

St. Clair River  
Binational Public Advisory Council  
December 9, 1999 - 6:30 p.m.

St. Clair District School Board  
Boardroom  
DRAFT meeting minutes

Attendees:

<b>Bob Allen</b>	<b>Tip Haagsma</b>	<b>Sean Morrison</b>
<b>Dean Barnett</b>	<b>John Jackson</b>	<b>Timothy Morse</b>
<b>Malcolm Boyd</b>	<b>Archie Kerr</b>	<b>Frank Schoonover</b>
<b>Donald Craig</b>	<b>Ted Kierstead</b>	<b>Ken Smy</b>
<b>Ron Denning</b>	<b>Bob Lalonde</b>	<b>Bela Trebics</b>
<b>Paulette Duhaime</b>	<b>Kris Lee</b>	<b>Patricia Troy</b>
<b>Don Gunning</b>	<b>Ron Miller</b>	<b>Bud West</b>
		<b>Modris Zandbergs</b>

Staff/Guests:

Barb Barclay	Gary Johnson	Roy Schrameck
Brenda Hemstreet	Darren Metcalfe	
Mark Hemstreet	Janet Metcalfe	

Regrets:

Rick Gallerno	Rob Johnson
Fred Kemp	Darrell Randell

1. The meeting was called to order by Bob Lalonde at 6:45. It was agreed that the meeting would not extend beyond 9:30. All attendees introduced themselves
2. Agenda was approved (**moved: Frank Schoonover; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Patty Troy - carried**).

3. **Moved by Dean Barnett, seconded by Ron Denning** to accept minutes of the October 21, 1999 meeting. It was noted that George Krause and Modris Zandbergs were present at the October 21, 1999 BPAC meeting but were missing from the list of those present.

**Carried**

4. Celebrating the St. Clair River Photo Contest - 1999  
Presentation of Awards: Thanks go to Bayer Inc., Imperial Oil, Duc d'Orleans and Friends of the St. Clair River for prize donations.

Grand Prize - Darren Metcalfe  
Beauty and Action - Martin Hemstreet  
Challenges and Accomplishments - Janet Metcalf  
Honourable Mention - Barb Barclay

5. Preliminary findings of 1999 Canadian Wildlife Service contaminant study:

Gary Johnson gave a brief presentation of a report supplied by Chip Weseloh from the Canadian Wildlife Service (attached).

6. RAP Stocktaking

A handout on Issues, Explanations and Strategies to deal with issues was presented and briefly discussed. Comments from BPAC members were requested by December 31, 1999 to go to either John Jackson or Gary Johnson. It was indicated that the COA agreement expires at the end of March, 2000.

**Moved by Ron Denning and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Trebics** that BPAC send a letter to the City of Sarnia with copies to the local media and the MOE regarding the importance of ensuring both STP upgrades and CSO control programs are implemented expeditiously.

**Carried**

7. Michigan Statewide Stormwater initiative

Roy Schrameck, MDEQ gave a presentation (copy of slides attached) on stormwater programs in the State of Michigan.

8. Committee Reports

! **Membership:** Bud West reported that there are presently two vacancies (one in Michigan and one in Ontario - see attached report). No changes to report. Bela Trebics asked for clarification on BPAC quorum. Note that Bud West indicated only 3 people participated in the Friends Annual General Meeting and that there are a minimum of 28 members. Technically, rules state that a 2/3 quorum is required.

**Moved by Bud West and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Archie Kerr to accept the membership report - Carried.**

**Action:** G. Johnson to report back on quorum rules for BPAC.

! **Friends (Mi.):** Gary Johnson reported on the \$30k EPA - CEM grant for NPS projects in St. Clair County and the role of Bob Weir as project facilitator.

! **Friends (Ont.):** The Annual General meeting of Friends (Ont.) Occurred November 9<sup>th</sup> at Terra.

Science kit: A media day to officially unveil the kit is planned for January, 2000. Kris Lee expressed concern that there is only one kit available for her school area.

**Action:** G. Johnson to look into availability of kits for Wallaceburg.

BPAC awards: Kris Lee indicated that local industry had not applied this year. Archie Kerr indicated that timing was a problem due to work that was still ongoing or primarily air vs. water related.

**Action:** BPAC members to provide suggestions/input on potential award recipients to Kris, Malcolm, Bud or Gary.

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#### 9. Other items

- SPAC/RAP November, 1999 meeting in Lansing - Paulette Duhaime and Patty Troy attended. They reported that EPA CEM grant money would be eliminated in June, 2000 and that EPA intended to fund the RAPs via the LaMPs.
  - The \$10k grant from DEQ was available again this year. Suggestions for use of the money included:
    - ▶ Hire a grant writer;
    - ▶ Public education and outreach;

**Moved by Paulette Duhaime 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Troy to establish a funding committee to seek grant money and prioritize projects for funding through programs like CMI.**

**Carried.**

Bill Trebics, Patty Troy, Paulette Duhaime and Gary Johnson volunteered to participate in the funding committee.

**Action:** Paulette Duhaime and Patty Troy to prepare draft letters to Members of Congress to get funding in support of the RAP process. These are to be reviewed at the next BPAC meeting and are to be sent out prior to the June /00 elimination of the CEM grant program. Note that State funding hinges

**on Federal funding since RAPs are a Federal program.**

\$ Lake Huron Initiative - The EPA Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) has funding the development of a AMini-LaMP® for Lake Huron. Draft documents equivalent to Stage 1 and Stage 2 RAP reports have been prepared. Further information is available at: <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/ogl/huron.html> or by calling Jim Bredin MDEQ at 517-335-4232.

Next meeting at the call of the Chair.