

**Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park  
Management Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday May 16, 2005 – Peterborough**

**Meeting Summary – Approved**

**PRESENT:**

Kim Dunford  
Tom Cole  
John Marsh  
Tom Flynn  
Wally Hobbs

Kathy Reid  
Murray Kidd  
Wendy Sue Lyttle  
Don LaCombe  
Lorne Sellick

Dave Coulas (OP/MNR)

**REGRETS:**

Dana Dvorak

Meeting called to order at 4:06 pm.

**Review and Approval of Meeting Summary (April 18, 2005)**

- Summary was reviewed by group.

**MOTION: To approve the Meeting Summary as accurate reflection of April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Mover:** Don

**Seconder:** Wally

**Carried.**

**Superintendent Update**

- Since last meeting, site has been regulated through cabinet office. This has been a long time coming but we can now move ahead with park management planning. Response letters will be prepared and sent out to individuals who submitted comments on the boundary refinement process. Ontario Parks will be doing this.
- Website is up and running. The second electronic newsletter has now been posted (waiting for site to be gazetted). It is a great communication tool to refer people to as well we continue to get calls from folks who have been to the site and wish to be added to the mailing list.
- Open houses are set to run on May 28 and June 04. Advertising went out in local papers. The 507 posting was editorialized and miss-information resulted. The editor of that posting will be sending out correct information to their mailing list but people will still only see the incorrect info at some posted locations. The fact sheet prepared by the roads and trails subcommittee was circulated and responses will be emailed out to MAB members next week in advance of the first open house. It was recommended that Ontario Parks prepare a “process to date” to identify to the public where we are in the planning process. This would be included in the planning display. It was decided that another face to face meeting was not necessary in advance of the open houses. Any media contacts will flow through the park superintendent then to the MAB chair.
- Cottage association meetings will happen in advance of the open houses. SGKH has facilitated these meetings so the park superintendent may meet with the presidents of cottages associations in or adjacent to the park. At these meetings the park superintendent will discuss scheduled summer work.
- Essential services subcommittee has met and the chair will be presenting the MAB with recommendations at the next meeting. The subcommittee is working on a process to address garbage and recycling on the east side of the park in partnership with the Township of North Kawartha and private business owners. This approach will serve to measure the amount of garbage that park users are producing at these locations, and this information will be extrapolated to estimate garbage production for the rest of the park. This subcommittee will cease to exist at the end of the one year term. The Park superintendent will initiate a park

superintendent's forum with representation from all local governments to address immediate operational needs/issues.

- Ecological Land Classification work will commence in June. Ontario Parks has approval to hire four positions and will be interviewing candidates this week. Focus will be on capturing as many of the 400 survey plots as possible in order to get an accurate reflection of the broader park landscape.
- Negotiations on collective bargaining are continuing. The MAB is not part of the union and therefore can continue with the work they are tasked with out of the charter. The support to the MAB by MNR staff will not continue if we get into a strike situation. A MAB member brought up the point that maybe the MAB should look at hiring someone to serve as secretary to support the activities of MAB in a strike situation.
- Ontario Parks/MNR have attended one first nation meeting and will continue to meet with Aboriginal groups to develop a meaningful consultation protocol and involvement in the development of the park.
- Budget update indicated a permanent reduction in funding to the KHSSP. Capital is also being reviewed with the possibilities of reductions. Concerns about loss of dollars and lack of full time ecologist/staffing positions threaten the intent of the Charter.

**Action:** Ontario Parks to talk to MAB member to provide some technical advice on what will be required to deliver on the work and intent of the charter. A MAB member to prepare draft letter and circulate to MAB for discussion.

**Action:** Board to ask each member whose term is expiring if they would be interested in continuing on the Board.

**MOTION:** The chair to arrange a meeting with the minister to present recommendations around staffing needs, MAB appointments, and government commitment to fund as fully operational park.

Mover: Wally

Seconder: Kathy

Carried.

**Action:** Set as an agenda item for next meeting a review of short term work priorities and focus some attention to longer term work requirements.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: June 20, 2005

Time: 4:00 – 9:00

Location: Best Western Otonabee Inn, Peterborough

#### **Stress Identification workshop – Tim Bellhouse, Senior Monitoring Ecologist, Ontario Parks**

This working session involved the MAB members and took up the rest of the meeting.