

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Meeting of the
SHERBROOKE LAKE COMMITTEE
Held at the Parkdale Maplewood Community Hall, Newburne
Thursday November 12, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Murray Coolican	Committee Member
Lennis Corkum	Committee Member
Larry Hagell	Committee Member
Allan Veinot	Committee Member
Jack Wentzell	Committee Member
Douglas Moore	Committee Member
Garth Bangay	Committee Member
Mark Wentzell	Committee Member
Rex Veinot	Committee Member

STAFF:

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation
Chasidy Veinotte-Dorey, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS:

John Budden Committee Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larry Hagell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Murray Coolican, seconded by Mark Wentzell that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mark Wentzell seconded by Garth Bangay, that the Minutes of the October 8, 2015 Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee be approved as amended. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**5. APPROVED WORKPLAN**

Trudy captured what was mentioned at the previous meeting with regards to the work plan and has it ready for circulation here tonight. Trudy stated that this would be our working document if the committee feels everything is covered and the word "Draft" would come off the document. Trudy asked if there were any questions at this time from committee members.

Garth- When is the right time to pull knowledge on Sherbrooke Lake? We talked about using resources such as the museum staff and other means available to pull together at some point. We don't have this going yet. This information was to be useful in the public meetings. When is right time to talk about this?

Trudy- Is there anyone interesting in joining a subcommittee to work on this task?

Garth- This is one approach and I would be supportive in this. I would volunteer to be on the subcommittee.

Larry- We have had the most success so far from people working in sub groups. I think this is the way to proceed.

Mark- Where does the museum and planning staff come in?

Garth- The museum is an important source of historical information. If people are going to be accessing this lake, it should be noted that this lake is more than a basin of water. How do we get from early times to now? It has changed dramatically. We should be trying to create a picture of what the ecosystem is like, which includes the land use around the lake. Not all cottages are the same. This would help people to understand and how best to manage in the long term.

Trudy- Garth is interested. Is there anyone else?

Mark- Yes

Lennis- Yes

Trudy- If anyone else decides later on tonight that they want to help, please let me know. Is there anything else about the work plan?

Larry- I think we are progressing and on track and the plan is still to present to Council next July.

6. INVITING THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINGS

Trudy- With following our work plan, our next meeting would be a good time to invite the Municipality of Kings to come. I have read the water quality report that was produced. The Bluenose Coastal Action was quite involved and we may want to consider having them address us at some point in time as well.

Garth- Lakeshore capacity worked with Kings County. Senior planner Michael McIntyre wrote the document, and he certainly would be the ideal person to invite. Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation would be a very useful organization to invite as well. Barrie Clarke, who is on our lake has written numerous reports and may be someone we want to involve.

Trudy- I will look at inviting the Director of Planning from Kings County, someone from Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation and Barrie Clark.

7. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS- FORMATION OF SUB- COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND

Trudy- Today was the deadline. 2:00 pm proposals were due. We have 7 applicants. Very happy with response. Prices range from \$14,000 to \$19,000. Have not looked yet what they are proposing. This will be the subcommittee's job. Purpose of this on the agenda is so we can review and form this subcommittee and have in place by week of November 23rd.

Larry- We do not want to limit this committee, if everyone wants to be on it, then they can be.

Trudy will have an evaluation form ready for all items we will be evaluating on.

Trudy- Would like to do this next week. Is there anyone interesting on working on this?

Garth- Yes

Lennis- Yes

Rex- Yes

Mark- Yes

Jack- Yes

Allan- Yes

Larry- John gave his regrets but he is a yes.

Trudy- Base can be at the MODL office. Call in options will be available for those that can't make it. Hoping to have consultation in place by 23rd of November.

Larry- Evening seems to be best for everyone. Wednesday November 18th at 7:00 p.m.. Trudy will get information out prior.

8. REPORTING TO COUNCILS

Larry- We have an obligation to report back early December to MODL Council. This time we will include information about the RFP, land negotiations and the current work plan.

Trudy- We will be on agenda for December 1st. The plan is as Larry mentioned, to update where we are with request for proposals, our updated work plan and our subcommittees. Larry and I will create the report and send to everyone on the committee prior. Is there anything else that should be mentioned? Inviting Kings County and looking at water quality will all also be on this report.

Concerning updating the Municipality of the District of Chester, we will look at going there and updating them as well. We talked about being cost effective and approaching them for some funding to help with public consultation process and would like to make this part of presentation when we go to before Chester Council. We can probably secure up to 50% of cost for proposals and the remainder we can see if we can split between the 2 municipalities.

