

**WATCH Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

**4pm**

**Town Hall**

**Present:** Joel Johnson  
Mike Zell  
Ken Dickson

Sheldon Parsons  
Kris Lee  
Barb Parrish

Jeff Wesley  
Jennifer Parrish

**Regrets:** Jim Hasson, Dave Courteaux, Corinne Courteaux

- 1.0 Approval of Agenda m. Joel Johnson s. Sheldon Parsons
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes m. Sheldon Parsons s. Mike Zell
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report Balance 2507.44 m. Sheldon Parsons s. Ken Dickson
  - 3.1 Audited statements to Paul Turner – m. Barb Parrish s. Joel Johnson
  - 3.2 There was \$1000. set aside in our budget for trailer rails. There was agreement that these funds can be designated for other projects, as the rails are not mandatory.
  - 3.3 Corinne Courteaux is retiring from position of treasurer. Thank you was expressed to Corinne Courteaux for her many years for volunteer service.
- 4.0 Business Arising
  - 4.1 Election of Officers and Directors by acclamation
    - Chair – Kris Lee Vice – Ken Dickson
    - Secretary – Jennifer Parrish Treasurer – Sheldon Parsons

**Directors (incumbent)**

Dave Courteaux (retired) Joel Johnson Jim Hasson  
Mike Zell will be added as Director m. Kris Lee s. Sheldon Parsons

We wish to thank Dave for many years of service to the community.

Dave will no longer be the subscriber contact for GoDaddy. Kris will take over the contact name. He has forwarded the info to GoDaddy.

**Action Item: Kris is to contact GoDaddy to check on expiry date and ensure the information is updated.**

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 PUC - Lake Erie Water Intake Proposal – Jeff Wesley**

Jeff Wesley summarized the past events for the water filtration proposal. Another public meeting sometime late April early May will be planned. Date and location to be well in advance to encourage maximum participation. All submission & issues from citizens will be identified and addressed.

A report will then follow to PUC board for recommended option. A final answer is expected in June/July 2015. Carmen and Jeff met with Tom Kissner about the implementation of an evaluation committee which will rate several factors eg. Cost, growth, quality of drinking water. Quality of the water and views of the community should get highest weight, in Jeff's opinion. The evaluation committee will have a good cross sectional representation which will include Councillors MacGregor and Wesley as well as BIA and WATCH.

WATCH to send a formal answer on final position. Kris Lee solicited input.

Question: Will PUC announce the members of the evaluation committee?

Question: One member stated that the cast iron waterline along Dufferin Avenue has breached. Line needs to be changed. What is CK plan for repairing water line?

Since the line has to be replaced at \$5M. anyway so why not add a second line for a new water intake when the trench is built to repair the old line? This would be a cost saving.

**5.2** Proposal to CRIC on Restriction on Drinking Water BUI (RDWBUI) – Kris Lee  
Environment Canada and MOECC are working to remove the RDWBUI from the Area of Concern for St. Clair River Remedial Action Plan. Wallaceburg as a community needs to give input to this process so that we will be satisfied with the outcome of this decision by governments. The draft proposal from WATCH will assist the agencies to better understand our criteria and areas of focus on the impacts of spills from Sarnia industries.

**Motion:** Proposal will be sent to the Canadian RAP Implementation Committee for action.  
m. Ken Dickson s. Joel Johnson

**5.3** WAMBO looking for volunteers. Get a group to do the ambassadors.  
There is \$75. held in our account for Green Ambassadors from last year's pledges. Sheldon will contact Watson Wealth Management to find out if they are still willing to sponsor.

**5.4** Final Response will be sent to the PUC regarding the Water Intake Project.

After some discussion, the members agreed to the following statement:

*WATCH is not in favour of a Lake Erie pipeline as the major water supply for Wallaceburg. The other two options, use of Snye water and Lake Huron, are acceptable. We recognize the nitrate source as a challenge that needs to be addressed but feel that we should focus on the technical controls to eliminate this problem, as opposed to using Lake Erie water as the control solution. Kris Lee was nominated as the WATCH representative on the Evaluation Committee.*  
m. Ken Dickson s. Mike Zell

Adjourned: 5:30 pm

Addendum April 29, 2015:

Through emails after the meeting, WATCH members approved

1. matching funds up to \$1400. for AA Wright Elementary School water station.

Joel Johnson, Art & Barb Parrish, Jennifer Parrish, Sheldon Parsons, Mike Zell, Dave & Corrine Courteaux, Ken Dickson

2. letter of support to Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health & Long Term Care for the SDH Imagine Project.  
Sheldon Parsons, Mike Zell, Art & Barb Parrish, Joel Johnson

3. WATCH members were invited to meet with Walpole First Nations to discuss common issues  
Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 3:30 pm.