



Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting: Friday, August 21, 2015
Location: School District #64 Boardroom
112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island

Members Present: George Grams, Chair, Islands Trust Local Trustee
Wayne McIntyre, Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District (CRD) Director
Dale Green, Capital Regional District, Integrated Watershed (via web conferencing)
Lorrie Hunt, Fernwood Water District Commissioner
Jeff Thompson, North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) Trustee

Members Regrets: Shannon Cowan, Coordinator
Deb Epps, Ministry of Environment, Section Head, Environmental Quality Management Program
Craig Nowakowski, Vancouver Island Health Authority

Staff Present: Sarah Shugar, Recorder

Technical Advisory Committee Liaison: Don Hodgins, Technical Advisory Committee Chair

Media and Others Present: Usha Rautenbach, Public Advisory Committee Member
John Sprague, Technical Advisory Committee Member
one member of the public

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grams called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was adopted.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Draft Minutes of the July 17, 2015 Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority Regular Meeting

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority Minutes of July 17, 2015 were adopted.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Chair's Report

Chair Grams reported the tenders received from the Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Water Conservation and Demand Management Plan have been considerably higher than the budget and the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee will receive staff advice regarding options.

4.2 St. Mary Lake Water Quality Update – North Salt Spring Waterworks District

Jeff Thompson reported that the level of St. Mary Lake remains low. North Salt Spring Waterworks District has received approval from the Ministry of Environment for short-term water use expansion that will allow the District to draw water below 40 meters if necessary and it should not adversely affect the fish in Duck Creek. Currently the water quality is in good condition.

Dale Green left the meeting at 10:40 a.m due to technical difficulties.

4.3 Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator's Report for July 17, 2015 to August 20, 2015 was presented.

4.4 Technical Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Don Hodgins reported that the Technical Advisory Committee has been working on finalizing the TAC components of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan for St. Mary Lake.

4.5 St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP)

4.5.1 Workplan for REFBC project wrap

The St. Mary Lake IWMP REFBC Workplan Update dated August 21, 2015 was presented.

4.5.2 Feedback by Steering, TAC and PAC: Proposed Changes to Draft v.1.3 for public feedback sent out July 21, 2015

The Feedback on the Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) from SSIWPA members dated August 21, 2015 was presented.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed that following discussion of individual items with the Chair, discretion would be given to the Coordinator to adjust the Integrated Watershed Management Plan in accordance with public feedback.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to request that an updated draft, revised to include revisions for public feedback be circulated to SSIWPA and TAC.

4.5.3 Public feedback: Proposed Changes to Draft v.1.3 for public feedback sent out July 21, 2015. Summary Table

The Feedback on St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan Draft version July 21, 2105 was presented.

Wayne Hewitt presented a document regarding fish species introduced to St. Mary Lake and suggested that the fish chart should include details of the nature of species of introduced fish stocks.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to include the nature of species of introduced fish stocks in the Integrated Watershed Management Plan for St. Mary Lake.

4.5.4 Action #10 Youth Stewardship Ideas

An update regarding IWMP Management Action #10 “Youth Stewardship” partnering with existing programs was presented.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to request the Coordinator to quantify this for budget implications to assess the merits of the proposal.

4.5.5 IWMP addition – Diagram of lake functions to appear in Executive Summary

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to include the diagram entitled “Two-Phase Model of the St. Mary Lake Ecosystem” in the Integrated Watershed Management Plan for St. Mary Lake, as presented.

4.6 SSIWPA Budget

4.6.1 Year-to-Date Actuals April 1, 2015 – July 31, 2015

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

4.6.2 Draft 2016 Budget April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

4.6.3 Grants for SML IWMP Actions

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority approved the Coordinator to work with Islands Trust and Capital Regional District to apply for grants for St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan Actions 2015 to 2017.

4.6.4 Request for SSIWPA expenditure approval - \$1400 Cowichan Stewardship Society Shoreline Rehabilitation Field Trip Sept. 18, 2015 ; \$600 to Water Council for July 19, 2015 Water Conservation Forum.

Chair Grams reported that Islands Trust policy allows the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority to fund the initiatives provided the reports will advance the objectives of SSIWPA. The Cowichan Stewardship Society Shoreline Rehabilitation field trip supports the objective to assess merits of establishing a Watershed Stewardship group.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to support the Cowichan Stewardship Society Shoreline Rehabilitation field trip for a maximum of fifteen participants to carpool.

Chair Grams, D. Hodgins, L. Hunt and Director McIntyre (or Alternate) volunteered to attend the Cowichan Stewardship Society Shoreline Rehabilitation field trip.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to request Water Council provide further information regarding the Water Conservation Forum funding request.

4.7 SSIWPA Advisory Committees as Working Groups

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

4.8 Cusheon Watershed Next Steps

4.8.1 Proposed Cusheon Watershed Management Workplan:

The proposed Cusheon Watershed Management Workplan was presented.

Don Hodgins recommended that SSIWPA reconsider priorities to elevate the importance of trying to resolve quantity issues as opposed to water quality. TAC will provide feedback to next meeting on five point plan that he intends to seek TAC approval.

4.8.2 Key Stakeholder Presentations and Discussion

The Key Stakeholder Presentations and Discussion was presented.

4.8.3 Water Preservation Society (WPS) ideas for meetings to address Cusheon Watershed

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to support the proposal for a presentation by Drew Bodaly and Maggie Squires regarding scientific study of Cusheon Watershed.

4.9 General Feedback to SSIWPA from Public Consultation

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed that following discussion of individual items with the Chair, discretion would be given to the Coordinator to adjust the Integrated Watershed Management Plan in accordance with general feedback from the Public Consultation.

4.10 Proposal for a Public SSIWPA Technical Presentation on St. Mary Lake

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to support the proposal for a presentation by Maggie Squires “St. Mary Lake: Three Common Perceptions Challenged by 2014-15 Sampling Program”

4.11 Presentation to SSIWPA “St. Mary Lake Dynamics”, by John Sprague

John Sprague presented the “St. Mary Lake Dynamics” report dated August 21, 2015.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to request the Technical Advisory Committee to discuss the recommendation to include the aerators as a management action in the Integrated Watershed Management Plan, at their next meeting.

4.12 Letter received

4.12.1 Salt Spring Conservancy Executive Director dated August 14, 2015 regarding Collaboration for Biodiversity Inventory management Action in St. Mary Watershed

The correspondence was received.

4.13 SSIWPA at Fall Fair September 19 and 20, 2015

Please contact Coordinator by September 9, 2015 if you would be willing to serve a shift at the Fall Fair booth. Chair Grams and Director McIntyre volunteered to attend.

Fall Fair Shifts

Saturday – Staffing with Suzan	Sunday – Staffing with Shannon
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9am – 1pm:	9am – 1pm:
1pm – 6pm:	1pm – 5pm:

4.14 Next Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - SD64 Boardroom, 112 Rainbow Rd. Director McIntyre, D. Hodgins and J. Thompson have scheduling conflicts.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to request the Coordinator to reschedule the September 23, 2015 meeting.

The following meeting is scheduled on Friday October 23, 2015 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm - SD64 Boardroom, 112 Rainbow Rd. (note proposed change of date).

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Questions and Comments from Public

One member of the public expressed concern regarding introduction of invasive species into watersheds, such as the introduction of yellow-bellied slider turtles, goldfish and aquatic weeds into Cusheon Lake. He expressed support for this to be addressed in the IWMP for St. Mary Lake.

D. Hodgins will discuss with TAC.

6 ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

George Grams, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Sarah Shugar, Recorder