

Thames River Clear Water Revival –
First Nations Engagement Committee Meeting # 16
Proposed Agenda

HOST: Chippewas of the Thames First Nation – Council Chambers
DATE: Friday November 25th, 2016 from 12:00PM – 3PM
LOCATION: 320 Chippewa Rd.
Muncey, ON
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Attendance (11 confirmed):

Aimee Johnson (Walpole Island First Nation)
Brandon Doxtator (Councilor - Oneida First Nation)
Dave Depuydt (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry)
Eleanor Heagy (Upper Thames River Conservation Authority)
Ken VanEvery (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry First Nation Liaison)
Lareina Rising (Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change First Nation Liaison)
Lorraine Moir (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry First Nation Liaison)
Mary Alikakos (Chippewas of the Thames First Nation)
Murray Blackie (Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Director)
Sharilyn Johnston (Aamjiwnaang First Nation)
Tara Tchir (Upper Thames River Conservation Authority) – Project Manager

Regrets:

Chief Louise Hillier (Caldwell First Nation)
Christine Rogers (Aamjiwnaang First Nation)
Courtney Jackson (Aamjiwnaang First Nation)
Larry French (Councilor - Chippewas of the Thames First Nation)
Pat Donnelly (City of London)
George Henry (Chippewas of the Thames First Nation)

Guest:

Joe Wabegijig (Chippewas of the Thames First Nation)

Purpose of Meeting

- Discuss Work plan for 2017 First Nation Youth Stewardship Program
- Review Engagement Strategy

AGENDA

1. Welcome

- We welcomed Ken VanEvery, the new Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry First Nation Liaison, while saying good bye and thanks to Lorraine Moir who held that position since March 4, 2016. Ken is from Six Nations and has a forestry background.
- We welcomed Brandon Doxtator, councilor from Oneida First Nation with the Environment Portfolio
- We invited Joe Wabegijig to join us for lunch and learned about a possible conference that the youth group could present at in June
- Dave mentioned that the speaker at the CCC conference was entomologist Douglas W Tallamy who wrote the book "Bringing Nature Home". He would recommend him for any event discussing the value of native plantings versus non-native ornamentals.
- Tara will send the mileage spreadsheets for everyone to review

- Tara handed out Union Gas money and invoices so that there is money to support the liaison position early in the New Year.
 - We discussed whether there should be a new name for this committee (e.g. First Nations Advisory Committee?). It was decided that since engagement is a top priority, the name should remain the same.
- 2. Minutes of July 27, 2016 (Attached to email of November 22, 2016)**
- “Unconfirmed” were moved to “Regrets”
- 3. Discussion of 2016 First Nation Youth Stewardship Program**
- A number of changes were made to the following (please see the documents for the revisions):
 - o Budget and additional training
 - o Potential Projects and Possible funders
 - o Work plan, Position Descriptions and questions
 - Tara will make the changes and re-send to the committee for review
 - The liaison position will need to be posted ASAP so that we can hire for early in the New Year.
- 4. Draft Water Management Plan**
- Did not have time to review. Will need to review the recommendations at the next meeting
- 5. First Nation Engagement Strategy**
- Lorraine reviewed this document. There have been iterations and the thought is that most of the document can be incorporated into the water management plan. Tara will make the appropriate changes, and then the document will be the responsibility of the Liaison position.