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Stoco Lake Stewardship Plan Second Meeting of the Steering Committee

Saturday June 6, 2015 10:30 to noon
Tweed Library

Meeting Summary/Actions

Attendees:

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

Several FOSL members remained following the FOSL AGM to observe the SC meeting

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

1) Review Agenda

- a) The draft agenda distributed June 1 was approved by the SC

2) Review of Meeting Summary/Actions from April 29 SC Meeting

- a) The draft meeting summary distributed May 21 was approved by the SC – motion by DD, seconded by RJM, all approved. It was agreed that future meeting summaries would not be labeled 'draft'; any errors or omissions would be noted as part of their review by the SC.
- b) Review of actions from May 21 meeting summary:
 - 1) **Action: Maya Navrot to send Steering Committee a brief summary of the gaps identified by Quinte Conservation, and potential costs for work to fill those gaps.**
 - Still in preparation– to be provided to SC by June 30 – now mid-late July

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- 2) **Action: Maya Navrot to send Rachelle Hardesty information re: weeds and fragmentation/reproduction ('break-off')**
 - By June 19
- 3) **Action: Vicki McCulloch to contact local naturalist Jason King re: participating in 'State of the Lake', possible 'Bioblitz' (see d below) and sharing his contact information with Steering Committee/Quinte Conservation (he subsequently agreed)**
- 4) **Action: Don DeGenova to contact George Thompson and Elizabeth Churcher (local residents and involved in Quinte Field Naturalists) re: participating in 'State of the Lake' and possible 'Bioblitz' (see d below) and sharing their contact information with Steering Committee/Quinte Conservation (they subsequently agreed)**
 - VM also to contact Quinte Field Naturalists (speak with Churcher/Thompson, add to email distribution)
- 5) **Action: Maya Navrot to report on her bioblitz experience.**
 - See agenda item #5, below
- 6) **Action: Steering Committee to consider bioblitz as one of the community engagement activities going forward.**
 - See agenda item #5, below
- 7) **Action: Vicki McCulloch to prepare draft Terms of Reference for the Stoco Lake Stewardship Plan Steering Committee/FOSL Sub-Committee (if possible before May 8 Community Development Committee meeting) for Steering Committee review and presentation to constituent organizations.**
 - Done; May 30 draft distributed for approval by Steering Committee organizations
- 8) **Action: the French Planning Proposal will be revisited at the next meeting, in light of upcoming funding application deadlines.**
 - See agenda item #5, below
- 9) **Action: Rachelle to distribute funding source document to Steering Committee (done May 5 via Vicki to Steering Committee)**
- 10) **Action: Vicki to follow-up with Barbara King at Watersheds Canada re: potential funding sources and any assistance they may be able to provide. (Subsequently Barbara noted that Trillium may be a good fit, and that she is willing to work with us on an application: http://www.otf.ca/sites/default/files/green_people_metrics.pdf). VM will be speaking again with her again on May 26.**
 - See agenda item #4, below
- 11) **Action: Rachelle and Don to follow –up with Municipality re: potential for issuing tax receipts and what would be necessary to set that up.**

- 12) Action: FOSL to develop an initial contact list for the Lake Planning process, based on January community meeting, individuals/organizations indicating interest, and organizations with relevant mandates**
 - In progress
- 13) Action: Ruth James-Morrow to follow-up on survey, with potential initial implementation on Canada Day**
 - Initial draft distributed to SC; See agenda item #5, below
- 14) Action: Steering Committee members come prepared to continue conversation on work plan and communication strategy at the next meeting.**
 - See agenda item #5, below
- 15) Action: Rachelle Hardesty to obtain signage for Stoco Lake boat launches advising re: prevention of invasive species (can utilize existing budget)**
 - complete

3) Status - Terms of Reference for Steering Committee

- The May 30 draft Terms of Reference (ToR) were approved by FOSL at their June 6 AGM; the Municipality's Community Development Committee has recommended that Council approve the ToR at their June 23 meeting. Quinte Conservation has indicated that they have accepted the ToR.

Action: Finalize the ToR for SC following Municipal Council approval.

4) Funding Update

- The Municipality is able to lead the Ontario Trillium Foundation application. Registration opens July 22. Application forms much simplified.
- Potential letters of support:

Action: Maya Navrot to send East Lake's successful OTF application (note: French Planning Consultants have provided a copy to VM and RH)

Action: RH to initiate contact OTF contacts re: Stoco Lake SP application

Action: VM to contact Barbara King at Watersheds Canada to thank her, but advise that Watersheds Canada will not lead OTF application for this Plan (Note: done June 16)

Action: SC members to identify potential letters of support; NOT utilizing a form letter (other than a basic description of the lake planning process)



Action: submit i) a brief i.e., paragraph application to Municipality seeking funding for Sept. 26 meeting (e.g., French Planning participation, venue, basic catering, some advertising) and ii) request \$5K funding for each of 2016 and 2017 – via Betty Gallagher by June 11 for personnel and finance committee June 15 meeting (Note – this did NOT occur; will do for July 28 Council meeting)

5) Lake Planning Process and Activities/Timelines (including French Planning proposal, awareness, initial community engagement)

- French Planning Consultants Proposal: The Steering Committee reviewed the February proposal, and proposed modifications to the work plan and budget to reflect the current status of some tasks, and SC 'in-kind' contributions

Action: VM to contact French Planning Consultants for revised proposal to reflect modified level of effort (Note: done – teleconference July 9, with revised proposal distributed July 14)

- Communications Plan:

Action: MN to send sample communications plan from East Lake to Steering Committee for consideration

- Community Survey: Quinte Conservation will integrate the initial draft survey with the East Lake survey, and will 'host' it on-line with their Survey Monkey licence.

Action: target a revised draft survey for July 17, to be launched publicly in September

- Bioblitz: It was agreed that a bioblitz type of event (see <http://www.ontariobioblitz.ca/>) focused on the Stoco Lake vicinity should be planned, to include community members as well as local experts and Quinte Field Naturalists. There are other unique areas that could be done in future years, e.g. Stoco Fen, Cassidy Block, Derochie Conservation Area
<https://www.google.ca/maps/place/Conchie+Rd,+Tweed,+ON+K0K+3J0/@44.4417682,-77.223216,13z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x4cd325e83cbf9def:0xc17ee19174f10af1>. Maya N. forwarded information on the June 2015 bioblitz carried out in Kingston area (emailed to Steering Committee).

6) Other Business

- None noted.

7) Next Steps/Other Actions

- No additional actions were identified.

8) Next Meeting Date/Location

Action: Next meeting will be Tuesday July 21, 1 p.m. at Municipal Committee Room

