

**Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park
Management Advisory Board Meeting
Monday September 25, 2006**

Approved Meeting Summary

PRESENT:

Wally Hobbs
Murray Kidd
Tom Flynn
Wendy Lyttle
Mary Anna Zakula

Don LaCombe
Thomas Cole
Rick Meridew
Julia Madden

Dave Coulas (OP)
Graham Cameron (OP)
Pam Lawrence (OP)

REGRETS:

Kim Dunford

Meeting called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Summary (August 3, 2004)

Motion: To approve the meeting summary as an accurate reflection of the August 3rd meeting.

Motion: Don LaCombe

Secunder: Thomas Cole

Carried.

- Discussion regarding request for meeting with the Deputy Minister.
- Discussion regarding membership of the Management Advisory Board (MAB). MAB has a Minister approved Terms of Reference (TOR) stating that the Chair is appointed through a vote of the membership of the Board. Since the development of the TOR, which was three years ago, a new policy has been developed as to the process of Chair appointments. The Minister, whom the Board reports to, is responsible for the appointment of the Chair.
- The four members of the Board whose terms had expired have been re-appointed.
- The Minister has re-appointed Kim Dunford as the Chair for a three year term.
- Wally Hobbs has been re-appointed as the Co-Chair for a three year term.
- The TOR will have to be updated to reflect the new process for Chair appointments.
- There is a separate application process to sit as a Chair or Co-Chair of a Minister appointed Board.

Chair Update

- Worked with OP staff on collection of data from ELC plots.
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance for the park.

Superintendent Update

- Review of the Terms of Reference for Roads and Trails Subcommittee –

Motion: To accept revised Terms of Reference for the roads and trails subcommittee.

Mover: Don LaCombe

Secunder: Wendy Lyttle

Carried.

- Review of specific letters submitted during the public input process.
- Sunday hunting now allowed in Anstruther Township.
- Discussion “High Risk” activities. Important to address these issues through management planning to protect the park.
- Beaver Lake Road – No parking signs – Charter speaks to access rights.
- Stewardship Rangers did some campsite maintenance/clean-up this summer.
- Hydro One constructed a new road to access storm damage. Superintendent to contact Hydro One to address concerns.
- Competition running to replace Jennifer while on leave. One year position.

Ecological Integrity Presentation - Update

- Ecology 101 – Based on definition of EI
 - Composition of an ecosystem
 - Communities or structure of an ecosystem
 - Processes in Nature
 - Asking questions to get useful information
- EI Subcommittee – Formed in 2005
 - Six meetings held
- Winter 2006 Field Season – Wolf DNA sample collection
- Summer 2006 Field Season – Ecological Land Classification (ELC) project
 - Species at Risk Inventory
 - Water sampling
 - Planning (Management Options Document, Open Houses)
- Fall 2006 – Develop monitoring program outline
- Discussion on monitoring – What is monitoring?
 - Why monitor?
 - How to monitor
 - Ensuring monitoring success and usefulness
- Extremely clear the need for a full time biologist, leaving October 31st.
- Position of the Board to advise the Minister. Direct a letter to the Minister indicating to him what our priorities are.
- MNR/OP staff requested to leave the room by the Chair.

Motion: To hold in camera session with members of the board only.

Mover: Tom Flynn

Secunder: Rick Meridew

Carried.

- Letter to be sent to the Zone Manager requesting that he attend next meeting. Location to be determined.

Management Advisory Board Questionnaire

- General concerns expressed – funding, enforcement issues, traditional activities.
- 151 Board comment sheets returned to date.
- Board group established to review comments. Comments should be themed. Board Questionnaire deadline is September 30th, additional comments will be sent to members of the review group.
- Goal to have summary/discussion at next meeting.

Other business

- Resignation of Thomas Cole as position of Vice Chair.
- Resignation of Murray Kidd as position of Chair.
- Code of Conduct – Each Board member needs to review this, particularly with respect to the “Conflict of Interest” section. When we come to a Board meeting, we represent this Board, we do not represent any other groups or individuals, and we bring our points of view to the table.
- OP will provide a copy of the Code of Conduct at the next meeting.

Next meeting: October 30, 2006.

Motion: Meeting adjourned.

Mover: Tom Flynn

Seconded: Rick Meridew

Carried.