013 budget towards this project, adding that it is always easier to obtain funds if there is a partnership and collaboration.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 2013-03 (WWMC)

Paul Girard – John Symons: Be it resolved that the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee recommends to Council that \$1,000 be set aside in its 2013 budget to promote educational issues pertaining to water quality in the Wistiwasing Watershed, and further that the committee is seeking Council’s approval for the proposed trail project. **‘Carried’**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2013-04 (WWMC)

David Dockendorff – Susan Major: 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