



LAKE SIMCOE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (LSEMS)

STEERING COMMITTEE / COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Minutes

Members Present:

Gayle Wood, Chair	-	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Elizabeth Janz (A. Neary)	-	Ministry of the Environment
Peter Waring (T. Smith)	-	Ministry of Natural Resources (Aurora)
Scott Duff (via Telecon)	-	Ministry of Agriculture and Food & Rural Affairs
Bruce Singbush	-	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Tim Haldenby	-	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Trevor Bingler (T. Dirks)	-	Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal
Nestor Chornobay	-	Regional Municipality of Durham
Ian Bender	-	County of Simcoe
Rick Newlove	-	Simcoe County
Stew Patterson (R. Forward)	-	City of Barrie
Barb Jeffrey	-	Regional Municipality of York
Gord Miokovic	-	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Communications Working Group (CWG)

Ken Neale, Chair	-	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Jane Sirois	-	Ministry of Natural Resources (Aurora)
Deborah Styles	-	Ministry of Natural Resources (Midhurst)

Others:

Gina Casey	-	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
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Regrets:

Wolfgang Scheider	-	Ministry of the Environment
Claude Lafrance	-	Ministry of the Environment
Hugh Simpson	-	Ministry of Agriculture and Food & Rural Affairs
Chris Strand	-	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Donna Big Canoe	-	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nations
John Waller	-	Regional Municipality of York
Bruce Hoppe	-	Township of Oro-Medonte
Kathy Suggitt	-	City of Orillia
Rob McAuley	-	Town of Innisfil
Richard Danziger	-	City of Kawartha Lakes
Richard Bates	-	Township of Ramara
Isabelle Speerin (CWG)	-	Ministry of the Environment

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair, Gayle Wood welcomed Trevor Bingler, Ministry, Public Infrastructure Renewal and requested round table introductions.

2. Agenda

Two additions were made to the agenda: i) Discussion related to attendance at the Working Group Meetings as Observers; and ii) Update on the Comprehensive Basin Wide Plan.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the agenda for the April 4 , 2007, meeting of the LSEMS Steering Committee/Communications Working Group, be adopted as amended.

3. **Minutes**

(a) **Minutes – Steering Committee**

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the minutes of the March 2nd, 2007, meeting of the Steering Committee be approved by consensus.

(b) **Minutes – LSEMS Communications Working Group**

Ken Neale, Chair, LSEMS Communications Working Group provided a brief review of the meeting minutes.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the minutes of the March 22nd, 2007, meeting of the LSEMS Communications Working Group be received.

(c) **Minutes – LSEMS Working Group**

Peter Waring, Co-Chair, LSEMS Working Group provided an update on the work of the LSEMS Working Group. It was indicated that the Working Group will begin their work reviewing nine governance models at their next meeting scheduled for April 13, 2007.

Some members of the Steering Committee expressed an interest in receiving the Working Group agendas. Those Members were requested to confirm this interest with Gina via email and they will then be added to the distribution list.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the minutes of the March 9th, 2007, meeting of the LSEMS Working Group be received.

Action:	Those Members of the SC that wish to receive the agendas for the LSEMS Working Group Meetings to advise Gina by email.
Responsibility:	All Members
Action:	Outline the process for the Steering Committee's review of the final report of recommendations received from the Working Group.
Responsibility:	Gayle Wood

(a) **Observer Status – LSEMS Working Group**

There was some discussion related to the attendance of observers at the meetings of the LSEMS Working Group.

This discussion was brought forward at the request of the Ministry, Public Infrastructure Renewal (MPIR) who are new signatories to the LSEMS Phase III MOU extension and have made this request in order to better educate themselves with the work of the WG and LSEMS in general.

There was some concern expressed that observers/new members will delay/disrupt the process and the work of the WG.

Peter Waring advised that an update on the progress of the WG will be a standing agenda item for the SC and also committed to having a discussion with the members from MPIR in order to ensure they have the information they require.

Gayle Wood, from the Authority's perspective, supported the request indicating that at the last meeting of the WG a request was made for all Members to give consideration to appointing an alternate member to the WG if they had not already done so. Some current members will be making alternate appointments starting with the April 13th meeting, which will undoubtedly cause some delay to the process. Gayle further indicated that there is a difference between attendance as an observer (not actively participating) and a member (active participant at the meeting).

As consensus could not be reached this item was parked for further discussion at the end of the meeting, time permitting.

4. LSEMS Extension

Gayle advised that the Authority's Board of Directors and the Province have negotiated an extension to the Phase III MOU to March 31, 2008.

Gayle extended thanks to the Province for providing the funding for the facilitator working with the LSEMS Working Group and for providing \$140,000 in funding for the administration of LSEMS through the extension.

5. LSEMS Working Group – Update

This was covered under item 3 (c)

6. Production Schedule – Phase III Report

A proposed production schedule for the Phase III Report was included with the agenda.

11:00 a.m. – Scott Duff, OMAF, joined the meeting via teleconference.

7. Review – Draft Phase III Report

Gayle advised that there have been fourteen edits to this report since December 2006.

The final report is to be produced concurrent with the recommendations of the LSEMS Working Group. Following this final review of the LSEMS SC, it is expected that the Communications Working Group will begin to finalize this report and prepare an Executive Summary which will then be brought back to the Steering Committee for final sign off.

A page by page review of the report was facilitated by Gayle Wood with recommended changes being done live.

As several members had to leave the meeting at 1:00 p.m., prior to the full report being reviewed, it was recommended that the report be approved from pages 1–22 inclusive, and changes made to pages 23-38 be sent to the SC Members via email for approval. If required, a teleconference will be held to discuss the changes the week of April 16, 2007.

Action:	Email pages 22-38 of the Draft Phase III Report for review and approval of the SC Members. Members are asked to indicate their approval via email and are further requested to advise if they wish to have a teleconference to discuss the recommended changes.
Responsibility:	All SC Members

8. Other Business

(a) Observer Status

This item was not discussed further as time did not permit. The discussion regarding observer status was left with the Co-Chair of the LSEMS Working Group and the Chair of the LSEMS Steering Committee.

(b) Update – Comprehensive Basin Wide Plan

This item was not discussed further as time did not permit.

Next Meeting

To be determined.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

original signed by:

D. Gayle Wood, CMM III
Chair, LSEMS Steering Committee