

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STIRLING-RAWDON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 1, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Michael Regan and Committee Members Peter Kooistra, Marian Bastedo and Abby Wigger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Solmes

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Brown, Greer Galloway Group  
Kevin Heath, Clerk-Administrator (Acting)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

**Delegations**

**Bob Brown, Greer Galloway Group attended the meeting to provide the Committee with an update on the wetlands and lagoon projects.**

**Wetlands**

Mr. Brown made a presentation on the wetlands influent and effluent to give the Committee an idea of how the wetlands are working, as well as a briefing on all samples taken to date.

**Lagoons**

Bob discussed with the Committee the reasons that early discharge was necessary, primarily being the quantity of precipitation. The timeline was met, however the lagoons were still ice covered, and the toxicity test did not go well.

**MOTION #1**

Moved by Peter Kooistra

Seconded by Abby Wigger

“The Committee recommends that Greer Galloway Group research and report to the Committee on the most effective way to keep the lagoons from being covered with ice i.e. solar units or windmills etc.”

**MOTION #2**

Moved by Marian Bastedo

Seconded by Abby Wigger

“The Committee recommends that Greer Galloway Group investigate the cost of removing sludge from lagoons as well as what would be required.”

**Application for Funding for Well Decommissioning**

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**MOTION #3**

Moved by Peter Kooistra

Seconded by Marian Bastedo

“The Committee acknowledges receipt of a copy of a letter dated March 28, 2008 from Tony Guerrero, Greer Galloway Group making application for Early Action Funding for decommissioning 14 test wells on the site of the Stirling Municipal Water Treatment plant.”

**Wetlands**

Tony Guerrero, Greer Galloway Group provided the Committee with an update on the operation of the wetlands stating that samples have all been within specifications. He described briefly a problem with the floats in the pumping station; some modifications have been made but have not rectified the situation. Tony would like to change to mechanical floats; this would come with an approximate cost of \$2,000.00.

Tony was instructed by the Committee to obtain a written estimate for the said mechanical floats.

**Cindy Spencer, Ontario Clean Water Agency**

Cindy provided the Committee with an overview of a letter that she had provided to the Township dated February 28, 2008 concerning hydro expenses at 93 Elizabeth Street. It is her belief that the hydro billing is incorrect and is seeking the next steps of action.

**MOTION #2**

Moved by Jeremy Solmes

Seconded by Peter Kooistra

“The Committee acknowledges receipt of a letter dated February 28, 2008 from Cindy Spencer, OCWA concerning discrepancies in hydro billing at 93 Elizabeth Street

and further that OCWA draft a letter to be sent to Hydro One on behalf of OCWA and the Township outlining the concern

and further that if no progress is made that the Clerk and OCWA representatives meet with the Honourable Member of Provincial Parliament

and further that if no progress is made that the Clerk and OCWA representative contact the Ombudsman.”

**New Business Correspondence**

**MOTION #3**

Moved by Jeremy Solmes

Seconded by Peter Kooistra

“The Committee recommends that the copy of the letter dated January 21, 2008 from Cindy Spencer, OCWA to Pauline Desroches, Ministry of the Environment attaching the 2007 Annual Performance Report for the Stirling Lagoons be received and filed.”

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**MOTION #4**

Moved by Jeremy Solmes

Seconded by Peter Kooistra

“The Committee acknowledges receipt of a letter dated February 6, 2008 from Tony Guerrero, Greer Galloway Group attaching a copy of Change Order #2 for the Stirling North Lagoon Expansion Project for extra work of reshaping / re-grading the dump site

and further recommends that the same be approved.”

**MOTION #5**

Moved by Peter Kooistra

Seconded by Jeremy Solmes

“The Committee acknowledges receipt of a letter dated February 13, 2008 from Catherine Barr, OCWA enclosing the 2008 Annual Statement for the Operations and Maintenance for Stirling-Rawdon Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities

and further recommends that the same be approved.”

**MOTION #6**

Moved by Marian Bastedo

Seconded by Peter Kooistra

“The Committee recommends that the letter dated February 15, 2008 from Jeff Moore, Industry Canada advising that the Government of Canada announced it is providing up to an additional \$50 million to assist municipalities that faced economic challenges related to the implementation of their existing federally funded drinking water projects be received and filed.”

**MOTION #7**

Moved by Marian Bastedo

Seconded by Peter Kooistra

“The Committee acknowledges receipt of a letter dated February 22, 2008 from Jacqueline Fuller, Ministry of the Environment requesting the Township to recalculate the existing reserve capacity available for development within the lagoon service area of the municipality. The Ministry is requesting a report on pending development within the sewage service area, including the current reserve capacity assessment and uncommitted hydraulic capacity calculation for the sewage treatment works as per D-5-1 dated March 1995

and further recommends that Greer Galloway Group be instructed to complete said report.”

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**MOTION #8**

Moved by Jeremy Solmes

Seconded by Peter Kooistra

“The Committee recommends that the copy of a letter dated February 22, 2008 from Tony Guerrero, Greer Galloway Group to Leona Dombrowsky providing a synopsis of the Rawdon Landfill Reclamation project to date be received and filed.”

**MOTION #9**

Moved by Jeremy Solmes

Seconded by Marian Bastedo

“The Committee recommends that the copy of a letter from Bob Brown, Greer Galloway Group to Pauline Desroches, Ministry of the Environment advising of start up of operation of the North Lagoon Cell as per condition 11(1) of the Certificate of Approval be received and filed.”

**Water Leak Report**

**MOTION #10**

Moved by Peter Kooistra

Seconded by Jeremy Solmes

“The Committee recommends that the Water leak report for the month of February 2008 be accepted as presented.”

**Overall Responsible Operator’s Report**

**MOTION #11**

Moved by Jeremy Solmes

Seconded by Peter Kooistra

“The Committee recommends that the Overall Responsible Operator’s Report for the month of February 2008 be accepted as presented.”

**Other Business**

The Clerk presented the Committee with a copy of the proposed agreement for the planting and cultivating of crops on the lagoon property.

**MOTION #12**

Moved by Jeremy Solmes

Seconded by Peter Kooistra

“The Committee acknowledges receipt of a proposed agreement for the planting and cultivating of crops of the lagoon property

and further recommends that the said agreement be approved subject to the tenant providing proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.”

**MOTION #13**

Moved by Jeremy Solmes

Seconded by Peter Kooistra

“The Committee recommends that Mac’s Convenience Store be authorized to sell Township of Stirling-Rawdon bag tags.”

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.