



**FOSCR Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2023  
Enbridge Regional Office - 1086 Modeland Road, Sarnia**

**Attendees:**

Kris Lee, Ken Hall, Brenda Lorenz, John Timar, Susan MacFarlane, Mike Moroney, Terry Burrell.

**Regrets:**

Gabriel Torres-Pulgarin, Vince Gagner, Craig Griffiths, Peter Westfall

**Actions Arising:**

- a) Mike to see if Melissa Levi can attend the next FOSCR meeting to speak to the SCRCA education programs.
- b) Craig to check if there is a reporting requirement with respect to the management of the funds provided to FOSCR by MECP.
- c) Brenda to arrange to meet with City of Sarnia staff to discuss the option of spacing the signs apart rather than all in one location.
- d) Ken to proceed with ordering 14 blue posts for 14 signs.
- e) Terry to issue a cheque to Bluewater Custom Fabricating for 50% of the cost to manufacture the posts.
- f) Brenda and Ken to work together on a presentation for Climate Action Sarnia-Lambton and will decide on a date that works, either January 9th, February 13th, or March 12th.
- g) Kris to follow-up on a potential opportunity for a local individual to produce a number of fishing lures for FOSCR.
- h) Mike to send out a Doodle Poll for a meeting in early October 2023.

Meeting called to order by the Chair, Ken Hall at 6:30 pm.

**1. Introductions**

- No introductions necessary.

**2. Land acknowledgement**

- Brenda read the land acknowledgement statement.

**3. Review and approval of Minutes from June 21, 2023**

**Moved by:** Terry Burrell

**Seconded by:** Kris Lee

That the Minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business out of the Minutes:**

- a) Mike to see if Melissa Levi can attend the next FOSCR meeting to speak to the SCRCA education programs. **Pending**
- b) Craig to check if there is a reporting requirement with respect to the management of the funds provided to FOSCR by MECP. **Pending**
- c) Kris to provide recommendations to FOSCR members on which parks should receive the 6 new signs that will be available, and the number of signs at each location. **Completed.**
- d) Kris to attend the three locations in St. Clair Township with the existing signs to confirm whether the content of each sign is still relevant. If the sign is still relevant, the recommendation will be to leave it in place. **Completed**
- e) Kris to have discussions with St. Clair Township staff with respect to any of the signs that are no longer relevant and may need to be removed. **Completed**
- f) Brenda to arrange to meet with City of Sarnia staff to discuss the option of spacing the signs apart rather than all in one location. **Pending**
- g) All Directors are to provide their current phone number and address to Terry. **Completed**
- h) Mike to remind Ontario NativeScape of the need to submit an invoice in the amount of \$3,500 to FOSCR so that payment can be made for the Miller Property wetland project. **Completed**
- i) Craig to inform the organizer of the Children's Water Festival of the need for an invoice to be submitted to FOSCR in the amount of \$3,500 so that payment can be made. **Completed.** Mike followed up to confirm awareness.

**5. Finalization of Wording of Educational Signs**

- Ken advised that input from April White with Environment and Climate Change Canada has been provided for a few of the signs and the wording has been amended accordingly.

**6. Discussion on Locations for Posting of Signs Along St. Clair River**

- Kris circulated a document with recommendations on where the signs should be located in each park. Ken added input on where the ideal locations would be.
- There are 13 sign locations all together.
- MacDonald Park – consensus that the existing sign be left in place and no new signs added.
- Brander Park – Kris proposed three locations at this site. Fish and Wildlife, Aquatic and Terrestrial Wildlife, and Actions to Delist.
- Kris informed members that St. Clair Township is asking for FOSCR to identify the preferred locations.

