

**MADAWASKA RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT REVIEW
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)
Meeting #59, June 4, 2014 @ 5:30 pm
OPG Eastern Operations Board Room, Renfrew Office**

AGENDA

Attendance:

SAC:, Steve Roy, Brian Moran, Carole Workman, Damian Hanel, Lyle Stewart

MNR: Karen Handford

OPG: Don Ferko, Jerry Lapierre, Matthew Mulvihill

Regrets: Dan White, Roelf Beukens

1. **Call to Order**Chair
2. **Review of Agenda**Chair
3. **Delegations (if any)**
4. **Final approval of minutes:**
 - 4.1 Meeting # 58All
 - Lyle Stewart accepted the minutes and Steve Roy seconded the motion
 2. **Review of Agenda****Damian Hanel**
 - 2.1 **Additions and changes to Agenda**
 - **5.3** Steve Roy – Discussion on Energy East Project (Trans Canada Pipeline)
 - **5.3** Recruitment of new SAC members
 - **5.5** Stewartville Amendment request status update
5. **Business arising:**
 - 5.1 **Levels and flows/freshet**

Review, questionsDon Ferko

 - For a copy of the water levels and flows report please email matthew.mulvihill@opg.com
 - The general trend throughout the Madawaska River for water levels and flows were normal when compared to the historical average.
 - April and May had significantly higher flows when compared to the 2013 data. The volume of water is comparable. Flows then declined rapidly once the initial high flows from freshet subsided.
 - **Bark Lake**
 - Bark Lake lake drawdown started in late November and continued through the first three weeks of December.
 - Bark Lake was refilling close to historical average. Flows were higher than average throughout April and May.

- **Kamaniskeg Lake**
 - Flows were higher in Mid April and Early May. This high flow trend continued further downstream at the other OPG sites located on the Madawaska River.

5.1.2 Energy East Project.....Steve Roy

- Steve Roy raised some concern regarding the Trans Canada (TC)Energy East pipeline conversion project that is taking place downstream of the Stewartville Dam.
- TC is currently going through the public consultation process.
- Steve’s concern is that the conversion risks are higher when dealing with oil instead of gas. Steve is wondering if there has been communication between Trans Canada, OPG and the MNR regarding flow control and water levels.

- Jerry Lapierre indicated that Trans Canada did contact OPG regarding the survey work that had been undertaken in that reach of the river.
- It is also possible that Trans Canada could have contacted both the OPG and MNR offices at the corporate level.
- These types of concerns can be addressed through environmental assessments. The ministry of the Environment takes the lead on such assessments and MNR provides input as well.

5.1.3 Recruitment of new SAC Members.....SAC Members

- SAC members mutually agreed upon the need to recruit new members. The process for recruiting new members is outlined in the WMP Terms of Reference.

With the potential changes to change and legislation regarding committees and processes it may not be the right time to recruit new members.

It was was mutually agreed upon that waiting on policy direction on possible changes to the legislation regarding Water Management Plans and Advisory Committees and Liaison Groups would be best. This will determine the direction of the group and the expectations moving forward. At that time the group will be better suited to engage in recruiting new members.

Damien Hanel commented that the focus of the group should be to continue to provide value to people. It is not advised to recruit at this time if the group won’t have the same mandate or platform moving forward.

**5.1.4 Status of Written Response on Stewartville Amendment Request
.....Steve Roy**

Karen Hanford reported that the written response to the rejection of the Stewartville amendment request is currently with Jane Ireland, Regional Director for review.

5.2 Review Tracked Agenda Items ListSAC Members

Meeting #55: Invite Dave Coleman to Next meeting

Dave Coleman operates the White Lake Dam

Steve: White Lake Dam plays a role in Water Management.

Dave Coleman could be invited to join the meeting by tele conference if necessary.

Meeting #55: Explain water level forecast

Members currently access the water level forecast and use it to communicate with the public in their reaches.

Damian and Steve noted that it is a good way for them to share information with their members and cottage associations.

Meeting#57: Explore other options to address Stewartville Reach Concerns

This item has been tied to the other information needs process and added to that list.

Meeting #57: Bancroft Region to SAC

Damian reminded the members that these concerns stemmed from an action that former SAC member Lucien Lacombe had brought forward. Damian sent around the presentation during the meeting that Lucien had provided that including ponds not draining, erosion issues

Action: Karen to contact Lucien and report back on the status of Lucien's concerns.

Meeting #58 Reviewing of Information Needs

The Information needs were discussed and it was agreed upon that OPG will meet with MNR and discuss the list. The list of needs are to be prioritized.

Damian proposed that all parties review the information needs and report back on the list for the next scheduled meeting.

Next meeting will focus on reviewing, prioritizing and changing the list in the best interest of the Standing Advisory Committee.

Don Ferko mentioned that by prioritizing and focusing on the most important needs will allow MNR and OPG to provide more thorough reporting. Resourcing of time, effort and scope of the need have to be considered.

Meeting #58: Get a hold of Dan White to see if there is a more accommodating time for him to attend SAC meetings.

Matt Mulvihill to contact Dan White to discuss

6. Summary of Public Issues Since Last Meeting.....All

- **MNR**

- No Issues Since the last meeting

- **OPG**

- Don Ferko reported that most of the concerns were related to flow/velocity concerns.
- There were several members of the public who contacted OPG about the abundance of water between the Bark Lake Control Dam and Palmer Rapids. One member from the public also inquired about high flows from Palmer Rapids to Griffith.
- The reach between Calabogie and Stewartville had one concern regarding low water in front of the owners property.

- **SAC Members**

- Steve Roy reported that he received some concerns in May related to high flows. Steve mentioned that perhaps people didn't factor in the late freshet this spring. The water level concerns are related to the amendment proposal that had been put forward for the reach.
- Damian Hanel fielded several calls from residents in the Centennial Lake area. Damian in turn provided the weekly water level information to the cottagers association members.

He mentioned that the more informed and prepared they are the less likely he will receive complaints. Asked if there was an o

7. New Business

8. Date of next meeting

October 16th, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Steve Roy proposed adjourning the meeting, Damien seconded, and Lyle Stewart moved the motion.

