

St. Clair River  
Binational Public Advisory Council  
March 25, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.  
Port Huron Municipal Office Complex - 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
DRAFT meeting minutes

**Attendees:**

Robert Johnston	John Johnson	Scott Munro
Bob Allen	Ken Smy	Ian Harris
Frank Schoonover	Paulette Duhaime	Susan Shink
Geoff Smith	Sharon Bender	Kris Lee
Modris Zandbergs	George Krause	Patricia Troy
Dean Barnett	Don Gunning	Ron Denning
Tara Founk	Donald Cox	Ron Miller
Mike Gariepy	Bill Trebics	Rick Gallerno
Darrell Randell	Fred Kemp	Joseph Gallagher
Vicki Donohue	Karen Scott Jamison	Bud West
Colin McLuckie		

**Staff/Guests:**

Lori Shink	Daniel Collins	Tip Haagsma
Robert Sweet	Gary Johnson	

1. The meeting was called to order by Fred Kemp.

**Moved by Dean Barnett, seconded by Frank Schoonover to accept minutes of the January 20, 1998 meeting. Carried**

2. Reporting

Brief updates were provided on the following:

- ! St. Clair River Watershed Improvement Program (SCRWIP)

Darrell Randell suggested the need for careful scrutiny of projects before funding was approved to ensure they would result in environmental improvements.

! RAP Stage 1 Update/Implementation Annex

! BPAC Progress report

! Sediment report

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Sportfish and Wildlife consumption study

### 3. Workplanning

Bob Sweet (MDEQ) provided information on a workplanning and funding workshop planned for Traverse City on May 8-9, 1998. DEQ is requesting representatives from each PAC/BPAC to participate and advise of local funding priorities. The program will attempt to provide funding over a 3 year period with priority given to projects in LAMP and RAP areas with special emphasis on watershed issues.

Bob described a questionnaire which requested BPAC input on actions and funding priorities to be completed in advance of the Traverse City workshop.

**Moved by Sharon Bender and seconded by Karen Jamison to establish a committee to complete the questionnaire from existing RAP reports by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Carried**

Volunteers for the committee included:

Sharon Bender, Joe Gallagher, Bill Trebics, Ian Harris, Paulette Duhaime, Patty Troy, Fred Kemp, Bob Sweet and Gary Johnson. Sharon agreed to chair the ad hoc committee and set up the first meeting.

### 4. Committee reports

#### Membership

**Moved by Bud West and seconded by Scott Munro to accept the nominations for City of Sarnia representatives. Carried**

**Moved by Ian Harris and seconded by Bill Trebics to support John Jackson as the OPAC representative. Amended to reflect term that continues to the end of 1999. Carried ( 1 opposed).**

**Moved by Bud West and seconded by Sharon Bender that David Webb replace Anita Glinecki as a U.S. Education representative. Carried**

**A letter of resignation from John Vandenkieboom was read by Bud West**

Friends of the St. Clair River

Bud West provided a review of finances and Gary Johnson gave an update on projects that Friends of the St. Clair River were involved with.

5. Other Items

SPAC business

**Moved by Sharon Bender and seconded by Dean Barnett that BPAC send a letter to SPAC endorsing South East Michigan as a suitable location for a future SPAC meeting. Carried**

New book

Kris Lee brought to the attention of the group a new book by Laurie E. Adkin entitled: *Politics of Sustainable Development - Cities, Unions and the Corporations* (ISBN 1-55164-080-5). Several BPAC members were quoted in the book.

Next meeting in May 1998 at the call of the chair.