

Muriel Lake Basin Management Society
Minutes
January 16, 2014
Edmonton Public Library
3410 - 118 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta.

Attending: Lyall Kortzman, Jeff Hlewka, John Latoszek, Cheryl Schewe, Steven Clelland, Cory Neufeld, Jan Ramful and Walter Ulickij. Presenter: Alex Haluszka (Matrix Solutions) Guest: Gerry LaBrie

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Lyall

2. Additions to the Agenda.

Approval and filing of the December 17 Special General meeting minutes

3. Review and Approve Minutes of November 21, 2013 Meeting

Jeff moved the minutes be accepted as read. Motion seconded by John. Carried

4. Review and Approve Minutes of December 17, 2013 Meeting

Jan moved the minutes be accepted as read. Motion seconded by Walter. Carried

4. Financial Report

Richard reported to Lyall that the society has \$6639.42 in our bank account as of October 31, 2013.

5. Old Business:

a) Matrix Solutions

Alex Haluszka from Matrix Solutions made a presentation on the benefits and potential costs of developing a groundwater study to help determine the cause of water losses in Muriel Lake. The presentation was quite comprehensive and will be followed in February by a similar quote for a surface water study. Estimated costs for this study are from \$61,000 to \$121,000 with the higher amount being that all work is done by matrix and the lower amount reflecting savings that could be made if members of MLBMS did a certain portion of the work. There was much discussion and many questions. The proposal will be discussed further at our next meeting.

b) Walker Flyover- Strategy Session

The sub committee was unable to meet in December but will do so this month.

c) Letter to CNRL

We sent a letter to CNRL requesting they address areas we have identified on their sites as blocking water flow to the lake. They replied that they will investigate in the spring and reply to our concerns at that time.

d) Beaver dam removal letters

Four property owners/leases were approached to allow us to remove beaver dams on Muriel Creek that are under their control. Only one owner has replied to date: Mr. Herde has declined to grant permission to remove dams on his property. Registered letters will be sent to the remaining owners to follow up.

e) Newsletter

A draft of the February newsletter was presented to the committee. It was decided to wait, if possible, until our application for charitable status was approved before sending to the members. Suggestions were made for content and a revised draft will be sent to committee members. Cheryl will try to book the Centennial centre for the AGM on July 13th or July 20th so the information can be included in the newsletter.

f) Media Plan

Deferred to February

g) McGill University Study

Lyall presented a study on the Beaver River Watershed by a group of McGill students. There was much mention of the situation at Muriel Lake as Harry Keese had referred them to Lyall for information. Overall, the committee was impressed by their work and will share this information on our website.

h) Annual BBQ

It was decided that we would hold another BBQ this spring and hope that the attendees increase as this becomes a regular event. The date was set for June 14th and it will be held in the same location as last year, the cul de sac on Birch Street

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM. The next Directors meeting will be held at 7:00PM on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at the Penny McKee branch of EPL.