I will call and see if we can get on their agenda. Larry and I would attend and others are more than welcome to come as well.

9. PUBLIC INPUT (15 MINUTES)

Trudy- With there being a lot of new faces in the audience tonight, I would like to take a moment and update everyone on how we got here today.

There were a number of community members that came in and talked about access to Sherbrooke Lake and made the suggestion to Council that perhaps there should be a community committee formed. There was a call for applications for members of the public who wanted to express interest as either a property owner or a resident in either the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) or the Municipality of the District of Chester (MODC) to join the committee. There was a terms of reference that was developed for the committee. The main mandate for the committee was to look at options that could possibly provide public access to Sherbrooke Lake and ensure that

there was a public consultation process in place. There were a number of responsibilities in that terms of reference. We had a number of applications. Council appointed 10 individuals to the committee. We have 9 people from MODL and 1 from MODC. During the process, those from MODC had the opportunity to apply. The first meeting of this committee was in May and we spent that time doing an orientation. Since then have been meeting once a month. The committee has been working on establishing the work plan that is in the agenda package tonight. They did some site visits as well to get a visual view of some examples of public access to lakes in NS. We drafted the request for proposals and an ad for that to ensure that there is public consultation and engagement throughout the process. At the last meeting there was a subcommittee that was struck and they were tasked with looking at a huge map of possible access points to the lake and start speaking with some of those landowners, in both Municipalities, around possible options. We have been busy and the committee has taken the mandate very seriously and been working through the work plan. The fact that we have 7 consultant firms to ensure that those that have property around the lake and all residents living in both MODC and MODL have the opportunity to have input.

Ron Seney- I wear several hats here tonight and one of them are with the LaHave River Water Shed Enhancement Foundation. I have listened around the table tonight and this is a lot bigger than a Maplewood/Newburne problem. Sherbrooke Lake is the 2nd largest freshwater lake in Nova Scotia (NS). This is a much bigger issue then a community issue. I am delighted that you have a member of the Church Lake Access Advisory Committee on this board as we have had successes there. We have 2 parks in NS now and we are developing a 3rd park. It might be a matter of interest that we are a charitable organization. The NS guides association just set up a NS guide service. There are around 20 of us involved. History of the NS guide association is much like the history of this community. We are watching this with lots of interest because we are trying to provide a product and we don't have access to the 2nd largest lake in NS. I take great interest with this. South Shore Wildlife has interest in this. There was talk about broad representation and maybe you will do this with the consultation process. I have been to public meetings in this hall several times and I have no problems understanding the issues that are involved and I don't remember visiting several sites to come to our conclusion with other things I have been involved in. The NS Federal Association of Anglers and Hunters are interested here. I do not see any of these organizations officially represented at this table. Thanks for letting me speak.

Hugh Harper- On June 9th, Kevin Malloy sent a memo to this committee asking for you to provide Council a report or recommendation with regards to the petition for the Veinot Road prolongation from the Sherbrooke Lake Family Park Society. Has anything been decided on this?

Trudy- It was sent to this committee as part of the mandate of this committee is to look at options. We have not provided this report yet to Council. Has there been and development around that; not at this point in time, but it is still on the table.

Tina Connors (MODC) Councillor- I would encourage you to go to Chester Council earlier then later. Things are moving quickly. I may be jumping ahead but in the work plan under hiring the consultant, November to January, again we are in the middle of November now. This is happening quickly. We are going to leave now and go in camera and we will not know date of next meeting. (Trudy stated we would set this date prior to the in camera discussion) I would like to know the plan of action. Whether this is by survey or what not this is my interest and I hope to stay in the loop.

Trudy- We will be given the consultant till the middle of March. We will change this in our timeline and it will now be from November to March.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm. Trudy will confirm the facility but we will meet somewhere in the Municipality of the District of Chester.

11. IN CAMERA ITEM AS PER THE MGA 22 (2) (c) – LAND NEGOTIATIONS

Moved by Jack Wentzell, seconded by Murray Coolican that the Committee go In Camera In Committee. Carried.

The purpose of the In Camera meeting was to deal with Land Negotiations, in accordance with section 22 (2) (a) of the Municipal Government Act.

Moved by Doug Moore, seconded by Rex Veinot that the Committee return to open session. Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss at 9:06 p.m., it was moved by Mark Wentzell, seconded by Larry Hagell that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.