- Branton South Park – no new signs.
- Cathcart North Park – no new signs.
- Courtright Park – One new sign. Kris selected the location. Fish and Wildlife sign recommended.
- Guthrie Park – One new sign. Drinking Water sign at this location was recommended.
- Centennial Park, Sarnia – It was agreed that this park should have a full set of 5 signs. Locations recommended: one near Duc d’Orleans docking area, two near the fountain, one near the flag court, and one near the playground. If no signs are permitted to be placed near the playground, the alternate location recommended was along the Bluewater Bike Path near a bench, as it approaches Seaway Road/Harbour Road. Ken recommended that the existing sign in the park related to sewage treatment plant upgrades be removed as it is in poor condition.
- Village of Point Edward – Ken recommended that the existing Actions to Delist sign located south of the bridge be removed and that three new signs be added. New signs would be the Binational sign, Actions to Delist and Drinking Water. New signs should be south of the WTP and spaced apart. The Drinking Water sign should be located north of the Bluewater Bridges. There was consensus amongst the members with this approach.
- Ken pointed out that there is a sign on the fence at Bluewater Anglers that is old and should be replaced. Would likely need to modify the new sign that was created about fish habitat. Terry recommended that FOSCR take this on as a separate future project. There was consensus with that approach.
- Ken reminded members that Aamjiwnaang First Nation has expressed interest in posting a sign but it would need to first go to Chief and Council. Members agreed that the focus should be on sign locations in the Village of Point Edward, Sarnia and St. Clair Township, and a separate project would be working with Aamjiwnaang First Nation and Walpole Island First Nation if they also wished to have the educational signs, or versions thereof.
- **Moved by:** Terry Burrell  
**Seconded by:** Brenda Lorenz  
 That FOSCR proceed with ordering 13 posts and 13 signs for the identified locations.

### **CARRIED**

- After some discussion, there was consensus that one additional sign and post should be made for the Binational topic. Where it would be located would still have to be determined.
- **Action:** Ken to proceed with ordering the manufacturing of 13 blue posts (\$650 each) and the production of 13 signs (\$300 each) for the identified locations, plus one extra Binational sign for a location to be determined.
- **Action:** Terry to provide Bluewater Custom Fabricating with a 50% down payment as per the quote that the company provided.

## 7. Annual St. Clair River AOC Event

- Mike explained that the Canadian RAP Implementation Committee - Public Outreach Subcommittee is planning an event in mid-September 2023. It will involve a keynote speaker and a presentation on the status of efforts to address the remaining Beneficial Use Impairments. There will also be an opportunity for representatives from FOSCR and BPAC to provide a brief update on their activities. Details are still to be confirmed.
- Mike advised that topics being explored for a keynote speaker are Invasive Species or Plastics in the Great Lakes. Members recommended that other topics also be considered, such as the Impact of Climate Change, Shipping on the Great Lakes, or Diving in the Great Lakes/St. Clair River.

## 8. Invitation from Climate Action Sarnia-Lambton for Speaker from FOSCR

- **Action:** Brenda and Ken will work together on a presentation and will decide on a date that works, either January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, or March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. WATCH Request for Funding for Education/Outreach on BUI 9 – Restrictions on Drinking Water Consumption or Taste or Odour Problems

- Kris spoke to a letter from the Treasurer for WATCH. WATCH would like to promote public education around protection of the St. Clair River as a source of drinking water. They would like to create a web page for WATCH to outline pollution prevention technologies used by industry. Each company has provided information on what they use for spill prevention technologies. There are nine industries and each will have their own section. A web designer provided an estimate of up to \$850 (plus HST) over one year to provide this service for WATCH. WATCH is seeking sponsors to help cover the costs associated with this project and was inquiring if FOSCR would be willing to be one of those sponsors and cover a portion of the costs.
- After some discussion it was suggested that this request be deferred.
- **Moved by:** Ken Hall  
**Seconded by:** Brenda Lorenz  
That a decision on the request for funding be deferred until WATCH is able to provide information on the number of users of the website.

**CARRIED**

## 10. Other Business

- 2024 Calendars – Mike explained that the CRIC Public Outreach Subcommittee is considering using photos from the 2020 photo contest to produce a calendar for 2024. Approximate cost to produce 100 calendars would be \$1,400 to \$2,000, depending on the level of detail to be provided. Mike inquired if FOSCR would be willing to fund the project.

- The consensus of members was that it was a costly undertaking for the per unit cost and would likely not have a strong uptake since most people use digital calendars now.
- **Action:** Kris to follow-up on a potential opportunity for a local individual to produce a number of fishing lures for FOSCR.

#### **11. Next Meeting**

- Will be at the call of the Chair – likely early October 2023.
- **Action:** Mike to send out a Doodle Poll for a meeting in early October 2023.

#### **12. Adjourn**

**Moved by:** Terry Burrell

**Seconded by:** Brenda Lorenz

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

Adjourned at 8:04 pm.