

# St. Lawrence River Restoration Council Meeting

Sept 19, 2018

The River Institute

1:00 p.m.

## Present:

Walter Oeggerli	Glengarry Farmers Association (GFA)
Sandra Kok	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
Kristin Geater	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) (teleconference)
Jacob Orlandi	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) (teleconference)
Jake Larose	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) (teleconference)
Dawn Walsh	Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MOECP)
Jeff Ridal	St. Lawrence River Institute (RI)
Dorothy Hamilton	Ontario Woodlot Association (S,D,G. Chapter)
Nick Cox	General Public Liaison
Patricia O'Hara	Upper St. Lawrence River Protection Network (USLRPN)
Mark Kaddie	Upper St. Lawrence River Protection Network (USLRPN)
Joe Belmonte	Upper St. Lawrence River Protection Network (USLRPN)
Karen Cooper	Remedial Action Plan St. Lawrence River (Cornwall) (RI)
Brendan Jacobs	Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA)

## Regrets:

Elaine Kennedy	Municipal Environmental Advisory Committee
Will Robertson	General Public Liaison
Richard Pilon	General Manager, RRCA

1. **Call to Order at 1:15 p.m.**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that SLRRC approve the Agenda of the meeting of April 4, 2018

Moved	Nick Cox
Seconded	Jeff Ridal
	Carried

### 3. Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Be it resolved that SLRRC approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2018

Moved	Mark Kaddie
Seconded	Jeff Ridal
	Carried

### 4. a) Beneficial Use Impairments Status of Projects relating to BUIs

Current Project titles (*table attached*)

- **BUI #.4 - Fish Tumours or other Deformities** - status as of 2014 changed from Possibly Impaired to Not Impaired when last sampled. The River Institute's Dominique Lapointe is preparing an updated status report.
- **BUI # 8 - Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae** - *still impaired\**
- **BUI # 10 - Beach Closures** - River Institute is currently preparing a status report by gathering data from Eastern Ontario Health Unit in cooperation with Mohawk Health Unit
- **BUI # 13 - Phytoplankton & Zooplankton** - status as of 2014 changed from Possibly Impaired to Not Impaired. The River Institute's Amine Mimouni is currently preparing an updated status report
- **BUI # 14 - Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat** - *still impaired\**

### b) Status of Remaining BUIs / De-listing Criteria - Sandra Kok

- **BUI #8 - Eutrophication / Undesirable Algae**
  - Action - establish a Riparian Cover Plan by the end of 2018 (partners: RRCA, MCA, SDG OWA, USLRPN))
- **BUI #14 - Fish and Wildlife Habitat**
  - Action - establish a Plan by end of the year (partners: RRCA, MNRF, USLRPN, and SDG OWA)

### c) Cornwall Sediment Strategy (CSS)

- ECCC is undertaking reference sampling in 2018 for deeper water sediment sampling (10 m.) in conjunction with Human Health Risk Assessment Report that is being conducted by ECCC to be completed by March 2019
- Awaiting funding for River Institute sampling. Both MOECP and ECCC applications from RI for sediment sampling are pending

- Fish contaminant sampling taking place as well
- The CSS needs a flowchart to document different sampling streams and timeframes

**Current Status – Fish Consumption**

- See attached slide deck from Neil Dempster Report from 2017
- Fish Consumption results for General Population
- Fish Consumption results for Sensitive Populations
- Recent trends indicate slow progress
- While this was not an exhaustive study the summary is that there are more rigorous consumption restrictions within the AOC vs. outside the AOC
  - The above subject should be addressed and reviewed within 2020 State of the Great River Report

**Dredging Report - Sandra Kok**

- Discussed data re- dredging report
- This type of dredging refers to navigational / channel dredging
- Dredging Report is still underway
- Open water disposal is discouraged
- What do we do with local nearshore dredging issues?
- Who is responsible for regulating? (DFO?)

**Action Item: That the Dredging Report address how the dredging protocol works and what regulations are in place - investigate**

**Status of 64 Recommendations - Karen Cooper**

- Status Report to be forwarded

**New Business**

**Community Engagement Strategy - Karen Cooper**

- See attached slide deck

**Other Business:**

Fall **Great Lakes Protection Initiative (GLPI) Funding** available on **November 8, 2018** (*applications available on-line*)

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 (1 pm)**

- Location to be determined

**Motion to adjourn:**

Moved	Mark Kaddie
Seconded	Nick Cox
Carried	