



Announcements:

Administrative Assistant, Watershed Management

- The Board welcomed Theresa Vien, Administrative Assistant to the General Manager, Watershed Management. Theresa has over 20 years experience in this field, most recently with the Regional Municipality of York.

Presentations:

Scanlon Creek Bark Park

- Brian Kemp, General Manager, Conservation Lands, shared some photos and information related to the Scanlon Creek Bark Park which officially opened at the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area on July 10th, 2010. This Park was made possible through donations from various partners and the dedication of staff and volunteers.
- A photo collage was presented to Brenda Winter, LSRCA, Cheryl Taylor, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and Councillor John McCallum, Bradford West Gwillimbury.
- Councillor McCallum indicated that the Park appears to be a great success based on the media attention received and the complimentary letters to the editor in the local paper. Councillor McCallum extended congratulations to all those involved for a job well done.



Brian Kemp, Brenda Winter, Cheryl Taylor, Councillor John McCallum, Chair Virginia Hackson.

Neighbourhood Network

- Mr. John Crowell and Mr. Tom Taylor, attended the Board Meeting on behalf of Neighbourhood Network in order to share details related to the success of a tree planting event that took place in April 23, 2010 and to thank Authority staff for their involvement in making this a very successful day.
- Authority staff assisted Neighbourhood Network with the coordination of this event and with the added involvement of local community schools, 900 trees were planted that day.
- This will become an annual event every April; the goal in 2011 is to plant 1,500 trees.



Brian Kemp, John Crowell, Tom Taylor, Chair Virginia Hackson, Vice Chair Bobbie Drew.



Scanlon Creek Outdoor Education Program

- The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 41-10-BOD and received a presentation from Mr. Fred Galloway, FJ Galloway Associates Inc., regarding the results of the Scanlon Creek Strategic Marketing Plan.
- Staff will continue to pursue options for the future of this program and will be providing the Board with their recommendations in early 2011.

Source Water Protection

- The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 42-10-BOD and received a presentation from the Director, Source Protection Planning in relation to the program and the process for the completion and submission of the Technical Assessment Reports.
- The Board was reminded that an extension was sought from the Province in regard to the timeline for the submission of this final report and the Province has approved a submission date of December 17th, 2010 with no further extension permitted.
- The Director advised of the following process as mandated by the *Clean Water Act*:
 - ✓ Posting the **Draft Proposed Assessment Reports** on the Source Protection web site (www.ourwatershed.ca),
 - ✓ Placing advertisements in local newspapers informing the public that the **Draft Proposed** reports are available for public review and comment and announcing public open houses,
 - ✓ Circulating a notice to municipal clerks, Chiefs of First Nations, neighbouring Source Protection Committees, and local Source Protection Authorities that the **Draft Proposed** reports are available for review and comment and announcing open houses,
 - ✓ Sending letters to landowners that might be engaged in an activity identified as a significant threat informing of that potential, and encouraging them to attend the open houses to engage in the process,
 - ✓ Compiling all comments received for consideration by the Source Protection Committee,
 - ✓ Revising the Assessment Report as appropriate based on the comments received,
 - ✓ Posting the (revised) **Proposed Assessment Reports** on the Source Protection web site (www.ourwatershed.ca),
 - ✓ Placing advertisements in local newspapers informing the public that the **Proposed** reports are available for public review and comment and announcing public open houses,
 - ✓ Circulating a notice to municipal clerks, Chiefs of First Nations, neighbouring Source Protection Committees, and local Source Protection Authorities that the **Proposed** reports are available for review and comment and announcing open houses, and
 - ✓ Compiling all comments received.



- Two municipal workshops (targeted for municipal staff and elected officials) are planned for the purpose of facilitating a review of the Assessment Reports (September 7th and 8th). In addition there will be public open houses scheduled for late September.

Water Reuse – Feasibility Study

- The General Manager, Watershed Science, provided a presentation related to the Water Reuse Feasibility Study which was undertaken.
- Water reuse involved the reclamation or reuse of treated wastewater from sewage treatment plants for permitted uses.
- Conclusions from the study indicate that water reuse represents an opportunity to:
 - Reduce phosphorus loading to Lake Simcoe;
 - Reduce the stress on drinking water supplies;
 - Provide a cost effective alternative solution to conventional waste water treatment.
- Municipalities are encouraged to evaluate water reuse opportunities as part of their servicing option for wastewater treatment now and into the future.

Staff Reports

Budget Status Report - Update

- The Board received and approved Staff Report No. 43-10-BOD regarding the status of the Authority's budget for the period ending June 30, 2010.
- Staff advised that they continue to track expenditures and will provide an updated report on the Authority's budget position at their September 2010 meeting.

Annual Conservation Awards

- The Board dealt with and approved Staff Report No. 44-10-BOD which included the approval of the **2010 Conservation Awards being held on October 6th**. The event will take place at Madsen's Greenhouse – Newmarket, beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Innisfil Hydrology Study – Results of Request for Proposals

- The Board dealt with and approved Revised Staff Report No. 47-10-BOD regarding the results of the Request for Proposals.
- Staff advised they are very pleased with the submissions received and are confident with awarding the contract to URS Canada Inc.



Peat Farmers of Ontario – Update

- The Board dealt with and approved Staff Report No. 48-10-BOD regarding a Discussion Document provided by the Peat Farmers of Ontario.
- Staff will seek further information/legal opinion from the Ministry of Natural Resources in relation to the Crown Land Patent Grants and will report back to the Board once this information is received.

Other Business

Beaver River Wetland Conservation Area Management Plan

- Regional Councillor John Grant extended thanks to the Board of Directors for their support in the approval of the Beaver River Wetland Conservation Area Management Plan which was presented at the June Board meeting, advising that this is a great step forward in the protection of such valuable assets in the watershed.
- R/C Grant advised that he had the honour of Chairing this Committee and thanked all the Committee Members, in particular Authority staff, for their continued dedication and guidance in developing this Plan, which he is pleased to say, reflects the comments and concerns heard during the process.