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## Stoco Lake Stewardship Plan 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee

Thursday, February 11, 2016 – 10:30 to noon  
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. Dec. 10 meeting summary approved
3. Schedule
  - a. Revised schedule discussed, given no OTF funding - 'Plan B' approach. Key target dates – draft 'State of the Lake' report in September 2016, with workshop October 2016. Final SOL report March 2017. Draft Lake Plan April 2017, community workshop May 2017; finalize Lake Plan June 2017
  - b. The SOL and Stewardship Plan may ultimately be a single document.
  - c. **Action: VM to update the schedule in the French Planning Services proposal to reflect current activities/timelines (done April 3)**
4. Draft Lake Survey –
  - a. 93 completed surveys to date; will formally close off survey responses as of end of February (mid-March)
  - b. Quinte Conservation will analyze survey results
  - c. **Action: VM to do another 'blast' to members / FB page and other sources to encourage further survey responses up until end of February (done)**

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5. 2016 Sampling Program

- a. Maya Navrot reviewed the updated proposed sampling program and costs (were previously \$33.7K for full suite).
  - o Marsh monitoring program starts in April, ends in July; provincial protocol 3x / season
  - o Vegetation study July/August
  - o Fish hoop net sampling – one week in late May? (TBC); would need liaison with FOSL/boaters re: location of buoys
  - o Surface water sampling has been occurring at 4 sites since the 1060s
  - o Would like to add 2 benthic sites
- b. **Action: Maya Navrot to send summary of proposed sampling activities, costs, & available funding, timelines**
- c. **Action: Maya Navrot to discuss with Brad re: use of students and also community involvement in the sampling activities- report back next meeting**
- d. **Action: A community update will be issued (email, social media, print media) in April/early May to advise community of sampling activities (and other SLSP items, see below)**
- e. **Action: marsh monitoring – local naturalists/citizen scientists such as George Thompson/Elizabeth Churcher, John Wilson/Denice Wilkins, and Jason King were noted. VM to contact Jason to see if Maya can contact him.**
- f. **SLSP SC agreed that the \$5K funding from the Municipality would be used to offset sampling costs; if the \$1K from last year that was not used is still available, can use that for level logging**

6. State of Lake Report

- a. See 3a above re: dates
- b. **Action: Don DeGenova to send Maya N. the final ICSP appendix/background document**

7. Communications/Consultation Strategy:

- a. VM spoke with Susan Carleton-Maines, principal at Tweed Elementary; Susan will followup with Cassandra/VP to see what might be done.
- b. **Action: St. Carthagh – Maya is working with Nicole Black on presentation dates; Rachelle would like to video-tape**
- c. **Action: CHSS – Kirsten Neumann – interested in SLSP from tourism/recreation perspective – Rachelle to follow-up, work with Maya re: a presentation/session (VM sent info to Rachelle Feb. 12)**

8. Funding Opportunities

- a. **Action: Template to summarize funding programs to be prepared by Don DeGenova (distributed March 27)**
- b. **Action: Ruth James –Morrow to follow-up with CIBC and Bank of Montreal re: potential funding opportunities**
- c. **Action: SLSP Members to summarize the following in the template by April 5 to discuss next meeting (April 7):**
  - o CFDC- Don DeGenova
  - o Loblaw Water Fund – Ruth James-Morrow (Vicki?)

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- Env. And Climate Change Eco-Action Community Fund – Ruth James-Morrow
- MOE xxx program – Maya Navrot
- Great Lakes Guardian – Rachelle Hardesty (for actions, not plan development)
- Species at Risk Stewardship Fund from MNRF – Maya Navrot (for actions, not plan development)
- RBC Bluewater Program – Maya Navrot

**d. Action: Don to raise prospect of tax receipts for donations to SLSP with Betty G/Lucas W. and report back next meeting**

9. Next meeting:

- a. Thurs. March 17, 10:30 -noon at Municipality Committee meeting room (note – subsequently postponed to Thursday April 7, 1:00 to 2:30)

