

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION**

Date: *Wednesday September 22, 2004* Start Time: *6:00 P.M.*

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order
2. Review of the Official Plan Sensitive Lake Policy
3. Discussion on the proposed ANSI Designation in the Zoning By-Law
4. Adjournment

Present:- Reeve Donald Rathwell, Deputy Reeve Ron Lowe, Councillors - Art Cobb, Jack Ferguson, Jim Labow, Daryl McLaughlin, Jacob Rook, Joey Trimm and Beulah Wright.

Staff Present :- Dean Sauriol and Jacques Benoit

Invited Guests:- Ray Bonnenberg, Paul Moreau Joanna Gaweda, Mike Bohm MNR,  
Charles Cheesman County of Renfrew  
Dana Kruishank MOE

**Review of the Official Plan Sensitive Lake Policy**

Chairman Lowe opened the meeting by stating the importance of the sensitive lake issue

Mr. Bonnenberg reviewed the reasons why designation was implemented.

Mr. Dana Kruishank from MOE reviewed

Two issues: 1. Secchi Depth  
2. Phosphorous

- 1, Secchi Depth is the clarity of the water.  
2003 and 2004 readings show that the clarity is the poorest since 70's and 80's
2. Phosphorous is a nutrient that triggers algae and blooms.  
Concentration above 20 mg/litre is a concern and Muskrat Lake is well above.

Muskrat Lake Historical Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Profiles, were reviewed by Mr. Kruishank.

**Theory** – Increased Algae, causes more decomposition and lowers oxygen in the lake.

**Designation Process** Paul Moreau – MNR stated that MNR and MOE worked together towards making the designation.

Charles Cheesman – stated the process that the County took to implement the sensitive lake designation in the County of Renfrew Official Plan.

- He stated that the County does have other lakes in the County that are designated sensitive lakes. Some can be developed on and some cannot.

Much discussion on whether the public were notified and comments requested.

Question Are the contributory outlets to be looked at ?

Answer All water bodies are reviewed.

Question Is Muskrat Lake dying based on current data ?

Answer No not that far, but there are a lot of factors. The data shows it is worse than 80's back to 70's data.

Question The removal of dams happens ?

Answer It did help and will help.

Reeve stated his views of the designation.

Question Are the trout affecting other species ?

Answer Yes, to some extent, but they are trying to create a balance.

Question What effect will zebra mussels have on the lake ?

Answer It will help in the clarity of the lake.

Chair – asked the delegation if there is any way to preserve the development process.

MNR 1. Possibly having an EIS Template

2. Education and best Management Practices to residents.

Follow up meeting be scheduled to discuss ANSI and further dialogue on the Sensitive Lake Designation.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jim Labow

**“Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Growth & Development Committee Meeting dated September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.”**