

STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)
Minutes of Meeting #16, March 27, 2025
Via Zoom

Attendees: VIA Zoom

SAC: Rob Norris (KHR), Doug Buckwald (NAW), Steve Osipenko (Horton Twp.), Kevin Legris (A/B Twp.),

Waterpower Producers: Shawn Cameron (RPG), Jack Roesner (Eganville Generation Corporation) & (Multistream Power Corp).

Regrets: Merv Buckwald (BV), Steve Benoit (AOPFN), and Mike Guest (Town of Renfrew)

Secretary: Channa McEachen - RPG

Shawn Cameron welcomed the group to the Zoom meeting at 1:16 p.m.; a quorum was observed.

2. Walk on Items

None noted.

Meeting #15– Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 28, 2024, SAC committee meeting.

Moved by: Kevin Legris
Seconded by: Steve Osipenko
Carried

Chair position – annual renewal

A motion was made by Steve O. (Horton) to nominate Rob N (KHR) for another term as Chair of the SAC.

Moved by: Steve Osipenko
Seconded by: Doug Buckwald
Carried

All were in favour.

Rob N. accepted the role for another year.

Communication –Power Producers

Shawn C. (RPG) reported that the annual Freshet calls have started for 2025 as of March 6th. RPG has successfully completed the 2-year rehabilitation project at the Golden Lake dam. The 2024 Freshet was considerably less than normal. It was a task to fill the lakes back up and stop logs were added earlier than normal to achieve summer levels. It has been decided that a static annual drawdown start date will be September 7th. The drawdown typically starts on or around labour day which the date fluctuates year by year. The Golden Lake drawdown always starts after Thanksgiving, and we will have to look at a date that makes sense to give people a definitive static start date.

This spring has been very manageable so far. March 16th was busy, we ran out of spill gate in Renfrew and had to pull logs on our dam with flows around 200cms, a record for that day and top 10 in last 20 years of flow records. As far as snowpack up in the park, 2 weeks ago there was 39cm and the SWE (snow water equivalent) was around 120. We will be up next week again.

Shawn C. shared his screen to show each of the water charts as of March 23, 2025.

Round Lake – 6 logs remain (3 doubles) water level is now at the lower target and will be managed to maintain as long as possible.

Golden Lake – All logs are out, levels slowly creeping up but only rising 1cm/day. Will see what this weekend brings.

Lake Clear – All logs are out, level stable.

Jack R (EGC & MPC) gave the SAC members a report on the operations in both Eganville and Douglas.

On March 16th there was a little increase in water levels in Eganville with a dramatic increase in Douglas which resulted in Dougals running close to the upper limit. Water levels being close to 30cm over the wall with the gate open and all generators running to keep ahead of it. This subsided in a couple of days once the snow on all the fields was gone.

Eganville – Planning to replace another spillway of logs with steel. Work will also need to be completed to fix erosion on the sill. Dam has maintenance gains, so dewatering is not needed.

Douglas – Still in the process of slowly reworking the remaining generators. Norm Guy is still maintaining the site.

Concerns Received – All

Rob N commented that we are heading into 6 years since 2019 Freshet. The amendment introduced in 2022 seems to be working. Thank you to Shawn C (RPG) for editing the water charts with dates as requested at last year's SAC.

Date of Next Meeting

To be determined.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:39p.m. by Steve Osipenko (Horton).

All members in Favour. **Carried.**