

Lake Manitoba Stewardship Board

Minutes 19 November 2007

Meeting Location: Delta Marsh Field Station

Present: Gordon Goldsborough, Donald Smith, Allan Gaudry, Gary Morlock, Harold Fleming, Dan Coyle, Linda Schroedter, Norman Traverse, Randy Helgason, Bob Harrison

Regrets: Dave Milani, Bill Finney, Rae Trimble-Olson

Technical Secretariat: Laura Manson

Invited Guests: Elaine Shipley (Water Quality Specialist, Water Quality Branch, Manitoba Water Stewardship)

- 1) **Approval of Agenda:** The draft Agenda approved with the addition of Board Mandate under item 4.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** September 24, 2007 Minutes adopted.
- 3) **Introduction of Guests:** Introduction of Elaine Shipley who is working on her masters thesis on Lake Manitoba. Information found in the thesis may be of interest to the Board.
- 4) **a) Conflict of Interest Policy:** Board members must declare any conflicts of interest upfront. Members with a conflict of interest are limited to clarification and answering questions regarding the issue at hand. The member with the conflict of interest will leave the room when the final decision is being made. All Board members agreed to this policy.
b) Mandate: Best to keep it simple so the public can understand. Example put forth by Morlock: "Maintain and enhance the long term health of the Lake Manitoba watershed". The Lake Manitoba watershed may be too large, so the Board may have to rethink the scope of the mandate.
c) Terms of Reference: Williamson (Director, Water Science and Management Branch, Manitoba Water Stewardship) suggested that the Portage Diversion be added to the Board's Terms of Reference. The Board will advise the province on Portage Diversion issues that impact Lake Manitoba. The Portage Diversion Committee is not considered active and has not met for years so the province presently communicates informally with land owners and rural municipalities along the Assiniboine River. Williamson will redraft the Board's Terms of Reference to include the Portage Diversion. Up to this point the Board accepts the Terms of Reference.
d) Board Member Terms: All Board members will have a 2 or 3 year term and members can be reappointed.
e) Budget: Budget of \$80K for this fiscal year (to March 31, 2008) Budget covers all Board expenses including travel and honorarium. Budget may be different for next year.

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5) Report from the Chair

a) Website: The Chair spoke to J from Intrinsic about the LMSB website. Intrinsic is the developer of the LWSB website. The proposal from Intrinsic is for \$4600 plus tax. This includes: \$3000 initial set up cost; \$1200 open forum set up cost and \$400 use ability testing cost. The website also incurs a \$1200 annual hosting fee. If the board assumed a start date of December 1, 2007 the initial website would be finished by December 31, 2007 and the website would be running with additions by January 31, 2008. Board members voiced some concern regarding the open forum. It was agreed that the Board should have the ability to turn off the forum if need be. Motion granted by Gaudry to move ahead with the proposal from Intrinsic for the total one time cost of turning off the forum if considered undesirable (Motion seconded by Coyle). Motion Passed.

b) Contact Information: Mailing address and phone number of the Board will be at the Delta Marsh Field Station:

- Phone number (toll free across Canada) 1-866-770-5372
- Fax number (toll free across Canada) 1-866-770-5371
- Phone number (local) 204-857-8637
- Fax number (local) 204-857-8653
- Mailing address: Box 38, R.R. #2
Portage la Prairie MB R1N 3A2

c) Fairford Dam: The flow was reduced by 1000 cfs on November 13, 2007.

6) Work Plan:

a) Science Summit: Suggestion to host a science summit in Marsh 2008. This would include 18-20 people and issues pertaining to Lake Manitoba and its watershed would be discussed. The Board will pull together a list of possible presenters. Motion by Schroedter that Chair investigate a science summit complete with a budget (seconded by Helgason). Motion passed.

b) Press Releases: Suggestion to circulate regular press releases to news papers in order to reach small communities and a large population throughout the province.

c) Compilation of 2006 Census Data: Look at what influences people have on the lake, where people's interests lay, and demographic and economic information.

7) **Presentation by Elaine Shipley:** A copy of Elaine's presentation will be distributed to the Board along with the minutes.

8) **Next Meeting:** Next meeting to be held on December 17, 2007 in Winnipeg at 10:00am

Materials Distributed at Board Meeting:

1.0 Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board Report: Reducing Nutrient Loading to Lake Winnipeg and its Watershed

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2.0 Intrinsic LMSB website proposal