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Phone Conference Call: CELA, FPRW, City of Timmins, MOE

Introductions: Sheri Illersich MOE, JF Desroches MOE, Dave Landers City of Timmins, Jacqueline CELA, Sherrill Richards FPRW, Brian Cumming FPRW, Brenda Torresan FPRW.

11:00am

CELA : introductions and stage for the call.

CELA: purpose is to expand and inform on the Liaison committee suggestion from August's meeting.

Sheri MOE was asked if a new order was issued? Reply was, nothing has changed... the City of Timmins is back to the original notification procedures.. both CELA and FPRW commented displeasure with this.

As for beach postings: Sheri MOE said they will post at the beach only not on line.

CoT (City of Timmins) Dave Landers said they will do both online and notices... permanent signage will be installed.. later in the call FPRW also mentioned Bannerman Park and Dave said yes there to.

CELA mentioned the Kingston article re: Liaison committee as being worthy of developing ahead.. and Dave Landers said he will share it with the city enviro lead.. Dave said he has looked it over and the user interface is good.

RE: Public Liaison committee talked about August/Sept: terms of reference, community established..

1. Where are we with this Dave? Sheri MOE said they would be a resource but not be involved with sitting on the committee. Comments were No mechanisms to assist a Liaison committee.. does not think it is necessary, looked into the circumstances, not an order requirement..
2. City of Timmins (Dave Landers): said he would be happy to recommend a public liaison committee to council. Would draft a terms of reference and once in place finalize the terms... once the election is done he will have informal meetings with the new council and he sees no reason it would not be good to go.
3. CELA disagreed with MOE as there is a long history of non compliance and that this is a productive step for the public
4. time line /next steps/terms of reference whose interested? there are other members who want to come on board, i.e. Gold Corp, PHU, MRCA, Indigenous groups etc. So lets draft a terms of reference, and a by law to create a Liaison committee.. following the election a member will be appointed by council and a resolution brought forward.. this to be built into the municipal structure with staff & political representatives....

5. time line: informal to kick around for now.. Dave mentioned the city does not want this as anyone's priority in discussions for this election.. i. e. someone could run with this and jeopardize the committee period.. FPRW mentioned their Nov. 14th AGM.. Dave said it would be good then to report to the new council in DEC. Dave strongly feels once the FPRW AGM is done it will be a good news story for the community. Note both CELA and FPRW feel it is important to keep this as an election issue.. not for any one particular party or person but for everyone to remain talking about it.

6. again FPRW and CELA asked for MOE representation on the Liaison committee. The response was there will be NO MOE representative on the committee however they will make themselves available to answer questions and report back outside of the committee.

7. FPRW mentioned we are broader now.. MOE commented they will not be a full member but will be active and following, however they will not have a regular participatory roll w/the committee.

8. time line info: Dave Landers CoT informal meeting late Nov. After the AGM of FPRW, looking for a level of transparency that has been lacking.. and something apolitical. Late November was discussed and brought to council in December.

9. CELA asked for raw data on the lake results form the PHU.. was decided Jacqueline will email Dave for this with the concerns..

10.FPRW asked for enhanced monitoring of the lake including deeper samples and lake bed samples.. Dave mentioned a new work plan for the upcoming year with a new RFP for sampling.. types of enhancements needed and that Scott Tam will be directly involved with this. FPRW will stay on top of this with the CoT. This is an issue both CELA and FPRW feel very strong about. FPRW will press for this to happen sooner than later.

11. everyone was thanked for their time and efforts to make the Liaison Committee happen and CELA will be sending an update report to FPRW with necessary information.

All from my notes during the call.. I apologize if some of this is out of order..we did go back and forth on some of the topics a few times. Brenda.