

**St. Clair River
Binational Public Advisory Council
January 20, 1998
DRAFT meeting minutes**

Attendees:

Bob Allen	John Jackson	Ronald Miller
Scott Munro	Kris Lee	Bill Trebics
Archie Kerr	Modris Zandbergs	Fred Kemp
Ken Smy	George Kraus	Donald Craig
Bob Lalonde	Patricia Troy	Timothy Morse
Frank Schoonover	Dean Barnett	Bud West
Paulette Duhaime	Ron Denning	Colin McLuckie
Elaine McKenzie	Tara Founk	

Regrets:

Janice Littlefield	Don Cox	Bob Flemming
Geoff Smith	Mike Gariepy	Tim Lozen

Staff/Guests:

Fred Fuller	Roy Schrameck	Janet Planck
Dave Webb	Robert Sweet	Gary Johnson

1. The meeting was called to order by Bob Lalonde.
2. Bud West provided a report from the Membership committee. There are currently 58 positions on BPAC with 3 vacancies.

Moved by Bud West and Seconded by Kris Lee to accept Tara Founk as the new Canadian education (student) member. Carried

In previous 12 meetings, 18 members have attended 3 or fewer meetings. Bud has drafted letters for the co-chairs signatures to follow-up and determine if they wish to remain on BPAC

Fred Kemp moved to conclude the meeting by 9:30. Seconded by Paulette Duhamie. Carried

3. Moved by Dean Barnett and seconded by Fred Kemp to approve Agenda. Carried
4. Correction noted that BPAC members agreed to automatically become members of Friends of the St. Clair River.

Moved by Colin McLuckie, Seconded by John Jackson to approve minutes from Nov. 6, 1997 meeting. Carried

5. Ron Denning introduced Terry Blundell, President of Lambton College. Mr. Blundell introduced Tara Founk as the new Canadian Education (student) member on BPAC.

Tara, on behalf of Lambton College and the Environmental Technology Program presented a cheque to Bob Lalonde and Friends of the St. Clair River in the amount of \$550. These funds were raised through donations from Lambton College staff and students for the use of the RAP interactive CD ROM.

6. Gary Johnson presented some information on the recently funded St. Clair River Watershed Improvement Program. The Environment Canada Great Lakes 2000 Cleanup Fund has allocated \$15k to the end of March 1998 to conduct a landowner contact program and offer a voluntary incentive program to control Non-point sources of pollution to the St. Clair River subwatershed in Ontario. Cathy Quinlan the former CURB (Clean Up Rural Beaches) coordinator has been retained and was making good progress.

7. A brief report was made on the following projects:

! RAP Stage 1 Update - G. Johnson indicated that the final draft was available for comment. Emphasis of report on Environmental conditions in St. Clair River. Identifies 3 restored Impaired Beneficial Uses and one from Requires Assessment to Not Impaired. Achievement of 3 Delisting Criteria. Expect it to be released in near future

Action: G. Johnson to ensure that a glossary is included with any new acronyms

! Implementation Annex - same as above except emphasis of report on progress in addressing actions from Stage 2 Recommended Plan.

! BPAC Progress Report - J. Jackson indicated that the report had been delayed due to the technical writer's illness but that it was expected to be available within a few weeks.

! Sediment Report/recommendations - G. Johnson reported that an incomplete draft had been received from the contractor. He provided a brief review of some of the methodology, recommendations and next steps in the process. A meeting of the sediment subcommittee will be convened following receipt of the consultants 2nd draft report

expected in a few weeks.

- ! Fish and Wildlife Nutrition Project - Health Canada has been involved since 1995 in interviewing anglers and hunters along the Ontario shoreline of the St. Clair River. They plan to make a presentation to BPAC and other interested people on the results of the study in early March.
- 8. Fred Kemp reviewed the recommendations first discussed at the November 6 BPAC meeting based on 1997 coliform analysis from Lake Huron, St. Clair and Black Rivers.

Moved by Bill Trebics and seconded by Patty Troy to revamp the letter previously sent to the City of Port Huron and the MDEQ with the following changes:

- Congratulate Port Huron on work to date;
- Urge City and State to negotiate a deal that is consistent with RAP objectives;
- To be signed by Bob Lalonde and Sharon Bender;
- Letter to be sent to City and Council and Russell Harding, Director, MDEQ.

Carried.

Ron Miller made a brief presentation regarding current and planned activities carried out by the County in response to recommendation #2. Mr. Miller provided some handouts attached to these minutes.

One of Ron's concerns was over the lack of staff to sample outside of the normal summer period. It was suggested by Kris Lee that volunteer students might be able to sample in Sept./Oct. Ron Denning also indicated that Env. Technology Co-op students would be available for a double work term.

Moved by Patty Troy and seconded by Ron Denning to send a letter to the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners regarding recommendations 2a, 2b and 2d. The letter should commend the County on their efforts during 1997 to collect field data and to support their efforts in addressing recommendations 2a, b and d. A copy of the letter should go to the Governor's office and MDEQ Director Harding.

Carried.

Recommendation #3 was to be referred to in the BPAC progress report but that the delisting criteria would not be revised. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

9. Committee reports

! Friends of the St. Clair River@
Bud West reviewed the January 1998 Status update and identified a number of projects that Friends is currently involved in.

The Ontario Public Advisory Committee (OPAC) will have their next meeting in Trenton in September.

Action: Move to nominate a new OPAC delegate at the next BPAC meeting.

The Statewide Public Advisory Committee (SPAC) requires a letter indicating the change in membership status. A legislative breakfast is scheduled for February 4th. An opportunity to hold a workshop in the St. Clair/Clinton River Areas of Concern might be available.

Action: Paulette Duhaime to report back on workshop opportunity at next BPAC meeting.

Bob Sweet, MDEQ RAP contact identified a DEQ funding program to promote river, stream and creek cleanups. Application deadlines due February 18th.

Next meeting Wednesday March 25th, 6:30 in Port Huron.