

**MADAWASKA RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT REVIEW
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting #45, Monday July 20, 2009, 6:30 PM
OPG-OSPG Headquarters, Renfrew**

Attendees:

SAC: Steve Roy, Lucien Lacombe, Dan White, Brian Wright, Damian Hanel, Lyle Stewart

MNR: Karen Handford, Joanna Samson, George Oram

OPG: Don Ferko, Jennifer James

Regrets: George Newton, Brian Moran

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Brian Wright

2. Review of Agenda

No additions

3. Delegations:

- Joanna Samson introduced Jennifer James, Public Affairs Officer, OPG, to the SAC
- Joanna Samson introduced George Oram, MNR, Bancroft District to the SAC

4. Approval of Minutes of Madawaska SAC meeting #44, March 25, 2009

One question was raised:

Section 5.2 Steve Roy questioned which reach the following sentence applied to: "Hydro One lines are out so not able to generate power, just passing water." The response, from Don Ferko, is: Mountain Chute GS from January 16 to 19th.

Motion: Proposed by Brian Wright and seconded by Steve Roy, the Minutes of meeting #44 of the Madawaska SAC, March 25, 2009 were approved as amended.

Carried unanimously.

5. Business arising from the Minutes:

5.1 SAC Review/Comments Draft Plan (Joanna Samson and Don Ferko)

Joanna commenced the discussion on the Madawaska River Water Management document.

Joanna indicated that comments did come from George Newton and Lyle Stewart. She reviewed the comments with the group.

Group decided to not record all of the changes in the minutes. Group agreed that all edits/revisions would go straight to Joanna Samson. Only major edits (see below) are to be included in the minutes.

Major item requiring attention:

The group expressed concern about the discrepancies that existed in document in relation to units and measurement.

ACTION: Don Ferko will review Chapter 4 to capture the units and dimensions (imperial and metric).

ACTION: Damian Hanel will provide Joanna Samson with a sentence/disclaimer to indicate that all numbers (in the document) are not always to the closest decimal. This sentence will be considered to be included in the document.

5.2 Levels and Flow Update (Don Ferko)

- Flows are about average for the Madawaska system
- Flows were higher than average but there was a small (weather) event that moved things above average but now things are back to normal

ACTION: Don Ferko will send out level and flow graphs to group.

6 Summary of Public Issues since the last meeting:

6.1 MNR

No public issues recorded.

6.2 OPG

No public issues recorded

6.3 SAC

Steve Roy has been in contact with a gentleman who has expressed concern with water levels. He voiced concerns to Steve that water levels were too low for him to enjoy his dock. Steve discussed various dock designs to minimize the impact of fluctuating water levels. Most recently the gentleman also expressed concern about high water levels and impact on shorelines (in addition to increased boat use near his property). Steve suggested he protect his property by placing large rocks in the river.

On Saturday, June 13 Steve Roy attended the Cameron Woods Home Association Meeting (See google map for community location [here](#)) to discuss water management. One new comment that came out of that session was concern over bass spawning and water draw down. Bass spawn late in the month of June in shallow water. With the draw down the resident was concerned that nests were being dried out, impacting not only the bass but other bait fish spawning in the shallows. Steve did speak to Brian Moran, President of the

Calabogie Fish and Game Club, who suggested that the concerned resident join the Calabogie Fish and Game Club to increase awareness in the Cameron Woods area (along the Madawaska River). Dan White also suggested the use of “bass spawning” signs.

7 New Business:

Lucien Lacombe expressed concern about a piece of land (north end of Bark Lake) that is being used as a campground (known colloquially as “The Trailer Park”). As of last week Lucien noted that there were 28 trailers and approximately 125 people using the land.

ACTION: MNR is to investigate the issue to determine who is accountable (who owns the land) and what future actions need to be taken to address the situation.

Steve Roy asked Don Ferko if it is possible to update the Web level and flow updates more often (weekly).

ACTION: Don Ferko will attempt to meet this request

Steve Roy commended Don Ferko on providing information regarding expected dates water level will reach optimal level (in the Web flow and level updates).

ACTION: Don Ferko to continue providing this information in his Web flow and level updates.

Steve Roy requested (on behalf of the Cameron Woods Home Association) that Don Ferko provide information that indicates when the river reached the 30 cm range for the last ten years.

ACTION: Don Ferko is to gather the information.

8. Date of next meeting:

The next SAC Meeting will take place after the comment period:

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at OPG’s Renfrew office.

Dinner: 6pm

Start time: 6:30pm

9. Adjournment

On motion proposed by Brian Wright, seconded by Dan White, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm, there being no further business.

Sent by mail to:
Lucien Lacombe

