

Next Meeting for the  
La Salle River Watershed  
Planning Advisory Team  
(WPAT) will be on  
Friday, December 8, 2006 at  
the Community Hall in  
Starbuck (25 Main Street)  
starting at 9:00 a.m.

La Salle River Integrated Watershed Management Plan  
 Watershed Planning Authority Team (WPAT) Meeting #2  
 November 3, 2006 at 9:00 am  
 Elie Veteran's Hall, Elie Manitoba

**Present:**

*Watershed Planning Authority Members (WPA) (LSRBCD members)*

Chairperson -	Mr. Doug Dobrowolski	Present
Vice-Chairperson-	Mr. Roland Rasmussen	Present
	Mr. Marshall Piper	Present
	Mr. Gordon Ducharme	Present
	Mr. Owen Williams	Present
	Mr. Rodney Burns	Present
	Mr. Claude Menard	Present
	Mr. Bill Alford	Present

*Project Management Team (PMT)*

La Salle Redboine CD -	Mr. David Huck	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship	Mr. Barry Oswald	Present

*Watershed Planning Authority Team (WPAT)*

Community of Oakville	Mr. Bill Alford	Present
Dairy Farmers of Manitoba	Mr. Hans Borst	Present
RM of Macdonald	Mr. Rodney Burns	Present
White Plains Crop Improvement Association	Mr. Dan Caron	Present
Keystone Agricultural Producers	Mr. Ray Franzmann	Present
Manitoba Pork Council	Ms. Wendy Friesen	Present
Winnipeg Naturalist Services Branch- Alternate	Mr. Mike Quigley	Present
Starlite Colony	Mr. Leonard Hofer	Present
Portage la Prairie School Division – Alternate	Ms. Joan McCallister	Present
Cross Country Snow Drifters	Mr. Chris Morrison	Present
Community of Starbuck	Mr. Robert Morse	Present
RM of Cartier	Mr. Roland Rasmussen	Present
Organic Producers Association	Ms. Lori-Ann Regnier	Present
Community of St. Claude	Mr. Raymond Theroux	Present
RM of Portage la Prairie	Mr. Owen Williams	Present

*Watershed Planning Authority Team (WPAT) – Technical Sub-Group*

Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada	Mr. Jason Vanrobaeys	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship – Hydrology	Mr. Scott Herbert	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship – Surface Water Quality	Mr. Rollie Fortin	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship – Licensing Drainage	Mr. Geoff Reimer	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship – Licensing Allocation	Ms. Shannon Beattie	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship – Licensing Allocation	Mr. Pat Hailley	Present
Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives	Ms. Dana Hill	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship – Groundwater	Mr. Graham Phipps	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship - Water Services Branch	Mr. Richard Pasquill	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship - Drinking Water Officer	Mr. Jack Cronk	Present
Manitoba Conservation	Mr. Raymond Reichelt	Present
Manitoba Transportation & Government Services- Alternate	Mr. Al Clarkson	Present

*Recording Secretary*

La Salle Redboine CD-	Ms. Corinna Grenier	Present
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*Delegates*

North/South Consultants	Mr. Paul Graveline	Present
North/South Consultants	Ms. Megan Cooley	Present

## 1. Call to order

WPA Chairperson D. Dobrowolski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## 2. Introductions and House Keeping

- General introductions of individuals and organizations in attendance
- Presented and went through binder package given out to all WPA and WPAT members to keep all information pertaining to the Watershed Plan in an organized manner

## 3. Recap of Watershed Planning Concept and Project Timeline

- The Watershed Planning Concept is to gather technical and community stakeholder information and combine the two to create a long term plan for the La Salle River Watershed
- Main purpose is to develop public awareness regarding watershed issues
- Reviewed La Salle River Watershed IWMP, A Proposed WPAT Meetings' Overview and Tasks to be completed at each meeting - *See Attached Sheet*

## 4. WPAT Representative Confirmation

- Prior to the next meeting, each organization and community group needs to submit a letter confirming their participation in this Integrated Watershed Management Plan and who their delegate and alternate representatives will be.
- Letter is to be sent to the La Salle Redboine Conservation District by December 6, 2006

## 5. Watershed Information Reports and Planning Group Questions

### a. La Salle River Watershed Assessment Survey – 2005 – Mr. Paul Graveline and Ms. Megan Cooley, North/South Consultants

- Report's information was based on historical and current findings that were gathered for the La Salle River and its tributaries
- Information presented was in regards to fish species, habitat quality, river barriers and land use classifications
- Report was forwarded to the WPAT group from the La Salle Redboine Conservation District

Questions?

Q: Was the primary focus of this study to identifying negative areas along the La Salle River?

A: The focus of the study was to identify areas along the La Salle River in which there were issues relating to bank stabilization and riparian health.

Q: What were the guidelines for this study?

A: The guidelines established in the study were focused towards water quality. The study also identified 119 sites in which attention was needed, ranging from bank stabilization to issues with riparian health.

Q: Would raising the height of man-made dams and equipping them with fish ladders make a difference to water quality along the La Salle River?

A: There would be no significant change to water quality as bank stabilization would become more of a concern. This type of work would have to start down stream at the St. Norbert dam, which is outside of the Conservation District, and work its way up stream.

Q: According to your report, the River itself is in better shape than I expected it to be, even when all the contributing drainage channels are shown to have an at-risk or severe classification, why?

A: Drainage Channels are given a Class D or At-Risk rating due to many issues with bank stabilization and the use of riparian areas as these areas are more used than the river bank, which are primarily treed in.

Q: Why are the drainage channels not included within this report?

A: This was starting to get outside of the scope of the hydrology report for the La Salle River.

Q: Have you done other watershed study with Agro-Manitoba? If so, how does the La Salle River compare?

A: Yes, North/South Consultants has done other Watershed Studies in Agro-Manitoba but it is very difficult to compare as every watershed has their own unique land use and topography issues.

**b. State of the Watershed Report – Manitoba Water Stewardship – Fisheries Branch – Ken Kansas**

- No presentation was given, speaker will present at next meeting

**6. Next Meeting**

**a. WPAT Member Homework: Itemized Watershed Issues and Opportunities**

- For the next meeting, please bring a list of your organization or community group's priorities and what they would like to see from this Integrated Watershed Management Plan
- If possible, please send the list to Corinna at the La Salle Redboine Conservation District office via email at [c.grenier@lasalledboine.com](mailto:c.grenier@lasalledboine.com) prior to December 7, 2006

Questions?

- None at this time

**b. Next Meeting date, location and time?**

- Meetings to be held on a monthly basis to keep with the proposed two-year time line for this plan

***NEXT MEETING – Friday, December 8, 2006 at the  
Community Hall in Starbuck,  
starting at 9:00 a.m.***

**7. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am

**Approved:**

*Corinna Grenier*

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WPA Chairperson - D. Dobrowolski

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Recording Secretary - C. Grenier

- ***Get digital copy of LSR timeline from Barry to be sent out with the minutes***