

ADOPTED
MINUTES of the SALT SPRING ISLAND
ST. MARY LAKE WATERSHED WORKING GROUP
Friday, May 24, 2013 – 10:30 AM
CRD Parks and Recreation Commission – 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI

Present:

George Grams, Chair, Islands Trust Local Trustee
Wayne McIntyre, Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District Director
Peter Lake, Alternate Capital Regional District Director
Justine Starke, Islands Trust Island Planner
Neva Hohn, Recording Secretary
Jeff Thompson, Trustee, North Salt Spring Island Water District

Present via Video Conferencing:

Dale Green, Capital Regional District, Program Manager

Present via Speaker Phone:

Deb Epps, Ministry of Environment

Present via Webinar:

Laura Brandes, Communications Director, POLIS
Rodger Hunter, Technical Advisory Committee, Cowichan Watershed Board

Regrets:

Lorrie Hunt, Fernwood Water District Commissioner
Erwin Dyck, Supervisor of Health Protection, Vancouver Island Health Authority
Geneen Russo, Drinking Water Resource Professional Specialist, Ministry of Environment

Others Present:

Wayne Hewitt, SSI Resident
Peter Grove, Islands Trust Local Trustee
Maxine Leichter, SSI Resident

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grams called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following changes were introduced to the Agenda:

- Other Business was introduced as Item 5;
- Next meeting was moved to Item 6.

By General Consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Draft Minutes of the April 26, 2013 Meeting

By General Consent the Draft Minutes of the April 26, 2013 Special Business Meeting of the St. Mary Lake Watershed Working Group (SMLWWG) were approved.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Chair's Report

Chair Grams provided a report of his activities to-date.

4.2 Current Condition of St. Mary Lake

J. Thompson gave his report and presented cumulative statistics in graph form.

4.3 Updated Situation on Delegated Powers

Chair Grams reported that Trust Council will be considering a bylaw to delegate authority to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee in June 2013. This will enable the LTC to coordinate the activities of the SMLWWG.

4.4 CRD Alternate Director's Report

P. Lake spoke of possible projects including dredging and disposal. Discussion ensued.

4.5 Draft Terms of Reference

Planner Starke suggested that the Draft Terms of Reference be discussed in emails and the results brought forward to the next meeting of the SMLWWG.

4.6 Watershed Governance Mentorship Webinar

Laura Brandes, Communications Director of the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance, Water Sustainability introduced the Webinar and advised that she would distribute an audio account of the presentation. Members introduced themselves. Roger Hunter then narrated a slide show which outlined the experiences of the Cowichan Watershed Board. A question and answer period followed.

Rodger Hunter and Laura Brandes were thanked for their participation.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Grams spoke of the urgency to test the septic fields around St. Mary Lake.

Planner Starke reported the application for a \$5,000.00 BC Healthy Communities Grant is in process.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the St. Mary Lake Watershed Working Group is scheduled for Friday June 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

G. Grams, Chair

N. Hohn, Recorder