



**Approved- FOSCR Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2021
Zoom Teleconference**

Attendees: Natasha Pozega, Craig Griffiths, Terry Burrell, Kris Lee, Ken Hall, Peter Westfall, Brenda Lorenz

Regrets: Archie Kerr

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm

1. Review and approval of Minutes from March 10, 2021.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from March 10, 2021.

Moved by Terry Burrell

Seconded by Peter Westfall

Motion carried.

2. Business out of Minutes

- A cheque was never provided to CASL for their tree-planting work. If they proceed with rescheduling in the fall, they can submit an invoice to Terry to be provided with the funds (\$500).
- Brenda received permission from the City of Sarnia to set up a booth along the river. They have requested to be notified in advance.
- Brenda was in contact with Erin Soeder at Lamton College to update course materials related to the Area of Concern. She has e-introduced Erin and Natasha.
- The Sediment Management Team will be holding a virtual community session on Tuesday, June 22nd at 6:30pm. This will be a presentation of the recommended engineering and desing plan.
- The grant application has been submitted to Enbridge for \$5000. If awarded, these funds will be available provided to the Friends of St. Clair River to be used for any purpose.

3. Finances – Terry

There is \$37,699 available in the bank account. \$12,500 of those dollars are to be spent to achieve the deliverables outlined by the province, and the remaining funds can be used for other projects.

Motion to approve the June 7, 2021 financial report as presented.

Moved by Terry Burrell

Seconded by Ken Hall

Motion carried.

4. Website and Emails – Craig

A wide range of emails came in through the website over the past few months. Many of them are out of the scope of what FOSCR does. One email was received from a local citizen who is interested in joining the committee. A discussion was held around the process of admitting new members. Peter will circulate a copy of the incorporation documents to the group. Kris will brainstorm and draft some formal rules of Directors, and will reach out to the interested member to learn more about them and why they are interested in joining the Friends.

5. Sombra Family Fishing Day – Craig

Sombra Family Fishing Day is on July 3rd. The event is now limited to local residents and is not being publicly promoted. Kris will be the FOSCR representative and will move from park to park to talk to local residents about the Friends and to promote the St. Clair River Fish Consumption Survey. Kris will set up the Friends banner during the kayak draw, and Natasha will supply Kris with cards that can be handed out. Craig will follow-up with Vince to get more specifics for participation in the event day.

6. Newsletter RAP and AOC, Story Map – Natasha

E-Newsletters continue to be released monthly in the second week of each month. The number of subscribers has doubled since February and currently sits at 90 individuals. A suggestion was made to include a link to an existing article about boaters leaving a mess behind at island locations close to Walpole Island First Nation. Craig will look for an article that can be shared that will also include details about the Pleasure Craft license that Walpole Island is now requesting.

The Story Map is now live and can be accessed from friendsofstclair.ca.

The April 21st Virtual Information Session on Drinking Water recording and Q&A are now available at friendsofstclair.ca/symposium.

7. River Signs- Craig

- Ken pulled together a draft template for what the signs could look like.
- Ken showed a quote with a breakdown for cost. Looking at about \$5,000 for completion of 5 signs (including graphic design) and delivery to Sarnia.
- Discussion held surrounding content. Should be demonstrating the progress of the Remedial Action Plan.
- Sign location should connect the content with the potential readers.
- Fish sign go by the boat launch.
- Under the bridge should discuss municipal sewage upgrades.
- Spill updates should be close to industrial region.
- One sign should focus on sediment- could be located at Guthrie Park (priority zone).
- Other topics based on last meeting include beaches/aesthetics and Fish and wildlife populations and habitat, binational progress.
- Existing signs at Cathcart Park, Bluewater Bridge, Centennial Park, MacDonald Park, and Guthrie Park.
- Possible locations- should consider where people congregate.
 - Centennial Park – lots of room for more than one sign
 - Guthrie Park
 - Bluewater Bridge - lots of room for more than one sign
 - Cathcart Park
 - Wallaceburg- (no post)
 - MacDonald Park (Port Lambton)
 - Mooretown Boat Launch (no post)
- We should make as many signs as necessary to tell the story that we want to tell for the AOC. We should wait to tell the story about the signs reflecting BUIs that have not yet been completed.
- Natasha showed the binational habitat poster she created with our U.S. partners.
- Ken will circulate the fact sheets from the old website.
- Content development:
 - Fish and Wildlife Habitat + Populations- **Craig**
 - Water quality + aesthetics + Beaches
 - Industrial and Municipal discharges/spills + Drinking Water - **Natasha**
 - General information on AOCs + binational history –**Natasha**
 - Shipping- out of scope
 - Sediment remediation- **Mike Moroney/ Sediment Oversight Committee?**
(Natasha to discuss with Donna)
- Sign sub-committee to meet June 28th at 3pm: Craig, Ken, Brenda, Archie and Natasha
- **Goal: have artwork ready to produce the signs by September.**

Motion to spend \$1,500 on design services as quoted to Ken Hall.

Moved by Terry Burrell

Seconded by Kris Lee

Motion carried.

8. Other Business

- Would FOSCR be willing to replace the missing sign at the dune of Canatarra Park? Ken developed these signs years ago and has a digital copy. Brenda believes the post is still at the site, but will confirm. Ken estimates the cost will be around \$400.

Motion for the cost of replacing the sign to be finalized and brought back to the group for a formal decision.

Moved by Peter Westfall

Seconded by Brenda Lorenz

Motion carried.

- Would FOSCR be interested in creating a sign about how Cantarra Park was formed (receding glaciers)?
- The Lambton Area Water Supply System is located at the mouth of the St. Clair River. There's a section of cut grass on the property that frequently has birds flying above. Brenda would like to contact LAWSS about converting the space into a tall grass prairie. Jake Lozon from RLSN suggests it would cost \$3000-\$5000. The Ontario Community Environemnt Fund issued by MECP might be a good source for this type of work. Brenda will contact the director at LAWSS to determine if this is feasible.

9. Next Meeting Date

Sign Project Sub-committee next meeting: June 28 at 3pm.

Next FOSCR Executive Committee meeting: end of summer.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.