



LAKE SIMCOE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (LSEMS)

STEERING COMMITTEE

Monday, October 16
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Boardroom

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gayle Wood, Chair	-	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Anne Neary	-	Ministry of the Environment
Scott Abernethy	-	Ministry of the Environment
Tracy Smith	-	Ministry of Natural Resources (Aurora)
Tim Haldenby	-	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Nestor Chornobay	-	Regional Municipality of Durham
Rick Newlove	-	Simcoe County
Richard Forward	-	City of Barrie
Bruce Hoppe	-	Township of Oro-Medonte
Gord Miokovic	-	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

REGRETS:

Wolfgang Scheider	-	Ministry of the Environment
Scott Duff	-	Ministry of Agriculture and Food & Rural Affairs
Hugh Simpson	-	Ministry of Agriculture and Food & Rural Affairs
Bruce Singbush	-	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Chris Strand	-	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Donna Big Canoe	-	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nations
Ian Bender	-	County of Simcoe / Town of New Tecumseth
Barb Jeffrey	-	Regional Municipality of York
Kathy Suggitt	-	City of Orillia
Rob McAuley	-	Town of Innisfil
Richard Bates	-	Township of Ramara
Richard Danziger	-	City of Kawartha Lakes

OTHERS:

Diane Humeniuk	-	Consultant
Mike Walters	-	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Gina Casey	-	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

1:00 p.m. – Presentation – Dr. David Evans

Dr. David Evans provided a presentation regarding the dissolved oxygen target for Lake Simcoe. Through his research, Dr. Evans advised that the results indicated a level of 7mg/l of dissolved oxygen is a suitable target for self-sustaining Lake Trout in Lake Simcoe.

2:00 p.m. – Meeting of the LSEMS Steering Committee

1. Welcome & Introductions

Gayle Wood, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Gayle informed the Members that Barb Jeffery, York Region, is dealing with some personal matters outside the Country and will therefore not be joining the LSEMS Steering Committee for several months. It is expected that, in her absence, Mr. John Waller will be representing York Region.

2. Agenda

Gayle Wood requested approval to amend the Agenda regarding the meeting schedule for the Steering Committee as well as the addition of having the Ladies of the Lake attend the next Steering Committee meeting to make a presentation on their recently released Citizen's Action Plan.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the agenda for the October 16, 2006, meeting of the LSEMS Steering Committee, be adopted as amended.

3. Minutes

(a) Minutes of Steering Committee – July 26 2006

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the minutes of the July 26, 2006 LSEMS Steering Committee be approved by consensus.

4. Process: One Voice Action Plan

Gayle reminded the Steering Committee that they did endorse a process for the One Voice Action Plan at their last meeting and confirmed that the action items outlined in the July 26, 2006 minutes have been completed.

Gayle reviewed the One Voice Action Plan timelines chart which was included with the agenda advising that the timelines are very ambitious and further discussion is required.

The following comments were provided by the Steering Committee Members present at the meeting:

- It was suggested to review the current LSEMS Business Plan which includes several deliverables in order to determine the Business Plan for the next phase of LSEMS. Identify what needs to continue and what does not.

- The Steering Committee is to determine what the priorities are for the next phase of LSEMS and then Working Groups need to be established to determine how these priorities will be done.
- The LSEMS Working Group needs to develop a series of options for approval by the Steering Committee.
- The Draft One Voice Action Plan (OVAP) is a starting document which the LSEMS Working Group will use to provide ideas for the Steering Committee to present to their decision makers. The OVAP needs to identify how LSEMS is going to be “one voice”. Currently the OVAP has too much in it and it needs to be cut down. The document could be cut into two separate documents.
- It was suggested that the Basin Wide Plan not be released before the OVAP. We need to have some discussion around the strategy on how this plan will be flowed out.

Gayle requested guidance from the Steering Committee on how to proceed. Is further discussion needed around where this process is going or can the LSEMS Working Group continue to work and provide recommendations to the Steering Committee in December 2006 or January 2007?

Gayle further inquired if everyone is content with continuing to work on the timelines or do they want further discussion on the strategic issues? Main question is, what is going to happen on March 31, 2007?

