



- 3. Review of Executive Summary**  
 - Held a short discussion on content of executive summary.  
 Ray Franzmann – Flooding is not only an issue along the river. Overland flooding is also an issue.  
 Marcel Gousseau – Where are the proposed water storage areas on the landscape?  
 Patrick Watson – IWMP needs to provide clear objectives and actions and need to include additional information such as maps showing “target” areas.  
**ACTION** – Need to include maps showing potential water storage areas within the watershed (upstream and other areas).  
 - There should be a better system to ensure that a) projects involving drainage are properly licensed, and b), projects are properly inspected after the fact to ensure they have met the conditions of the license.
- 4. Surface Water Management issue section**  
 - Held short discussion on removing the suggestions of placing a moratorium on drainage. This issue was raised at past meetings but was not identified during the solutions and action items discussions.  
 - Drainage licensing – question whether there is a process in place to see if licensed projects were actually done and were done properly?
- 5. Water Quality issue section**  
**ACTION** – Include groundwater quality discussion in what is now listed as “Surface Water Quality” and change the priority issue to simply “Water Quality”.  
 Municipal lagoons – perception is that it is untreated effluent when in fact the discharges are relatively good. Water quality testing is conducted to ensure the discharge is of good quality. In many cases, by the time the discharge reaches the main stream it is as good or better quality than the water in the main stream. New bigger, shallower lagoons work better than the old ones. There needs to be more public education about lagoon discharges.  
 - IWMP should place emphasis on in integrated watershed approach with clear identification of all point sources and non-point sources of pollution.  
 - Water quality, water management and riparian management are all related.  
 - Water quality monitoring does not improve water quality. There needs to be many years of improvements and changes before we’re going to see any significant changes in long-term water quality measurements.  
 Jason Vanrobaeys – Need to establish long-term water quality targets.  
 Rollie Fortin – WQ targets need to be province-wide and long-term.  
 Marshall Piper – Water Quality information within the plan needs to be clearly displayed (i.e. colored graphs/charts), easy to interpret, and have some impact. There has been a long history of poor water quality in the La Salle River.  
**ACTION** – Include a color graph showing the decreasing water quality within the La Salle River.  
 - What is the water quality entering the watershed from the Assiniboine River?  
 - Some provincial / federal programs are counter-productive to improving water quality. For example, Crop Insurance won’t insure unless the land has been cultivated in the fall. This farming activity leads to significant soil erosion and nutrient loss.
- 6. River Quality**  
**ACTION** – Combine the points on river quality and riparian management as the priority item. Make it “Riparian Management”.  
 Rodney Burns – There’s a fine line between leaving debris and trash in the river.  
 Derek Kroeker – Tree blockages can be removed if habitat is maintained. The decomposition of trees is not a concern.  
 - there should be a balance between making the river usable for canoeing, boating, winter sports and leaving enough natural debris to maintain quality aquatic habitat.

- Need to ensure the protection of aquatic ecosystems (i.e. some debris in river is essential).

Hans Borst – Riparian areas need to be managed.

**ACTION** - “Keeping the cattle away from the river” is not good wording. Change wording to say something along the lines of “proper livestock management or sustainable riparian area management”. Effective riparian management may involve limited grazing by livestock.

- There are riparian management educational opportunities available for landowners.

**7. Land Management**

Marshall Piper – suggestions on ways to change land use practices to have more nutrient capture and storage areas (i.e. wetlands with willows, delta areas, etc.).

- Significant funds would be required to take any agricultural lands out of production.

General perception is that there would be no landowners who would be willing to give up land even if incentives were in place.

Rodney Burns – lack of a riparian map in plan?

**ACTION** – Try and locate information to create a map of existing wetlands, drained wetlands, potential water retention sites, and natural areas.

**8. Input from WPAT and public**

- There seems to be an “unbalance” between the discussion of public input and WPAT input. WPAT section is too short.

Graham Phipps – How do you change well water quality? It is what it is. Not all water meets drinking water quality standards.

Rodney Burns – we need to encourage better well management.

Richard Penner – has seen a continual decline in the quality of his well water over the past forty years.

**9. Plan priorities**

- Group felt that there is a need to consolidate some areas of the report.

Patrick Watson – Plan needs to be consolidated; action plan document / issue selection; pertinent info only; clear objectives, actions, implementation strategy, timelines, how to and who will measure success.

DFO is not at the table and should be a partner in this plan.

**ACTION** - Source Water Protection Plan – Province will lead this part of the IWMP.

- Overall, it was decided that some reorganization of the plan was needed to reduce repetition, and to bring the background information and the stats and facts closer to the discussion of the Watershed Plan Priorities. Perhaps combine some info / sections?

**10. Wrap up and next meeting**

- Keith, Patrick and Buzz will work together to make the required content and layout changes to the draft plan.

- The goal is to have the revised draft IWMP completed prior to December 19th, 2007.

- Next meeting – to be determined by Project Management Team.

**11. Adjourn and lunch**

- Meeting adjourned by Rodney Burns at 12:10 pm.

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WPA Chairperson – Rodney Burns

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Project Management Team – Keith Wallcraft