

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Meeting of the
SHERBROOKE LAKE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FORTIES COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tuesday July 28, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Lennis Corkum	Committee Member
Murray Coolican	Committee Member
John Budden	Committee Member
Larry Hagell	Committee Member
Allan Veinot	Committee Member
Jack Wentzell	Committee Member
Garth Bangay	Committee Member
Rex Veinot	Committee Member

REGRETS:

Mark Wentzell	Committee Member
Douglas Moore	Committee Member

STAFF:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trudy Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Tina Connors sends her regrets.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Murray Coolican, seconded by Garth Bangay that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by John Budden, seconded by Lennis Corkum, that the Minutes of the June 23, 2015 Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee be approved as amended. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

REPORT TO COUNCIL- LARRY AND JOHN

John updated the committee on the report to Council. He started by saying that it went very well and that all comments seemed to be positive. Council recognizes what task the committee has in front of them and they seem to be prepared to give the committee the time to follow through. Trudy was present during the presentation to Council and felt that Larry and John presented very well and addressed the questions that arose from the last meeting.

There were a few last minute changes to the initial presentation and they were amended based on comments from the meeting with members of the Sherbrooke Lake Family Park Society.

Trudy has spoken with Kevin Malloy, the CAO of MODL and he would like to update himself on the legal opinion that was provided to Council. Trudy will update this at the next meeting. The legal opinion was provided "In Camera" therefore, if it is provided here it will also be made In Camera.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF WORKPLAN

At the initial orientation session, this was noted as a thing to do and has also been a request from Council. Trudy brought the mandate that was provided by Council to help aid in this process.

The following questions were raised:

- What are the outcomes we want to achieve?
- What are the activities and tasks we need to come up with?
- What resources are needed to accomplish these tasks?
- What are timelines for each one of these activities?
- If you were to think a year from now, what are the goals and outcomes we want to see?

Outcomes to consider:

- Level and interest of public access to the lake
 - Tools/Activities: Survey, Series of meetings, Questionnaire
- How we go about determining the type of access
 - This would draw out the interest of what people are looking for such as a boat ramp, swimming and so forth

- Concerns of public
- Quality of lake
- What the lake can “handle”
- Impact on the lake
- Residential as well as public access
- Workplan- outcomes/activities/resources/ whose responsible and a timeline
- If a survey is identified as one of the ways to identify public access then there will need to be series of public meetings. There will be some that may not want to do a questionnaire

- Professionals will need to be involved in developing a survey therefore the committee will need to pull together the knowledge that exists on Sherbrooke Lake. Land knowledge will be extremely important in order to give people a picture of the lake while keeping in mind that the lake has a split jurisdiction

- Kings County has been doing some work on similar projects and Lunenburg County could easily emulate what they are doing and seek pointers during the process. If the situation warrants it, we could ask for staff from Kings County to come and speak with us and answer any questions that might arise during the process

- Maps of the area should be made available at all public meetings. If possible we should include fisheries and wildlife of the lake

- Planning staff will have information about various aspects of the lake. They would of had to approve all of the subdivisions around the lake

- Co-op students may also be a means of resources we can use during the process

- History of Sherbrooke Lake and what it has been used for in the past as well as today

- The Parkdale/Maplewood museum may have some resources

- Watershed of Sherbrooke Lake is vast. We will need to move forward at a reasonable speed and do it as efficient as possible

- Find out from the public what ideas are out there taking into account the interest of the general public and the landowners on the lake; in order to do this, we need to collect all the information we can

- All locations need to be given equal representation. We need to research and identify all options with hopes to have an answer in a year for Council. Public input

by the end of December would be a great start. If we develop a work plan it will allow us to work at multiple things at any given time. Public, private, crown or municipal land will help determine what options could be explored deeper

