

Environment North Minutes
Of March 11, 2015

Location: basement of Bay Credit Union 5:30 pm

Board Members:

Graham Saunders – chair	Julee Boan	Lea Matyuska	Lucy Laframboise
Susan Grinstead	Scott Harris	Brittany Young	

Board Business

The agenda was approved as amended.

Moved by: Graham 2nd by: Lucy carried

The Nov. 11, 2014 minutes were deferred until everyone has read the article by Susan Grinstead entitled “North Harbour Sediment Problem”. It is our official response to the North Harbour Sediment Committee which is part of the Remedial Action Plan (RAP).

The Jan. 2015 minutes were approved as amended.

Moved by: Lucy 2nd by: Brittany carried

The Feb. 2015 meeting had no minutes as there was no quorum.

The Treasurer asked that the term deposit at Bay Credit Union be renewed.

Moved by: Graham 2nd by: Lea carried

The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Moved by: Julee 2nd by: Brittany

Business Arising

1. Energy East Pipeline

Council of Canadians (CoC), Citizens United for a Sustainable Planet (CUSP), Ontario Nature and EN gave a combined deputation to city council re: the EE pipeline. We were asking that the city oppose the pipeline through this area. At the present time, 4 councils are opposed and 4 are in favour of the pipeline. City council is asking the Energy East group to give a presentation before they vote on the issue. Dates for the EE presentation and council vote are yet to be announced. We are asking various organizations to support our opposition to this pipeline.

2. Ontario Climate Change Discussion

Lucy reported the highlights of the event. A carbon tax is preferred over a cap and trade deal. They are aiming for more walking communities, more items to be recycled and better building standards. They are looking at community goals and methods to overcome obstacles. The President of the Chamber of Commerce was very interested in the discussion.

3. AGM and CJ Article

The next article for CJ newspaper will be about the upcoming AGM on Thurs. April 30th, 2015 and the speaker for the evening. John Stephenson, a local architectural engineer, will give a presentation on better building techniques. The AGM will be at the Mary JL Black Library. The meeting and elections begin at 6:30 pm and John will speak at 7:30pm.

4. Nuclear Waste

Schreiber has now been taken off the list of potential sites for storage. The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has determined that the geology is not good in this town. Ignace, Hornepayne and Elliot Lake are still in the selection process. Gordon Edwards spoke to the large gathering at the hearing, stating that the solution is ongoing stewardship and monitoring at the power plant sites, where the waste is created. There are too many dangers in transporting the toxins.

5. Lakehead University Speakers Series

John Fife, an expert with the IPCC, gave a presentation entitled "Climate Change Hiatus". There were a lot of graphics with computer models, however, it was found it to be lacking in clarity.

6. Nipigon RAP

The Nipigon Bay Remedial Action Plan is being disbanded as the local project has been completed. It has been requested that EN monitor the remediated site. We have invited the Nipigon group to join EN.

7. Odds and Ends

There was a motion to fund the EFN at the same amount as last year.

Moved by: Julee 2nd by: Lucy

Their next film is called "Divide and Concord". It is about banning bottled water in the town of Concord, USA.

There was a motion to give LU Radio \$100.00.

Moved by: Graham 2nd by: Lucy

City council will vote on a motion to include Thunder Bay as a Blue Community on Mon. March 23rd at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

The Student's Sustainability Initiative (SSI) at Con. College will have a presentation on Wed. Mar. 25th from 11 am – 1 pm in the common area.

There was a motion to provide information and a display board for the SSI.

Moved by: Graham 2nd by: Brittany

Next Meeting AGM Thurs. April 30th, 2015 Mary JL Black Library

6:30 pm – Business and Elections

7:30 pm – Speaker – John Stephenson on "Building Carbon Neutral"