

La Salle River Integrated Watershed Management Plan
Watershed Planning Authority (WPA) Meeting #1
June 28 , 2006 at 10:00 am
Elie Veteran's Hall, Elie Manitoba

Present:

Watershed Planning Authority Members (WPA) (LSRBCD members)

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

Project Management Team (PMT)

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| Manitoba Water Stewardship - | Ms. Melanie Dubois | Present |
| La Salle Redboine CD - | Mr. David Huck | Present |

Watershed Planning Authority Team - Technical Advisors (WPAT)

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| Manitoba Water Stewardship- | Mr. Barry Oswald | Present |
| Manitoba Water Stewardship- | Mr. Graham Phipps | Present |
| Manitoba Conservation - | Mr. Lyle Campbell | Present |
| Fisheries & Oceans Canada- | Ms. Allison McPhee | Present |
| Manitoba Transportation & Government Services - | Mr. Al Clarkson | Present |
| Manitoba Agriculture and Food and Rural Initiatives - | Shawn Cabak | Present |

Recording Secretary

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| La Salle Redboine CD- | Ms. Corinna Grenier | Present |
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1.0 Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dobrowolski at 10:20 am

2.0 Introductions

3.0 Welcome - La Salle River WPA Chairperson - Mr. Doug Dobrowolski

- the WPA was formed to set priorities on how to improve resources, such as water quality, drainage issues, extensive flooding and how to manage resources in a sustainable manner
- IWMP needs to encompass all entities that are included within the watershed area, such as municipalities and planning districts, WPA, technical advisors and local people

4.0 Integrated Watershed Management Plan - Planning Process Overview

Mr. Barry Oswald

(Power point presentation was handed out)

- IWMP has three phases in which it will cover the Province of Manitoba:
 - 1) Complete Agro-Manitoba in 8 years,
 - 2) Move to Developed North, and
 - 3) Then to Undeveloped North
- IWMP must meet the following requirements:
 - 1) Represent a watershed
 - 2) Have a minimum size of 2,000 sq. kms
 - 3) Planning Authority be incorporated and have administration and implementation capabilities
 - 4) Planning Authority have the competencies to engage all stakeholders
 - 5) Planning Authority must have land and water interests
- Province will provide \$25,000 towards the IWMP
- The following are planning steps required for the La Salle River WPA
 - Pre-Planning Steps
 - 1) Initial Discussions - potential WPA - completed
 - 2) Agency become WPA - completed
 - 3) Memorandum of Understanding in created and signed by WPA and Manitoba Water Stewardship - completed
 - 4) Terms of Reference are forms and signed by WPA and Manitoba Water Stewardship - completed
 - 5) Manitoba Water Stewardship grants funds to WPA - in progress
 - Planning Steps
 - 1) Form Project Management Team - complete
 - 2) Form Watershed Planning Authority Team - Technical Advisory Group - in progress
 - 3) Compile, Produce and Distribute State of the Watershed Report
 - 4) Consult Stakeholders
 - 5) Compile Draft IWMP including a Source Water Protection Plan
 - 6) Consult Stakeholders
 - 7) Finalized IWMP
 - 8) Implement IWMP
 - 9) Monitor IWMP
 - 10) Evaluate and Revise IWMP (10 years)
- IWMP process in Agro-Manitoba over the next 8 years will conduct 30 Plans
- Currently, 7 slated for this year alone

Questions?

Comment - Good Presentation

Review of IWMP Planning Brief Notes Handout

- State of the Watershed Report (SoW)
 - Report will be produced with information received from various technical advisory agencies
 - Must include Source Water Protection Plan
 - To be advertised and available to stakeholders in advance to public meetings
- Watershed Report Card (WRC)
 - Quick overview of watershed health
 - Summary of SoW
 - Created in conjunction with various Provincial Agencies / Departments

Question? Where would the information come from to create WRC?

Answer. It is expected that the various Provincial Agencies will provide this information to the WPA to be able to create the SoW report. Using this information from the Province a WRC will be created.

