



## ST. LAWRENCE RIVER RESTORATION COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

*Thursday, June 13, 2019*

*10:15am to 12:30pm*

St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences

**Present:** Richard Pilon (RRCA), Sara Varty (ECC), Walter Oeggerli (GFA), Jeff Ridal (SLRIES), Elaine Kennedy (citizen), Mike Fawthrop (City of Cornwall), Patricia O'Hara (GRN), Joe Arthur (Lunker Club), Dale Phippen (citizen), Idalia Milan\* (EOHU), Andrew Morley\* (MECP), Benoit Lebeau\* (OMAFRA), Nick Cox (citizen), Mark Kaddie (citizen), Will Robertson (citizen), Dorothy Hamilton (SDG-OWA).

**Observers:** Jacob Orlandi\*, Brendan Jacobs, Candice McKay

**Regrets:** Peggy-Pyke Thompson (MCA-Environment), Jake LaRose (MNRF)

\*Attended via teleconference

- 1. Call to Order at 11:10 am**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that SLRRC approves the Agenda of the meeting of June 13, 2019.

Moved by: Nick Cox

Seconded by: Joe Arthur

Result: Carried

- 3. Approval of the Minutes from February 27, 2019**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that SLRRC approves the minutes of the meeting of Feb 27, 2019 as amended.

Moved by: Jeff Ridal

Seconded by: Elaine Kennedy

Result: Carried

- 4. Business Arising**

- BUI Re-designation workplan presented by Sara Varty
  - BUI reports will be reviewed by a technical team. A minimum of one SLRRC member to be on each technical review committee to provide local experience and knowledge.
- Beneficial Use Impairments - Status of Current Reports

- i. Fish Tumors- update by Jeff Ridal
  - A question was raised about the Human Health report (for water recreation use such as swimming and wading) being created by the MECP, a draft is in circulation within the agencies and Natasha Pozega will circulate when it is released for input by the SLRRC and WQWG members.

Elaine Kennedy highlighted the difference between planning and economic development versus environment departments. More important for community members to be informed about public health concerns than economic development.

- ii. Status of Phytoplankton and Zooplankton BUI was updated by Sara Varty
- iii. Beach Closures report was presented by Jeff Ridal. The WQWG recommends this BUI be considered for re-designation.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Beach Closures Report be circulated for public presentation, pending final input from the MCA.

Moved by: Jeff Ridal

Seconded by: Elaine Kennedy

Result: Carried

## 5. Committee Reports

- a. Water Quality Working Group- next meeting June 26, 2019 at 1:30pm
  - i. Eutrophication Sub-committee- next meeting June 26, 2019 at 10:30am
- b. Cornwall Sediment Strategy Committee update by Andrew Morley
  - Last meeting in November. Next meeting TBD after circulation of Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) Report distribution.
  - Reviewing one application to install a dock in one of the zones.
  - Waiting for approval from stakeholders to release video.

## 6. New Business

- b. Cornwall Pollution Control Plan Update by Mike Fawthrop
  - Stormwater quality data has been collected
  - Real-time flow monitoring data has been collected
  - Will present results at next SLRRC Council meeting, and WQWG meeting.
- c. Remedial Action Plan Communications Update by Natasha Pozega
  - Website now live at [www.stlawrenceriverrap.ca](http://www.stlawrenceriverrap.ca)
- d. Massena Report discussion by Elaine Kennedy

- Elaine granted permission to share SLRRC updates with RAC to improve communications between the two programs.
- e. Future of SLRRC. Discussion led by Elaine Kennedy. Concerns were raised about ongoing support for the SLRRC. Sara indicated that AOCs remain a priority for the federal government.

## **7. Next Meeting**

Next meeting Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 10:00am – 12:30pm.

## **8. Adjournment**

### **Motion to adjourn**

Moved by: Nick Cox