

**MADAWASKA RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT REVIEW  
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)  
Meeting #64, April 7, 2016 @ 5:30 pm  
OPG Eastern Operations Board Room, Renfrew Office**

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**AGENDA**

**Attendance:**

**SAC:** Steve Roy, Roelf Beukens, Damian Hanel, Brian Moran, Lyle Stewart

**MNR:** Kirby Punt

**OPG:** Don Ferko, Jennifer Gardiner, Jerry Lapierre, Nancy England, Brent Morton

**Regrets:** Dan White, Jeremy Jones

1. **Call to Order** .....Chair
2. **Review of Agenda** .....Chair
3. **Delegations (if any)**
4. **Final approval of minutes:**
  - 4.1 Meeting # 63 .....All
    - 5.2:
      - Steve Roy requested that issue 7.2.8.9 (Stewartville flow to rule curve) be addressed by the number in the following statement:
        - Steve Roy concerned that a pilot was done to address 7.2.7.6, but not this issue. Don Ferko remarked that the 7.2.7.6 pilot was done within the current WMP, not requiring an amendment.
        - Change has been made in the final #63 notes

Steve Roy accepted the minutes and Roelf Beukens seconded the motion

**5. Business arising:**

**5.1 Levels and flows/freshet**

Review, questions .....Don Ferko

- For a copy of the water levels and flows report please email [jennifer.gardiner@opg.com](mailto:jennifer.gardiner@opg.com)
  - Highlights:
    - December 2015 – January 2016 went from average to above average
    - April 2016 will be higher than average and snow in the bush could keep flows high.
    - Bark Lake is on track to be filled by May long weekend (mitigating risk by slowing down refill)

## 5.2 Action Register Review .....Don Ferko

- 62-1:
  - It was hoped that OPG would be able to review operational data to determine if there are opportunities for improvement (which would, in turn, assist in the concerns from Stewartville Reach about fluctuations)
  - At meeting #63 OPG explained that upgrading Calabogie GS is being investigated and, as a result, can't put resources into reviewing operational data that may not be valid if the upgrade proceeds.
  - An upgraded Calabogie GS would not be running the 60cms 24 hours a day and could mean an earlier implementation of the 30cms, which could address the concerns from the Stewartville Reach.
  - OPG and the SAC Chair believes the initial request, the rule curve, has been addressed by OPG and the recent request (to review possible changes at Calabogie GS) should be a new Information Need because it's an operational issue and different from the Rule Curve request.
    - Discussion regarding Information Needs reviews followed. See 5.3.
- 63.1
  - To be completed for #65
- **Not on tracked items:**
  - Property owner raised concerns about erosion on land, along the Madawaska River, to Steve Roy in summer 2015.
  - In summer 2015 OPG visited the site and determined that the land was owned by OPG.
  - Property owner would like MNR to have a look.
  - This action will be added to the Tracked Items list for follow up

## 5.3 Future of the Committee.....All

- Building on discussion from 62-1 (reviewing information needs), group would like:
  - Water level and flow PDFS sent by email prior to the meetings. Questions will be addressed at meeting, but Don Ferko will not present (as has been done in the past)
  - Group will be sent status of Information Needs prior to all meetings moving forward. A standing Agenda Item will allow for review of these items.
    - MNR and OPG will use the SAC input but will decide how to allocate time and resources.
  - OPG and MNR to work on and provide three prioritization bullets for the next meeting.
  - MNR is currently discussing Water Management Plans and the future of SACS. MNR will keep group posted as information becomes available.

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

- **MNR**

- No comments

- **OPG**

- A few calls received regarding levels on the Upper Madawaska River
- Issue regarding erosion. Jerry Lapierre visited and determined it was OPG land for which she did not have a license.
- Upper Madawaska property owner has done unlicensed work on shoreline. OPG is reviewing options.

- **SAC Members**

- One issue regarding trees damaging a crib dock.

**7. New Business**

- 2016 Stakeholder meetings:
  - Lower Ottawa/Madawaska River, May 31, 7pm, Arnprior, Galilee Centre
  - Upper Madawaska River, July 5, 7 pm, Barry's Bay, Legioni

**8. Date of next meeting**

- June 23, 2016, 5:30 pm, OPG Renfrew Office.

**9. Adjournment**

Roelf Beukens proposed adjourning the meeting, Brian Moran seconded.

**Review Tracked Agenda Items Meeting #62**

**TRACKED AGENDA ITEMS**

<b>Meeting #</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>63-1</b>	Determine if OPG reporting document can be shared with SAC	Jeremy Jones	Meeting #65
<b>64 -1</b>	Kirby Punt to check with Jeremy Jones to determine if he has contacted Madawaska River property owner who has erosion concerns.	Jeremy Jones	Meeting #65
<b>64-2</b>	Group to review Information Needs to determine priorities	All	For meeting #65
<b>64-3</b>	OPG and MNR to work on three prioritization bullets	Kirby Punt and Don Ferko	To be sent by email to group one week prior to meeting #65
<b>64-4</b>	Update agenda to remove levels and flows as standing item	Jennifer Gardiner/Damian Hanel	For Meeting #65
<b>64-5</b>	Don will send the pdfs as well as status of information needs prior to meetings going forward	Don Ferko	Moving forward