



## LAKE SIMCOE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (LSEMS)

### Lake Simcoe Working Group

April 25, 2007

Howard Johnson's  
15520 Yonge Street  
Aurora, ON

### Minutes

#### Members Present:

Peter Waring, Co-Chair	Ministry of Natural Resources
Elizabeth Janz* A/Co-Chair	Ministry of the Environment
Ed Beach	Federation of Agriculture, Durham Region/Chair, LSEMS CAC
Annabel Slaight	Ladies of the Lake / The WAVE
John Gilbank	Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition
Marvin Geist	Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association-UDI
Jessica Annis*	Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association-UDI
D. Gayle Wood	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority/Chair. LSEMS SC
Debby Beatty	Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation
Kimberley MacKenzie*	Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation
Barb Jeffrey	Regional Municipality of York
Stew Patterson	City of Barrie

\*-indicates alternate

#### Others Present:

Karen Wianecki	Planning Solutions
Gina Casey	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Betty Papa	Ministry of Public Renewal Infrastructure

#### Regrets:

Anne Neary, Co-Chair	Ministry of the Environment
Wes Brown	Federation of Anglers and Hunters/Member LSEMS CAC
Goody Gerner	Ladies of the Lake
Michael Bunn	Barrie Chamber of Commerce
M. Walters*	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Karen Antonio-Hadcock*	Regional Municipality of York
Richard Forward	City of Barrie
Gareth Goodchild*	Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Chris Strand	Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Peter Waring welcomed everyone to the meeting and took the opportunity to congratulate Kimberley MacKenzie and the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation on a very enjoyable Dinner event held on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Peter extended regrets on behalf of Co-Chair Anne Neary and indicated the Elizabeth Janz will be Co-Chairing the meeting.

2. **Agenda**

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the agenda for the April 13, 2007, meeting of the LSEMS Working Group be received as presented.**

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting were circulated with the agenda and the action items within the minutes were reviewed.

Action:	Revise and send out the Key Messages as per comments received at the April 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
Responsibility:	Gina
Status:	Completed
Action:	Who Does What Chart – resend to all Working Group Members requesting their review and update of the information on this document. This to be done by May 4.
Responsibility:	Gina / Full Working Group
Status:	Document sent to Working Group for review and update on Thursday April 26.
Action:	Circulate the Governance Template to the Working Group. Members to input information pertaining to the governance model respectively researched and return the completed form to Gina by Thursday May 3.
Responsibility:	Gina / Full Working Group
Status:	Document sent to the Working Group for completion on Thursday April 26.
Action:	Completion of LSEMS governance review.
Responsibility:	Gayle
Status:	Completed and circulated for review at this meeting.
Action:	Contact representatives of Hamilton Harbour RAP, Lake Champlain and Chesapeake Bay to meet with the Working Group to discuss their respective models.
Responsibility:	Gina / Gayle
Status:	Complete – a representative from each agency will be addressing the Working Group at their meeting on May 4.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS HAT the minutes of the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, meeting of the LSEMS Working Group be approved.**

4. **Meeting Purpose and Objectives**

Karen Wianecki, Facilitator, reviewed the meeting purpose and objectives as follows:

**Purpose:**

- To review the LSEMS template which was started at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and subsequently completed by Gayle Wood for discussion and review by the full Working Group.
- To complete a Gap Analysis of the current LSEMS model.
- To collectively discuss the future vision for LSEMS, using the current LSEMS model as a base from which to discuss critical issues.
- To develop a set of questions for our Guest Presenters. (What do we need or want to know about Lake Champlain, Chesapeake Bay & Hamilton Harbour RAP).

**Objectives:**

- To discuss what is working well with respect to LSEMS and should be retained.
- To discuss what is not working well and should no longer be completed.
- To discuss those areas that are not presently being focused on but should be.
- To discuss the range of functions that will be associated with LSEMS in the future.
- To discuss some of the business planning 'imperatives' that will be associated with LSEMS in the future.
- To develop a list of questions for the Key Presenters.

The Working Group requested that the term LSEMS as used in bullet point 3 under Purpose and bullet point 4 and 5 under Objectives be replaced with Lake Simcoe Watershed.

A recommendation was put forward to have a representative from the York Environmental Stewardship Council meet with the Working Group to present how their committee works and their successes and challenges in terms of a model for citizen involvement.

Action:	Invite the Stewardship Council coordinator to speak with the Working Group.
Responsibility:	Peter Waring

**5. Group Discussion: Gap Analysis of Current LSEMS Model**

(a) Review LSEMS template which is included with this agenda.

The Working Group did a page by page review of the Current LSEMS Model which was started at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting by the full WG and subsequently completed by Gayle Wood. Included with these minutes is the final document.

(b) Complete a Gap Analysis

Attached is the results of the Gap Analysis which was developed collectively by the Group.

6. **Group Discussion: Scope of LSEMS, Governing Principles, Mandate & Authority**  
As time did not permit the Working Group to have the following discussions, Karen requested that the Working Group Members provide her with their individual responses to the following questions. Karen will then coordinate the responses and distribute for discussion at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Using the LSEMS template as the base, the working groups will spend some time answering the following key questions:

- (i) Scope of LSEMS – What should LSEMS focus on in the future? What should the critical business areas of LSEMS be? (Retrofitting, Information Data Collection & Analysis)
- (ii) Governing Principles – What key governing principles are important to us? What are the governing principles upon which the future of LSEMS should be based?
- (iii) Mandate & Authority – How can LSEMS achieve its future mandate? How can this authority be realized? What are the options and alternatives? What is of critical importance to us? (decision making authority, ease of implementation, speed, etc.)
- (iv) Operating Structure – Are there any operational issues that are of particular concern to us at this point? Do we have any specific ideas about the funding base? Staffing and appointments? Financial agreements?

7. **Key Questions for Guest Speakers**

This item was not addressed as time did not permit.

8. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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A. Neary,  
Co-Chair

*original signed by:*

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P. Waring  
Co-Chair

Attachments:

- 1. Governance Templates  
Hamilton Harbour RAP  
Chesapeake Bay  
Lake Champlain  
LSEMS
- 2. Gap Analysis