

BONNECHERE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)
FINAL - Minutes of Meeting #22 – March 31, 2010
Eagles Nest, Eganville

Attendees:

SAC: Don Pouliot, Murray Borer, Niall McArdle, Murray Bimm, Ross Campbell

Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn: Jan Leroux

MNR: Mike Radford, Joanna Samson, Tom Giesler

Waterpower Producers: Jeff Featherston (RPG), Peter Boldt (RPG), Frank Scheer (Eganville Generation Corporation), Janusz Rydel (Multistream)

Guests: Bill Goderre, Wendy Engel

Regrets: Kevin O'Connor, Lucy King; Andreas Vornweg

1. Housekeeping Items

1.1. Review of Agenda

- Nothing was added to the agenda

1.2. Wendy Engel and Bill Goderre were introduced

1.3. Steve Munger

- Mike informed the group that Steve Munger had passed away in January.

1.4. Expense Claim Forms were handed it out

2. Review & Approval of Minutes of Meeting #20 – April 29/09

No changes were made to the minutes. They were approved as is.

3. Power Producers Update

Frank

- Uneventful year; dry winter
- Working on plans to install a gate
- Shutdown Dec 10th due to frazil ice.

Janusz

- Construction process is still on-going; hoping to be up and running in April.
- Expecting power outages

Jeff

- Round Lake:
 - o Down to the bottom limit

- Freshet is not over; one log was put back into Round Lake – one double is still out to start to bring Round Lake up.
- Lake has flattened out
- Golden Lake :
 - Still coming up approx ½ inch per day
- Lots of generation this winter; good water right now
- Secured a contract with OPA for a fixed price
- Coalition 108 lawsuit is still on-going
- Little snow in Algonquin Park
- Peter commented that FIT contracts had not yet been announced for Clear Pointe and First Chute.

4. Round Lake Property Owner's Association – Wendy Engel

Wendy presented a document that she prepared to clear up some possible misunderstandings that exist. Wendy provided the SAC members with a copy of the three page handout. There were three main areas of focus:

1. Property owners' support for the RLPOA position on water levels (misconception that RLPOA doesn't have the support of the majority of property owners)
2. Cooperation between lake associations (misconception that RLPOA is not sensitive to conditions on Golden Lake – i.e. does not agree with the concept of parity)
3. Coalition 108 (Misconception that RLPOA is part of or effectively is the Coalition 108)

Discussion took place at the conclusion of Wendy's presentation. Peter clarified that if or once the civil suit against RPG is established, people can sign onto it. People are looking for compensation in this suit. Mike clarified that the Lake Trout trial amendment proposal was not an MNR proposal. MNR made some slight modifications, but the basis of it was one of the options requested by RLPOA, GLPOA and originally RPG.

5. Round Lake Amendment

Joanna handed out a new copy of the WMP.

The Round Lake Amendment to remove the lake trout box in the operating regime was approved as administrative amendment in January 2010. Joanna also handed out a copy of the amendment summary.

6. Lake Trout Report Update

The Lake Trout Report is nearing completion. MNR and RPG met in December to sort comments. A final draft was shipped out and new comments were received by two MNR researchers that had been previously involved in the project. As a result, revisions were made to incorporate the comments received. The document was again sent out to MNR staff and

RPG. We expect to have a final document within the next month or so. It will then be posted to the RPG website.

Some things that came out of the study:

- Recommendation to meet and discuss information needs each year.
- On-going study to measure ice thickness

ACTION: Darwin Rosien to present at a future meeting

7. Golden Lake Communications Initiative – Mike

This communication initiative came as a result of the 2008 flooding and the perceived shortcomings that occurred between the Municipalities and Golden Lake residents and between the Municipalities and RPG.

The first meeting occurred in November. A call for representatives from the municipal governments, GLPOA, RLPOA and MNR was made. The committee later met in January and a third meeting was held in March to discuss what conditions in the watershed were looking like. A follow-up meeting will be held in May.

RPG has been sending information to this group on a regular basis during the freshet. Although this has been a good spring, these meetings will be more meaningful in a year with a flood situation.

8. Walk-on Agenda Items

Jan Leroux asked if MNR required a water taking permit for the new water plant that they are putting on the reserve. Joanna explained that MOE would be issuing that permit if one was required; however, she wasn't sure of the process.

ACTION: Joanna to follow-up with MOE and Jan

9. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday June 16th - 6:30pm, @ Eagles' Nest in Eganville

** Please note the change in time. For summer months, some committee members asked to start a half an hour later so they can get to the meeting in time.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.