

Lake Manitoba Stewardship Board

Minutes 17 December 2007

Meeting Location: Winnipeg Manitoba

Present: Gordon Goldsborough, Randy Helgason, Bill Finney, Dan Coyle, Dave Milani, Norman Traverse, Harold Fleming, Rae Trimble-Olson, Linda Schroedter, Allan Gaudry, Bob Harrison, Gary Morlock

Regrets: Donald Smith, Tracy Fillion

Technical Secretariat: Laura Manson

Invited Guests: David Farlinger (Chair of the Lake Manitoba Regulation Review Advisory Committee (LMRRAC)), Dwight Williamson (Director, Water Science and Technology Branch, Manitoba Water Stewardship)

- 1) **Approval of Agenda:** The draft agenda approved with no changes.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** The draft minutes approved.
- 3) **Presentation by David Farlinger:** The presentation included recommendations made by the LMRRAC to the Minister of Water Stewardship in April 2003. The presentation will be distributed to Board members with the minutes.
- 4) **Clarification of Board Operations:**
 - a) **Board member terms:** All members have a 3 year term.
 - b) **Board member absences:** If a Board member misses a number of consecutive meetings the chair can ask the Board members for their opinions and move forward in whatever way is decided.
- 5) **Report from the Chair:**
 - a) **Annotated Bibliography:** An Annotated Bibliography on Lake Manitoba and Adjoining Waters by Tara Bortoluzzi was distributed to Board members.
 - b) **Science Summit:** The science summit was discussed and the Delta Marsh Field Station was the decided location. Motion was made by Dave Milani to assign a subcommittee to investigate a science summit with a budget of approximately \$15,000. Motion passed. Science summit subcommittee: Bob Harrison, Allan Gaudry, Linda Schroedter and Dan Coyle.
 - c) **News Paper Contact List:** The news paper contact list is coming along, Manson is in the middle of compiling it.
 - d) **Board Mandate:** The Board has adopted its mandate, it will be: "To maintain and enhance the long term health of the Lake Manitoba Watershed along with Lake St. Martin, Pineimuta Lake, Fairford River, Dauphin River and to the mouth of Lake Winnipeg."
 - e) **Compilation of Census Data:** The Board decided to create a subcommittee to look at the compilation of data from the federal census that is relevant to the Lake

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Manitoba Watershed. The subcommittee includes: Allan Gaudry, Gordon Goldsbrough, Tracy Filion and Bill Finney.

f) Future Presentations: Bill Finney will contact Wanda McFadyen from the Farm Stewardship Association of Manitoba to present at the Board's next meeting.

g) Portage Planning District: The Portage Planning District will have an impact on Lake Manitoba and so the Board should be kept updated on the Planning Districts plans. The chair will inform the planning district of the Board's desire to be kept up to date.

h) Conflict of Interest Policy: A Conflict of Interest Policy is being developed by the Water Council. The chair sits on the Water Council so once it is developed the chair will distribute it to the Board to see if the Board would like to adopt it.

i) Website: The evaluation criteria for the Board's website were developed and out of the three competitors Intrinsic won the bid so a contract will be developed.

- 6) **Fairford Operations:** Alf Warkentin (province's flood forecaster) is considering increasing the flow from Fairford by 1000 cfs January of 2008. This will bring Lake St. Martin to a flood stage, however Lake Manitoba is at a high level and additional measures may be required to provide protection from above normal spring run-off. The Dauphin River is flooded and more frazil ice may develop. Traverse informed the Board that if people want to see some good in increasing or decreasing the flow at Fairford the change has to be made by September and no later.
- 7) **Discussion of Work Plan 2007/08:** Board members should think about a three year plan over the next few months. The science summit should provide some useful information that may direct the Board to important issues.
- 8) **Information on Board member terms:** At the end of each 3 year term Board members can express an interest in being reappointed, however the Minister of Water Stewardship will be responsible for reappointing old members and appointing new members. There may be a gap between the appointment and re-appointment of the next Board member terms. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has asked the province to track honorariums because they are taxable. The Board will have to complete packages for the CRA that will be provided by the province.
- 9) **Terms of Reference:** The terms of reference will be kept internal until they are final. The terms of reference will be modified to reflect the input desired from the Board on the Portage Diversion. Motion passed to accept the draft terms of reference.
- 10) **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2008 at the Elks Hall in Ashern at 10:00am.

Material Distributed at Board Meeting:

1.0 LMSB Action Items from November 19, 2007

2.0 Science Summit Proposal and Budget

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3.0 Draft Terms of Reference