



**APPROVED- FOSCR Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2021
Zoom Teleconference**

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

Regrets: Shaun Bisson

Actions Arising

- Craig to connect with Lambton Wildlife with Brenda and Terry.
- Ken to talk to Shaun about sharing the the new AOC video and the E-Newsletter through IEC and other channels.
- Craig to share the Wawanosh Phragmites Management Plan with group.
- Archie to attempt to repair the damaged banners.
- Kris and Shaun to deveop 3-part newsletter series on Theodore TOO
- Archie to contact Sarnia-Lambton Tourism for details on attendance at the Theodore TOO events.
- Kris to follow-up with CK-PUC
- Archie to book dinner reservation for December AGM.
- Craig to email Darrel about phrag at Roberta Stewart Wetland near White Bread.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:35pm.

1. Review and approval of Minutes from June 7, 2021.

Items arising from the mintues:

- John Timar has accepted the invitation to join the Friends of St. Clair River as a director.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from June 7, 2021.

Moved by Kris Lee

Seconded by Archie Kerr

Motion carried.

2. New Member

Motion to accept John Timar as a director of the Friends of the St. Clair River.

Moved by Kris Lee

Seconded by Brenda Lorenz

Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report – Terry

Terry circulated a copy of the current Bank Record. The investment account balance is 15,020.15 (Scotiabank), and the bank account is \$21,449.24. The total funds available are \$36,469.39.

Enbridge donated \$1,000 for general use one September 24, 2021.

Motion to approve the September 28, 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented.

Moved by Ken Hall

Seconded by Brenda Lorenz

Motion carried.

4. Ministry Funding update – Craig

Craig completed and submitted a summary of work that's been completed this year. Terry will complete the necessary invoice to receive our next installment of funds.

5. SCRCA Educational Programming

Donna Blue from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is requesting funds to support the Phosphorus 101, and River RAP educational programs for another year.

Motion to approve a \$4,000 donation to support the Phosphorus 101, Watershed 101 and River RAP educational programs for the 2021-22 school year with the following conditions: SCRCA will organize a cheque-presentation opportunity and circulate a media release recognizing the contribution from the Friends of St. Clair River.

Moved by Ken Hall

Seconded by Craig Griffiths

Motion carried.

6. AOC Video Promotions

Ken to talk to Shaun about sharing the the new AOC through IEC and other channels.

7. Wawanosh Phrag Update- Craig

Greg Wilcox, SCRCA shared the Phragmites Management Plan Developed by Janice Gilbert to address phragmites in Wawanosh wetland. Criag will share the proposed plan with the group. Friends supported the development of this Plan in 2020. The timeline for the implementation of the plan will be fundign dependent.

Motion to provide \$1000 seed money to show community support to secure additional funding to implement the plan. Request will be made to recognize the support from Friends in a public way.

Move by Terry Burrell

Seconded by Peter Westfall

Motion carried.

8. Emails - Lambton Wildlife – Craig

Lambton Wildlife is seeking partnerships to help get Sarnia certified as a Bird Friendly City. Terry recomending Lambton Wildlife puts his item on the agenda for the Waterfront Master Plan for the City of Sarnia. This aligns with Brenda’s vision to get the Huron Shore Flyway (Canataerra Park up to Pinery Park) recognized as an international bird area (IBA). Craig will connect Lambton Wildlife with Brenda and Terry.

9. Display Banners- Craig

The new display banners were severly damaged from the high winds during the Theodore Tugboat event at Centenniel Park in Sarnia. The supplier says that they are damaged beyond repair. Archie will attempt to repair the banners himself. Ken has requested a quote to replace the base.

10. LAWSS Project Proposals- Brenda

Brenda approached LAWSS about the potential to establish a tall grass prarie at their facility. Clint Harper brought the motion forward to the Board, but it’s been tabled until Spring 2022 as there are other prioirties for the rest of this year. LAWSS has property in a few areas that could be considered for this type of project. Terry has relationships with many of the Board members and will provide assistance in arraning contact when the time comes.

