



LONG LAKE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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LONG LAKE STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7 p.m.
Kivi Park Clubhouse, Long Lake Road

MINUTES

PRESENT: LLS Committee – Scott Darling, Chair; Mary Henderson, Vice-Chair; Sandi Willock, Treasurer; Susan Darling, Secretary; Lori Adams, Bill Dopson, Forbes Stoodley.
Regrets: Richard Witham. 22 attendees.

1. Welcome and introductory remarks – Chair, Scott Darling acknowledged that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishinabek First Nation. He introduced the eight members of the Long Lake Stewardship Committee.
2. AGM Minutes for September 14, 2017 - MOTION to approve AGM Minutes for 2017.

Moved by Mary Henderson, Seconded by Ron Swiddle. **CARRIED**

3. Chair's Report – Scott reviewed the LLS Committee's mandate and referred to the PPTX and flyer handout that show our Vision, Mission Statement and Goals. The LLS strives to educate area residents about matters affecting lake and watershed health -- such as phosphorous levels, septic systems, Eurasian water Milfoil, blue-green algae blooms, compliance with building regulations, and mining-related matters around Long Lake.

Scott emphasized that collaboration has been important such as with the City of Greater Sudbury's Planning Department and the Lake Water Quality Program, e.g. the *Love Your Lake* Program, the *Long Lake Milfoil Mapping 2018* Project (LLMM 2018) and with Steven Reitzel of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, e.g. re the ongoing Gold Mine Reclamation Project; a recent application

Members of the LLSC are active on the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance – Richard, Lori, Susan, Scott - and on the Watershed Advisory Panel – Mary Henderson.

4. Treasurer's Report – Sandi Willock reviewed our Financial Statement for 2018. Membership fees totalled \$2950 and the LLSC applied for and received a city grant of \$500. Current bank balance is \$6220. Several additional membership fees were received at the meeting.

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Sandi, seconded by Jim Elliot.
CARRIED

5. Aquatic invasive Species (AIS) – Coordinator Lori Adams reviewed the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) issue and the LLMM 2018 project. She explained EWM's new buzzword, the

“Zombie Plant” – an invasive species that spreads easily and has the ability to choke out native aquatic plants, thus creating a lack of biodiversity that can affect fish and wildlife habitat, as well as water quality. Long Lake residents are well aware of milfoil’s ecological, economic and recreational impact locally. The province of Quebec has recently committed \$8 million to combat it. For over 8 years, the Long Lake Stewardship Committee has actively worked to educate regarding ways to prevent the spread of EWM, and to find methods to manage/control it. LLSC conducted the LLMM 2018 project in August. The goal of the project is to identify areas of EWM in Long Lake, to map dense milfoil beds, to make these maps digitally available, and to encourage boaters to avoid these areas. Appreciation for the support given by Taylor Menard, CGS Water quality Program Coordinator, who created 60 map sections of Long Lake and loaned GPS units, as well as MNRF loan of GPS units, was expressed. Also, heartfelt thanks was given to our 10 volunteer mapping teams for their time and efforts – in total over 35 volunteers and approximately 50 hours out in boats. Special thanks went to Eric Morin for his work to compile the data collected and digitally create maps marking the milfoil beds in Long Lake.

Lori emphasized that although EWM cannot be eradicated, it can be controlled, and that we are all stewards of our lake and all have a responsibility to help stop the spread.

GSWA Proposed Pilot Project 2017-2019 – Lori explained this management plan to control EWM, especially targeting high traffic areas such as boat launches and docks. Similar projects involving the use of biodegradable benthic mats and the planting of native aquatic plants are being studied in Quebec lakes and at Ontario’s Big Cedar Lake.

Scott and Lori, members of the GSWA’s AIS Committee, described the steps as of June 2018 to gain the active support of politicians at all 3 levels of government (especially Councillor Deb McIntosh, MPP Frances Gelinias and MP Paul Lefévre), a partnership with College Boréal, to apply for funding from EcoAction, to acquire MNRF consideration to grant permitting to conduct the pilot project. Unfortunate setbacks have included the EcoAction funding application denial and difficulty maintaining communication with College Boreal.

The AIS committee took a summer break to re-energize but has met again to plan a second application for EcoAction funding. The Committee is encouraged by Dr. Charles Ramcharan’s recent interest in the pilot project and are hopeful for a 2019 implementation.

6. Sustainable Waterfront Living – In the absence of coordinator Richard Witham, Lori reported on the *Love Your Lake* Program, a shoreline evaluation program developed by the Canadian Wildlife Federation. Long Lake Stewardship partnered with the CGS to run this program in two phases -- Phase 1 (2017-2018) and Phase 2 (2018-2019). Property owners who participated receive a personalized confidential property report with details about their shoreline and recommended actions for improving it. The LLS Committee undertook a brief survey of Phase 1 participants. About one third of respondents indicated that they have implemented some of the LYL recommendations to make their shorelines healthier.

The Sustainable Waterfront Living Committee also investigated a mining exploration permit application in the area north of Moxam’s Landing in the Pate/Little Round Lake area. It deemed there was no concern to the Long Lake watershed at this time.



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7. Communication – Susan Darling, Secretary, reported that the website and Facebook page views have been increasing this year. Scientific studies about Long Lake are posted at www.longlakestewardship.com as well as all newsletters, many photos, and a link to contact us at longlakesudbury@gmail.com. Facebook has become useful for posts about items that drift away or are found. Our main method of communication is our email contact list comprised of about 450 contacts. Among our contacts are city staff, councillors, neighbouring stewardship groups, the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation, the SDHU, the Lakeview Beach Association, the MND & M, and the MNR.

As an Associate Member of FOCA, the LLSC is able to share its comprehensive Elert newsletters with lake residents. Members were encouraged to help the LLSC increase its contact list. Emails are kept confidential and contacts can unsubscribe at any time.

8. Election of Long Lake Stewardship Committee Members.

The following slate was presented:

Chair – Scott Darling	AIS Coordinator – Lori Adams
Vice-Chair – Mary Henderson	Sustainable Waterfront Living Coordinator – Richard Witham
Treasurer – Sandi Willock	Sustainable Waterfront Liv. Assis't Coord. – Forbes Stoodley
Communication – Susan Darling	Social Media Coordinator – Bill Dopson

The chair asked if there were other nominations. None were offered.

MOTION to approve the slate of members as presented. Moved by Jim Elliot, seconded by Eric Robinson. **CARRIED**

9. Questions and Comments

- Were we aware that EWM was prevalent in Lake Okanagan years ago and was it still a problem? Yes, and Yes.
- Funding sources often have various types of expectations – some are scientific based, some are community minded – so it is important to examine this and tailor applications accordingly.
- Will there be future mapping of EWM in Long Lake? The LLSC is staying open to the idea of doing a comparison mapping in a year or two. The Committee is also hopeful that the city may conduct a professional mapping using our LLMM 2018 data as a baseline.
- Jeff Wallace spoke on behalf of the Kivi Park Board, that they are happy to work together with community groups such as ours and are always looking for volunteers. The LLSC expressed appreciation to Kivi Park for welcoming our stewardship booth at major events.
- The LLSC would be interested to learn of any other funding opportunities – let us know.
- The Committee was thanked for its work on behalf of Long Lake residents.

10. Adjournment at 8:05 – Moved by Mary Henderson, seconded by Susan Darling