- Trudy mentioned looking at best practises and best examples that other communities have been through and how have they overcome this
- If we allow access to the lake, we need to keep in mind what our project is and in turn balance the mandate set before us. Environmental impact of public access raises the issue of those who have places around the lake
- Determining public access is our job but the public will only want to access a lake where the water is suitable for swimming and fishing. Everything that is going on around lake is ultimately going to affect this
- We also have to abide by provincial regulations
- At the end of the day, our report to Council needs to include all recommendations
- We have to raise all of the concerns or else we are not doing our job. As we research sites we will take this into consideration. People who are on the lake all the time will have more of an impact then those who are accessing it on a non-regular basis. The impact is all going to boil down to what type of access on what we provide
- General ideas of what to consider when developing a way to gather information:
 - Phone Survey
 - Public Meeting
 - Focus Groups
 - Needs to be as most population base as possible (mail/email/flyers)
 - Who does it go to? All of MODL? Communities around the lake? If it only included surrounding areas you will get a different opinion then if you send it to all areas of MODL. Two most important audiences are those who live and own property on the lake and those that are permanently near the lake and own land

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and concerns from this evening, Trudy will develop a draft work plan and bring it to the next meeting for review.

Trudy will bring forth to Council the request to hire a consultant firm as discussed here this evening with the possibility of using reserve funds to do so. She hopes to have this discussion with Council during the end of August or the beginning of September and will report back on her findings at the next meeting of this Committee.

Garth came forward and summarized the discussions that took place. The flow chart that he developed with the aid of the other committee members can be found on the last page of the meeting notes.

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6. VISITING LAKE ACCESS LOCATIONS IN NS

This would be something the committee can do in tandem. The following questions, concerns and points were raised during discussion:

Aylesford Lake: This is a great example. How did they get to this level and what does it take to maintain at the current level. Trudy will line up a visit to this location.

Mushamush Beach Park: This location is run by MODL.

Molego Lake: Minor money spent there over the years and it is still there and running.

Points to consider:

- Who pays operating cost?
- Who looks after the environment impact?
- How is it received by the public?
- Are there currently any freshwater assesses? Queens County may have one under their jurisdiction.
- Should we look at small versus large access points?
- Did anyone think of having multiple accesses to Sherbrooke Lake?
- Do we have separate spots for separate things?
- Is funding available

The plan from here is to see what is currently out there and rule it out as we go. Trudy will get a hold of the designated people who take care of Aylesford Lake to set up a meeting. Trudy will send out the date and time of the tour once she finds out and will try and have staff lined up to answer questions during the visit.

7. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Trudy outlined the following duties that the Chair would ultimately be responsible for and hopes that a Chair can be selected by the next meeting. The Duties of Chair are as follows:

- Help to speak with staff when creating the agenda
- Chair the meeting
- To make sure all members have a voice and engage everyone
- Report to Council
- Bring back meeting if it goes off course

Trudy can re-send out the role of chair for the next meeting.

8. PUBLIC INPUT (15 MINUTES)

Glenn Rafuse- Maplewood

Glenn Rafuse expressed concerns that he does not have access to the lake and wishes that he could. His hopes would be to see it happen sooner than later. He has been approached by property owners advising him that he can use their land for access but doesn't feel he should have to do that. He has spent many years on the lake both working and for recreational uses.

Debbie Reeves- Forties

Debbie Reeves stated that she is a property owner of a piece of land on the Forties side of the lake. On that side of the lake, there is no access roads that are any less than 2 miles long that she is aware of. She also stated that the Municipality of the District of Chester missed their opportunity for a good access point that was offered to them at no cost. To her knowledge there is access that can be developed on the Forties side where there is no cottages.

The Committee thanked both Glenn Rafuse and Debbie Reeves for their input this evening.

9. IN CAMERA ITEM- LAND NEGOTIATIONS AS PER SECTION 22 (2) (a) OF THE MGA

For the public record, Land Negotiations As Per Section 22 (2) (a) of the MGA are discussed In Camera. These could lead to discussions around buying or selling land, property owners, market value and further aspects of land development and are always discussed behind closed doors to protect the rights and privacy of others.

Public members were thanked for their attendance and asked to leave the meeting during the In Camera discussions.

At 8:35 pm it was moved by John Budden and seconded by Lennis Corkum that the Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee go in camera to discuss Land Negotiations As Per Section 22 (2) (e) of the MGA. Carried.

Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee In Camera.

At 9:15 pm it was moved by John Budden and seconded by Lennis Corkum that the Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee come out of in camera and return to open session. Carried.

Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee in session.

10. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Parkdale Maplewood Community Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, at 9:20 p.m., it was moved by John Budden, seconded by Lennis Corkum, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried

WORK FLOW CHART

