

WISTIWASING WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 7, 2014 – 9:30 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, Dianne Othmer, and Carsten Jorgensen present, as well as recording secretary, Alice Lauzon.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2014-01 (WWMC)

Susan Major – Paul Girard: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the January 7th, 2014 meeting of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee be adopted as presented. **‘Carried’**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 2014-02 (WWMC)

John Symons – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Minutes from the February 6th, 2013 meeting of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a) Members received a copy of the presentation made to Council by Rob Palin from the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority regarding Mandatory Septic Inspections and giving stats for the township.
- b) Members were also informed that Council had approved their request for \$1,000 to be set aside in the 2013 budget for educational purposes for the Committee.

OPEN FORUM

Chairman, David Hodgins donated lumber from a demolished barn to be used to build benches along the proposed trail.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Paul Girard thanked the Committee for having the meeting and made a presentation on behalf of the Friends of Wasi Lake, talking about the group’s vision of a plan that could benefit the community, the lake and its watershed.
The Group has come up with a proposal for the money set aside in the 2013 budget for education purposes.

Resolution 2014-03 (WWMC)

Susan Major – Paul Girard: Be it resolved that the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee recommends to Council that two signs be erected on Wasi Lake, one at Laporte’s Landing and one at the Public Beach off Beach Road, at an approximate cost of \$800 and further that a bear proof container be purchased for Laporte’s Landing with remainder of money.

‘Carried’

b) John Symons reported on the group’s attempt at developing a trail on Crown Land on Laporte’s Road, adding that their approach to achieving this goal has changed. They have met with Trish Moussa of the Ministry of Natural Resources and will be granted a permit to construct what hopefully will be the beginning of a trail in the Spring of 2014 but will need Council’s permission.

Resolution 2014-04 (WWMC)

Dianne Othmer – David Dockendorff: Be it resolved that the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee recommends to Council that a letter be sent to Trish Moussa from the Ministry of Natural Resources agreeing with the Wasi Lake Property Owners and Friends’ proposal for a walking trail through the property leased by the Township at Laporte’s Landing.

‘Carried’

c) Paul Girard reported on the plans to build a “Floating Wetlands” on Wasi Lake. The group met with Anthony Rota from Nipissing University who has advised them that they are now looking for a willing partner to develop this project along with the Group and the University.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Recommendations were made for a few minor changes to the wording on the proposed signs.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2014-05 (WWMC)

Paul Girard – David Dockendorff: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee now be adjourned and that this Committee meets again the call of the Chair.

‘Carried’

Chairman, David Hodgins

Recording Secretary