11. Upcoming Events – Natasha

The 5th AOC Symposium was converted to a virtual format for 2021. The second session is scheduled for **October 20, 2021 from 7:00pm-8:00pm** to provide an update to the community on fish and wildlife populations (BUI 3) in the St. Clair River AOC. Community members will have the opportunity to ask questions to an expert panel. The session will be recorded and made available online. Register at friendsofstclair.ca/symposium. This will be a free presentation delivered via Zoom.

The 2021 Binational Lake St. Clair Conference organized by the Four Agencies is scheduled for **November 9th from 9am-12pm**. Registration is opening soon at scrca.on.ca/conference. This will be a free presentation delivered via Zoom.

12. E-Newsletter and AOC Updates – Natasha

- E-Newsletters is still being released in the second week of each month. Approximately 80 new subscribers collected at the Theodore TOO event.
- The first St. Clair Rive AOC Annual Report is under development. Once complete, this document will serve as the foundation for a series of presentation to Municipal Councils and Chief and Councils in the winter months.
- Natasha is pesenting on BUI 9: Restrictions on drinking water and taste and odour problems draft assessment report to the Aamjiwnaang Environment Committee on October 5, 2021.
- Kris, Shaun, and Natasha developed interview questions for the Theodore TOO communications team. The content will be used to create a 3-part series to be shared in the E-Newsletters and on the website. Topics include: Theodore TOO's purpose and goals, the marine industry and gender equity, and life on baord the tugboat. Archie will reach out to Sarnia-Lambton Toursim to get a summary of attendance at each of the events.

13. River Signs

- Craig has been working on the fish populations sign. He wanted to wait to complete it until after the October 20th presentation if there was any supplemental information.
- Natasha completed draft signs for Habitat and "How Far We've Come" Signs.
- Shaun volunteered to take on the Industrial sign.
- Mike Moroney to provide information for sediment following receipt of the final Engineering and Design Plan report in December 2021.
- Sign company (Folia) is estimating 8-12 weeks for sign delivery.
- Goal to have signs completed for a potential spring installation.
- Consideration could be given to hiring a writer to assist with drafting sign content.
- Kris contacted the head of the Chatham PUC about the existing sign that was never put up. They were going to review the sign content and let the Friends know

whether or not the content is still appropriate. Kris will follow-up for a status update. We could consider a redesign.

- Ken will layout the two draft signs before the next sign meeting.

14. Events for 2022

A list of event for potetntial involvement in 2022 assuming they run:

- BWA Kids Training Day (May)
- BWA Salmon Derby
- Children's Water Festival
- Emergency Repsonse Day
- Organize our own event (tree planting or shoreline clean-up)
- Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup
- Other Sarnia-Lamton Tourism events related to water
- Aamjiwnaang Pow Wow
- Aamjiwnaang Environment Days
- Walpole Island events

To be discussed further at net meeting in December.

15. Other Business

Craig to email Darrel about phrag at Roberta Stewart Wetland near White Bread.

16. Next Meeting (AGM) Date

Dinner IN PERSON! More details TBD in December. Archie will book a reservation.

17. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Supported Education Program Summaries

NEW! Phosphorus 101 (Grades 9–12)

**Sponsored by Friends of the St. Clair River and Environment and Climate Change Canada
Offered mid-November – March**

In-class Program

Developed in tandem with the 'Sydenham Watershed Phosphorus Management Plan', this program is designed to introduce students to the environmental issues created by phosphorus loading in Lake Erie. After receiving an introduction to the issue, students are led through an Innovation, Creativity, Entrepreneurship training session, brainstorming solutions to the excess phosphorus problem. The program culminates with each student team 'pitching' their innovations to the class; all student ideas are shared with the Management Plan Team, providing an opportunity for the student voice to be heard.

River RAP (Grades 6–8)

**Sponsored by the Friends of the St. Clair River
Offered mid-November – March**

In-class Program

Learn about local threats to our watershed using a hands-on 'enviro-scape' model. Students will learn about current strategies to ensure safe, healthy water for the St. Clair River community and the plants and animals that inhabit it. Topics discussed: watersheds, water quality threats, non-sustainable agriculture, erosion and sedimentation, wetlands as purifiers, water treatment processes and Remedial Action Plans.

Curriculum Links: SNC1D, SNC1P, SVN3M, SVN3E, CGF3M, CGR4M, CGR4E