Question? How do you define soil production under Degree of Development on the WRC?

Answer. The soil categories need more work for better classification. The WRC presented is just a template of what the La Salle River WRC will look like.

Question? Is the fishing classification on the WRC for the La Salle River compared with fishing classifications of other rivers such as the ones up North, where there may be many fish?

Answer. No, the fish classification is based on the fish species that would be found within the La Salle River. Under the water section of the WRC it is only one of the indicators, it may not have a huge impact in the outcome of the WRC for the La Salle River.

Question? Will WRC be changed to adapt to the information collected for the La Salle River?

Answer. The SoW report is compiled and designed solely for the La Salle River. The WRC is based on the information collected from the SoW report. The WRC is a comparative tool that will be used between all other IWMP that have been or will be completed.

Question? Explain the permanent cover and riparian permanent cover under the Habitat section of the WRC?

Answer. The percentage of permanent cover will be based on the information collected from the technical advisors. This percentage will then be used to determine Health indicator factor as Marginal/Poor, Fair or Good/Excellent.

5.0 La Salle River Watershed Protection Authority Budget & Timeline
Mr. David Huck

- Brief review of Terms of Conditions for the IWMP, including review of timeline
- Community Consultations are planned for January 2007
- Reviewed updated budget based on previous Watershed Management Plans
- An updated list of WPAT members will be sent out within a couple of weeks
- Technical comments will be formatted into presentation form for public consultations
- WPA would like to have as much information possible before starting public consultations

Question? Would the SoW report include information regarding large drains that flow within the watershed?

Answer. Yes, you should have access to information regarding drains within the watershed that is within local and provincial regulations.

6.0 State of the Watershed Report - Mr. Barry Oswald

- A template will be sent out as a guide for information that may be requested
- Letters were sent out to various Provincial departments requesting technical assistance on the La Salle River Integrated Watershed Management Plan, commitment maybe between 10-20 days per year
- ***Technical input / comments need to be submitted to LSRBCD by September 1, 2006***
- Allow PMT (Project Management Team) time to assemble information into a report that would be available prior to the first public consultation
- There will be data gaps with the information collected but it would be nice to know what information is available for all of the Province's watersheds
- Information collected will be used to develop a State of the Watershed report (SoW), Watershed Report Card (WRC) and Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) all of which will be part of the IWMP
- SWPP may be required by the Office of Drinking water for all water treatment facilities, as a part of the IWMP, SWPP for Agro-Manitoba could be completed in 8 years

What does each department have to offer the WPAT?

- Graham Phipps - Water Stewardship - Groundwater Branch
 - Information regarding groundwater conditions and quality
 - Geology reports
 - Would be able to develop maps of the area regarding groundwater conditions
 - Provide assistance to the Conservation District
 - Able to partner to create a better well log inventory of the area

Question? Do we have anything to do with the well quality of private drinking wells?
Answer. Typically, problems with a private well are caused by improper construction or location of a well. This will be a part of the information that would be collected during the well inventory partnership.

- Allison McPhee - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Over the past 5 years have conducted fish inventory in various drains
 - Information is available for drains and creeks within the La Salle River watershed but unsure in what format
- Lyle Campbell - Manitoba Conservation
 - Primary focus is on crown land, don't have much information for the La Salle River Watershed
 - Will provide available information
- Shawn Cabak - Manitoba Agriculture and Food and Rural Initiatives
 - Information is based on municipal boundaries, not watersheds
- Al Clarkson - Manitoba Transportation and Government Services
 - May not be as involved as other agencies but will provide applicable information
- Are there any other agencies that should be included on the WPAT?
 - If there are any additions to the WPAT or if more information is needed, please let Melanie or David

7.0 Other Business - Chairperson Dobrowolski

- Thanks to Barry for all the information that was gathered and presented

8.0 Adjournment - Chairperson Dobrowolski

- Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved:

Corinna Grenier

WPA Chairperson - D. Dobrowolski

Recording Secretary - C. Grenier