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Stoco Lake Stewardship Plan 7th Meeting of the Steering Committee

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015 – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Municipality of Tweed Committee Room

Meeting Summary/Actions

Attendees:

FOSL: Vicki McCulloch, Chair; Ruth James-Morrow, FOSL Director
Municipality of Tweed: Councillor Don DeGenova, Community Development Manager
Rachelle Hardesty
Quinte Conservation: Maya Navrot, Conservation Education Coordinator
Regrets: Tim Trustham and Terry Murphy, General Manager, Quinte Conservation

The order of conversation has been modified to reflect the specific order of agenda items.

1. Agenda approved.
2. Oct. 15 meeting summary approved
3. Draft Lake Survey –
 - a. 77 completed surveys to date
 - b. Confirmed no requests for paper surveys to date; given the difficulty of transferring the electronic version to hard copy, it was agreed that this would not be pursued.
 - c. **Action: VM to do another 'blast' to members / FB page and other sources to encourage further survey responses**
4. Communications/Consultation Strategy:
 - a. The two elementary schools in Tweed were contacted re: potential presentations/participation by phone/email in November
 - b. **Action: VM to follow up with schools and CHSS in January**
5. Funding Update:
 - a. *QC Sampling for State of the Lake:*

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- Budget - \$33,700 for complete array of sampling ; a number of opportunities for reducing costs – e.g., use existing sites; get on MNR radar for sampling; utilize a volunteer blitz in May/June;
- Three priority information needs :
 - Electrofishing is less preferred; hoop net is better; would need liaison with FOSL/boaters re: location of buoys
 - Vegetation and wetlands are important – no real information is available
 - Wetland monitoring – provincial protocol is 3x / season
 - These three together are about \$15K; QC is looking for funding
 - All agreed that if OTF funding application, would seek \$33K; if not, would focus on 3 priority needs/\$15K
- All agreed that bioblitz should move to 2017, with key citizen science/involvement in the 2016 sampling activities
- **Action – Rachele to confirm if we can carry forward \$1. 1K balance from municipal funding from 2015 to 2016**
- **Action – MN to write up marsh monitoring approach/protocol (volunteers) and fish hoop sampling**
- b. *State of the Lake report:* Quinte Conservation is targeting August 2016 for completion of a draft ‘State of the Lake’ report
 - **Action: MN to distribute draft Table of Contents for the State of the Lake’ report to the SC members; comments back to MN asap but by mid-January.**
- c. *Ontario Trillium Foundation process:* (DeGenova recused himself for this agenda item)
 - The second attempt at registering FOSL with OTF was successful. The ‘fit’ of the SLSP with the criteria for the Seed stream was discussed. It was suggested that emphasizing community-based sampling/monitoring, and ‘not just workshops’, and involvement of youth, may support the Seed stream. Use # of surveys completed, quotes from letters of support, and the success of the workshops as evidence of support/need. No one is available over the holidays to write the application, which is due January 6.
 - **Action: Vicki agreed that she would re-review the Seed criteria and application form, and if it seems to be a reasonable probability, then submit an application**
 - **Action: MN to review the proposed schedule in the FPS proposal to see how it fits with current status/approach**
- d. *Other potential funding sources* discussed, e.g. CFDC (Melanie Wright at Chamber AGM Oct. 21 6 p.m.); Hastings County (Tie to County OP update?); Great Lakes Guardian (maybe next year for sampling- check with MN/QC); OMAFRA RED funding – applications in January (Municipality may use for other project); Species at Risk Stewardship Fund from MNRF; Green Municipal Fund; RBC Bluewater Program; Watersheds Canada
 - **Previous Action: RH to distribute table of various funding sources for consideration**
 - **Action: review the following funding sources:**
 - CFDC early 2016
 - Hastings County – Terry M. is talking with them
 - Great Lakes Guardian – MN will see if it would work for sampling\
 - Green Municipal Fund – DD will check
 - OMAFRA – RH will check



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- ***MN/QC to review potential funding sources, particular with respect to deadlines and mandate/scope***

6. Other Business

- a. It was agreed that the Friends of Salmon River’s offer to explain watersheds was appreciated, but could be declined at this time as Quinte Conservation is an active participant in the SLSP.

7. Next meeting:

- a. Thurs. February 11, 10:30 -noon at Municipality Committee meeting room

