

MADAWASKA RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT REVIEW
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting #43, Wednesday January 14, 2009
Board Room of OPG/OSPG Office, Renfrew

Attendees:

SAC: Steve Roy, Lucien Lacombe, Brian Moran, Dan White, George Newton, Brian Wright, Lyle Stewart

MNR: Karen Handford

OPG: Don Ferko, Chris Tonkin, Martin Kelly, Linda Halliday

Regrets: Joanna Samson, JP de Grandmont, Damian Hanel, Kirby Punt

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair, Brian Wright.

2. Review of Agenda

No additions.

3. Delegations:

No delegations

4. Approval of Minutes of Madawaska SAC meeting #42, October 22, 2008

Seven changes were requested:

- ◆ Item 4, Approval of Minutes:
“Steve Roy inquired whether the following had taken place ...” to replace “Steve Roy requested the following changes.”
- ◆ Item 5.1, Consensus: “We will extend the public consultation process...” ro replace “We will try to.....”
- ◆ Item 5.1, Chapter 5 comments, “We do not want to change the context of the questions” – “do” was added.
- ◆ Item 5.1, “A comment about permanent docks” instead of “question.”
- ◆ Item 5.1, “MNR will allow crib docks of less than 6 sq. metres...”
- ◆ Item 5.1, “For clarification purposes **with respect to water levels** (added), the use of “control” rather than “regulation” would be less confusing.
- ◆ Item 6.2, OPG public issues – details will be added concerning Kamaniskeg Lake levels in Spring 2008 and the use of the higher range on the Stewartville Reach until July 2008.
- ◆ Item, Date of next meeting changed to reflect 2009.

ACTION: Don Ferko was asked to provide details of OPG’s issues for all future meeting Minutes., and a summary of all inquiries received in 2008 for the next meeting.

Motion: Proposed by Steve Roy and seconded by Lucien Lacombe, the Minutes of meeting #42 of the Madawaska SAC, October 22, 2008 were approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

5. Business arising from the Minutes:

5.1 The Planning Process (Don Ferko for Joanna Samson)

A schedule was circulated to show those aspects of the Planning document completed to date and/or in progress

Chapter 6 – Key Gaps, following on from Chapter 5

Chapter 8 – Options eg evaluation of different operating regimes to modify operating plan. For Madawaska River, this includes things under test and sub-options that have been explored. Eg. Bark Lake winter operations.

Chapter 7 Information Needs (in first draft)

This has been reorganized to better reflect the location of each Information Need and its status and comments, and cross referenced back to the Issue

(Report final document requires 3 months from printer to publication)

It was reported that public consultation is now expected to take place in June-August 2009.

5.2 Levels and Flow Update (Don Ferko)

The graphics are now shown in the template used in the new Plan showing daily averages of flow and elevation

The notable items are that the flows were lower than normal in October and November 2008, near normal for the month of December, mainly due to a melt event that peaked in January 2009.

Question:

- ◆ SR – asked how the gauges are calibrated
CT – Don Ferko could discuss this issue at a future meeting.

- ◆ SR –it is interesting to see the peaks using the upper part of the range. Can the peaks be flexible?
MK - Peaks depend on primary demand across the province eg. daylight saving time change, among others. We schedule load on rivers to meet the primary demand as predicted. There are many variables throughout the year and consistency is not easy. A forebay could be full in the morning, the station runs through the day and then is low in the evening. There is very little flexibility.

6 **Summary of Public Issues since the last meeting:**

6.1 MNR

No public issues recorded

6.2 OPG

No public issues recorded.

Action:

OPG will provide additional details about the number of public contacts received concerning Kamanisseg Lake and Stewartville at the next SAC meeting. This information was not provided at the SAC meeting in October 2008.

6.3 SAC

No public issues recorded.

Lucien Lacombe would like to thank Kirby Punt for his work on the Bark Lake fishery. Martin Kelly commented that the Madawaska Water Management Plan is considered the standard by other SACs.

7 New Business:

No new business.

8. Date of next meeting:

The next SAC Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at OPG's Renfrew office.

9 Adjournment

On motion proposed by Dan White, seconded by Steve Roy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm, there being no further business.