

**Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park  
Management Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday December 11, 2006 – Peterborough**

Approved Meeting Summary

**PRESENT:**

Kim Dunford  
Don LaCombe  
Tom Flynn  
Betty Zyvatkauskas  
Rick Meridew

Murray Kidd  
Wally Hobbs  
Wendy Lyttle  
Julia Madden

David Coulas, OP  
Nancy Wilson, MNR  
Brent Stewart, OP  
Graham Cameron, OP  
Pam Lawrence, OP

**REGRETS:**

Thomas Cole  
Mary Anna Zakula

Meeting called to order 4:07 p.m.

Include as part of future meetings, the approval of the agenda.

**Review and approval of meeting summary (October 30, 2006).**

**Motion:** To approve the meeting summary as an accurate reflection of the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** Don LaCombe

**Secunder:** Murray Kidd

**Carried.**

**Superintendent Update:**

- MAB winter travel. Personal safety top priority.
- OP staff held meeting with Karin Wall, EA Roads Consultant. Reviewed comments from Open Houses. Consultant gave an update on the work that has been done to date and what is left to be completed. The Draft ESR to be completed to coincide with the park management planning schedule.
- Townships of Galway, Cavendish and Harvey – Bottle Lake parking issue/emergency vehicle access. Meeting held with tenured land holders, chair of the Police Services Board, members of Galway, Cavendish and Harvey Townships, representatives from the Cavendish Ratepayer's Association, the Beaver Lake Cottage Association and the Catchacoma Cottagers' Association. Municipality and OP have come to an agreement on an interim solution to the parking/emergency vehicle issue. Signage to control unauthorized and overflow parking will be posted. This is a temporary measure to address emergency vehicle access and does not supersede the access road EA process.
- Attended an EI subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee is interested in getting feedback from the board for research tasks that need to be completed over the winter months.
- OP staff has been revisiting Charter discussions relating to feedback from the release of the management options document.

**Motion:** To receive the Superintendent update.

**Mover:** Rick Meridew

**Secunder:** Tom Flynn

**Carried.**

**Chair Update**

- Formal request received from OFAH to attend January meeting as a delegation.
- The MAB agreed to allow a 15 minute time limit for the presentation.
- There may also be other MNR staff and OP staff in attendance.

**Motion:** To accept the Chair's update.

**Mover:** Wally Hobbs

**Seconded:** Don LaCombe

**Carried.**

### **Round Table**

- Use of ATVs for unrelated use to hunting. There is no recreational use of ATVs permitted. Access for private and tenured land and for hunting purposes only. Education will be an important element for this subject.
- Long Lake Cottagers Association in partnership with the MNR/OP to manage the access point. Fees were raised this year, no negative feedback was received. Cottage Association generated some income and was able to do some additional work to the parking area.
- Discussion/complaints around the use of ATVs will be ongoing. Ganaraska Forest has the same issues as Kawartha Highlands.

### **Preliminary Management Plan Presentation (PMP)**

- Reviewed the contents of a preliminary management plan
- Reviewed the need for evaluating the effectiveness of a management plan
- Three common uses of evaluation
  - Promoting adaptive management
  - Improving project planning
  - Promoting accountability
  - Evaluation information can be used by managers to improve their own performance (adaptive management), for reporting (accountability) and lessons learned can be used to improve future planning.
- Challenge – Must incorporate Charter and legislative direction
  - Must incorporate Provincial objectives: protection, recreation, heritage appreciation, tourism and public involvement
  - Must follow Natural Environment Class policies
  - Must consider the public perspectives/desires
  - Must create an Effective Management Plan!
- **Working Session** – Confirm goals for the KHSSP and develop objectives

### **KHSSP EI**

- Reviewed purpose of the KHSSP Act – EI overriding priority in the management and administration of the park
- Ecosystem Management  Reducing Ecological stress  preserving, protecting and enhancing EI in the KHSSP
- Prioritize and reduce stress on the area
- Embed monitoring within a management framework
- Example of results chain/logic model for achieving EI.
  - Activity – stress identification and management planning
  - Outcome – reduction, mitigation, recovery of stressors to EI
  - Result – measurable protection, preservation, enhancement of biodiversity, ecological communities and functions
  - Achievement – Section 2 – KHSSP Act
- **Working Session** – Components of EI and identifying stressors impacting on features for which the park was created. Identify management goals.
- The MAB is looking for information based on scientific evidence and suggestions for managing the stressors

**Motion:** That the EIS do a literature review of the five stressors and suggest management goal options to manage the stressors and other stressors through the review. The five stressors being ATVs, interior camping, snowmobiling, sport fishing and water quality (out dated cottage septic systems, motorboats are contributors to decreased water quality).

**Mover:** Wendy Lyttle  
**Seconded:** Wally Hobbs  
**Carried.**

**Other Business:**

- Boundary of the park – where is the line on the ground? Board member would like to volunteer to mark the boundary in areas of the park using a GPS. OP has equipment available for use.
- Wolf research – OP staff in partnership with the Wildlife Research and Development Section of MNR completed some studies last winter in the park. Starting to blend in with provincial research. The MAB agreed to have the superintendent arrange for the Provincial Wolf Scientist to come and provide an update on the status of this study.
- Preliminary Management Plan – target mid summer 2007.
- OFAH will be first item on January agenda.

Next meeting: January 22, 2007

**Motion:** To adjourn meeting.  
**Mover:** Rick Meridew  
**Seconded:** Julia Madden  
**Carried.**