It was determined that the current process continues and that a decision be made before the end of 2006 regarding the status of LSEMS and what needs to be done.

Gayle indicated that if the current draft OVAP is not the tool to move LSEMS forward, then the Steering Committee needs to identify what that tool is and what it should include. If another document and formal Memorandum of Understanding needs to be produced, the Steering Committee needs to determine what these documents will look like.

It was noted that the current OVAP is a good tool however it is not the tool to move LSEMS forward. The documents needs to identify the roles and responsibilities, human resources and funding; the citizens are requesting we address governance and funding; it is missing direction – does not identify what this is going to be.

In closing, Gayle requested that the Steering Committee endorse the LSEMS Working Group to continue working on the OVAP; the next meeting of the Steering Committee will determine how the process will move forward through to March 2007 and a discussion will be held regarding the communications around this.

Gayle further requested that the Steering Committee provide comments on what other documents they would like to see. These can then be prepared before the next meeting for review and discussion.

It was suggested that a table be prepared which outlines the following:

- The current four goals of LSEMS;
- A snapshot of the achievements during Phase 3;
- What still needs to be done;
- Look at what no longer needs to be continued and what still needs to be continued under LSEMS; and
- Include rationale around why they need to be done.

The Steering Committee will need to agree on what needs to be done in Phase IV.

Action: Create a table with current goals, achievements, what needs to be done, what to continue what to discontinue and rationale.

Responsibility: Gayle Wood

Action: Identify additional documents which may be required.

Responsibility: LSEMS Steering Committee

5. **Project Charter – LSEMS Working Group**

Gayle advised that a Project Charter has been developed for the LSEMS Working Group which is a mix of both government and stakeholder representatives. The Working Group will be reviewing the One Voice Action Plan and the comments received and will be making recommendations to the Steering Committee for consideration and approval.

Gayle reviewed the following resolution which was passed at their April 10th 2006 meeting of the Steering Committee and requested any changes:

RESOLVED THAT the 2006 Outline – LSEMS MOU Process be received and approved; and

THAT the Lake Simcoe Working Group be expanded to include one representative from each group as follows:

Gayle Wood, Chair, LSEMS Steering Committee / Conservation Authority

Peter Waring, Ministry of Natural Resources

John Gilbank, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition

Annabel Slight, Ladies of the Lake

Marvin Geist, UDI

Debby Beatty, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation
Ed Beach, Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee / Federation of Agriculture
(Durham Region)
Donna Mizen, Barrie Chamber of Commerce
Wes Brown, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Barb Jeffrey, Regional Municipality of York
Alec Scott, City of Barrie
Anne Neary, Ministry of the Environment
Chris Strand, Department of Fisheries and Oceans; and
FURTHER THAT the Working Group focus on assisting with the review of the
Once Voice Action Plan for LSEMS Phase IV for review by the Steering
Committee and that a detailed Terms of Reference be developed for the
Committee.

The following changes have been made to the representatives of the LSEMS
Working Group: Donna Mizen is replaced by Mr. Michael Bunn, Alec Scott is
replaced by Mr. Richard Forward, and Barb Jeffrey will be temporarily replaced
by Mr. John Waller. No other changes were indicated.

The Committee requested clarification on the relationship between the Working
Group Charter and the One Voice Action Plan.

Gayle responded that the purpose of the Charter is to develop some rules and
regulations on how the Working Group will conduct themselves as well as what
their role will be. Gayle further advised that the Working Group has not yet
approved this Charter and once that is done, it will come to the Steering
Committee for approval.

6. Draft One Voice Action Plan – Comments Received

The comments which were included with the agenda will be dealt with by the
Working Group at their meeting on Friday, October 20, 2006.

7. Other Business

(a) Ladies of the Lake

Gayle advised that representatives from Ladies of the Lake will be invited to the
next meeting of the Steering Committee to make a presentation on their recently
launched Citizen's Action Plan.

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the LSEMS Steering Committee will be Wednesday, November 29th, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be included.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

original signed by:

**D. Gayle Wood, Chair
LSEMS Steering Committee**