

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Delegation of Lake Associations – Karen Hunt – Lake Management Plans**

Karen Hunt, speaking on behalf of a number of lake associations (the lake networking group) gave a presentation on the merits of Lake Management Planning and requested the RVCA put more resources into this program area. Highlights of her talk included the role of Lake Management Plans (LMP's) in fulfilling the RVCA's goals of clean water, healthy shorelines and sustainable development, the benefits, both financial and educational, of using volunteers to put together these plans and the momentum and enthusiasm that is building within the watershed toward these plans. She reported on the application for Trillium funding spearheaded by the Friends of the Tay Watershed to undertake LMP's (news of success of the application should come in May). She also acknowledged the role RVCA staff has already played in supporting LMP efforts. She stated that the RVCA has the technical and managerial expertise to guide lake associations through the lake planning process and would like to see more resources put into these plans to assist in a greater way than present.

Bill Guigue questioned what besides the assistance offered through plan input and review the RVCA could offer. Karen responded by saying that a LMP will pull together more information than presently exists which can be used in development decisions. As well, she stated the group is looking for expertise in what data to collect, interpretation of it and the overall management of the plans.

John Miller stated that the RVCA has recently gone to every municipality in the watershed requesting more money for the services we undertake and questioned if she had any ideas how we might get the funding for this program. She stated that the health of the lake and its watershed is of value to all people and that funding should not come from just the people in the immediate area.

Susan O'Brien-McTaggart gave a report on the progress of the Greater Bob's and Crow Lake Lake Management Plan. She stated that the LMP is a community project that brings people together to discuss common issues and solutions. She remarked on the outstanding contribution by RVCA staff to date and that lake associations need guidance and support for their endeavours.

Motion 2

Moved by:

John Miller

Seconded by:

David Crowley

That the Upper Advisory Board support the activities and development of Lake Management Plans by Lake Associations and recommend to the Board of Directors that staff be directed to investigate ways to increase RVCA involvement in Lake Management Planning.

Motion Carried

David Taylor reported on the Trillium application. He reported that a large number of applications were submitted in this area and a limited amount of money available. He stated that a number of other small grants have been procured for the LMP program. He reported that the group should

hear in May or June about the success of the funding applications.

6. Source Water Protection Planning Update

Dell updated the group on Source Water Protection Planning. Highlights include: the Drinking Water Source Protection Act is expected to be passed in June (unless delayed). If the act is passed in June, the Source Water Protection Plan Committee is expected to be formed in the summer. The work plan and budget will be worked on from August 2005 to August 2006. 2007 is the deadline for completing technical assessment reports and 2009 should see completed plans. Discussion included linking Source Water Protection Plans to Lake Management Plans and members noted the importance of including public participation in the creation of these plans. See attached PowerPoint presentation.

7. Rural Clean Water Program Update

Cliff reported that there have been changes made to the inside the City of Ottawa and outside the city programs. Inside the city the program has changed in that all 3 CA's are delivering the program on their own as the city has delegated the program to them. The program is still funded by the city through special levy being channeled through the South Nation. \$129K is available within the city for the 3 CA's. Outside the city the program is being offered the same as last year (despite slight decreases in funding).

Cliff also announced that a new Environmental Farm Plan program has been launched. There is now more focus on farms and less on rural living. A number of incentive grants are offered with the new program.

8. Upper Rideau Watershed Plan

Lynn Preston reported on the approach to be used for the Upper Rideau Watershed Plan. She noted that a Watershed Planning Technician will be starting April 25 to assist in compiling existing information on the watershed from public and private sources. She reported that public meetings will be held in June (for lake associations) and July (for the public) to determine what the issues are in the watershed and to formulate a collective vision for the watershed. The winter of 2005/06 will be spend determining goals, objectives and management strategies for the area and a draft plan can be expected to be reviewed by all stakeholders next summer. A final watershed plan should be completed by the fall of 2006.

9. Municipal Planning Advisory Report

Don Maciver reported on planning activities in the upper watershed. He reported many new subdivisions are going ahead in the area. Staff attended an OMB hearing a few months ago and may be involved in another in May. He stated that, while building applications were down from previous years, there are still lots going on. He reported that the Sand Lake dam is under re-construction and that the Village of Westport will have a new OP soon.

10. Member Inquiries

Wendy mentioned that there had been a fire at Foley Mountain on the

