

BONNECHERE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)
FINAL Minutes of Meeting #6 – May 31st, 2006
Bonnechere Valley Township Office, Eganville

Attendees:

SAC:, Don Pouliot, Steve Munger, Murray Bimm, , Murray Borer, Kevin O'Connor, Lucy King, Niall McArdle

Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn: Jan Leroux

MNR: Michael Radford, Joanna Samson, Kirby Punt

Waterpower Producers: Peter Boldt (RPG), Janusz Rydel (Multistream Power Corp.), Frank Scheer (Eganville Generation Corporation)

Regrets:

Ross Campbell, Aurel Boucher, Andreas (Vornweg Waterpower)

1. Housekeeping Items

1.1 Review of Agenda

No items were added to the agenda.

1.2 Expense Claims

Michael handed out copies of the new expense form to the SAC members for claiming mileage.

1.3 Alternate meeting location

Jan Leroux looked into three potential locations:

Makwa Centre is \$90.00/hr – no longer available.

Health Centre is \$50.00 for evening

Elders do not want to rent their building

Township Hall in village - \$60.00 evening-require \$100 bond for each rental

A discussion regarding these locations and potential others ensued and the decision was made to stay with the current meeting location, Bonnechere Valley Township Office in Eganville, due to its central location and no cost.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting #5 – April 12, 2006

A number of small corrections were made to the Amended Minutes of Meeting #5:

- P. 3 – typo "...Don indicated that that the **extent** of the ice..."

- P.4 – 4th paragraph "...investigation/**review** does occur; An investigation/**review** may not always..."

- P.4 – 5th paragraph “...License of Occupation is the upper limit for a portion of the operating band.”
- P.5 – 5.1, #1. Correction to RPG email address – renfrewpg.ca
- P.5 – 5.1, #6. Wilber Lake - need to investigate the possible impact of water level and management on recreation and tourism of Wilber Lake (Collect baseline information)

Minutes were approved by all SAC members present with the above noted changes. A copy of the finalized minutes will be sent by email.

3. Operations Update – Power Producers

Peter Boldt

The intent is to have 21 logs in each dam by the end of the month. We are looking for a flat line by the end of June. I have received very few phone calls this spring as Don Pouliot seems to be the focus of the calls. As a result Don and I communicate on a regular basis.

Janusz Rydel

This has been a perfect spring for Douglas and I have received no complaints from anyone. There were a couple of blips over the upper limit due to power outages.

Frank Scheer

We've had a few outages – 3 blips in May, and it takes about a half hour to come back on line.

A question regarding the freshet and whether or not it was finished was asked. In terms of snow melt and ground water the freshet is over, however, it continues in terms of precipitation and usually isn't finished until after the 14th or 16th of June.

4. Fisheries Presentation

Kirby Punt – MNR A/Area Biologist gave a presentation on the Bonnechere River Fishery. Hard copies of the presentation were handed out to the SAC at the meeting.

A number of questions were asked of Kirby during the presentation regarding fish species and habitat. In addition, several questions arose regarding the Lake Trout population on Round Lake. Kirby informed the group that Lake Trout were stocked in Round Lake in various years starting in the 1930's and the that the last time they were stocked was in the early 80's. MNR has put out a poster this summer asking anglers for Lake Trout heads to determine age class. In 1997, eggs were found (via snorkelling) on the flat – offshore towards Gull Island (0-1m).

5. Waterpower Presentation

Peter Boldt gave a presentation regarding the history of the system, waterpower, the electricity, historical log placement & water levels, current operations. A hard copy of his presentation was handed out at the SAC meeting.

6. **Date & Agenda of Next Meeting**

- Depending availability - speaker on shoreline dynamics/erosion for our next SAC meeting.
- Information Needs Exercise

Date of Next Meeting:

September 27st, 2006 – @ 6pm at the Bonnechere Valley Township Office

ACTION: Frank to Book Township Office

Round Lake Boat Tour:

9am – Noon (tentative)

BBQ Lunch

ACTION – Joanna to organize and follow up with more detail closer to the date.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.