

TRCWR Steering Committee Draft Agenda July 7, 2021 at 9 am (virtual meeting)

CONFIRMED ATTENDEES:

Cherlene Vieira (MECP)
Chris Harrington (UTRCA)
Courtney Jackson (Aamjiwnaang FN)
Eleanor Heagy (UTRCA)
Emma Young (Chippewas of the Thames FN)
Ken VanEvery (MNRF)
Pat Donnelly (COL)
Stephen Marklevitz (LEMU MNRF)
Tara Tchir (UTRCA)
Trevor Robak (OMAFRA)

REGRETS:

Dan McDonald (MECP)
Mary Alikakos (COL)

UNCONFIRMED

Brandon Doxtator (Oneida FN)
Brian Locke (LEMU MNRF)
Jason Lehouillier (MECP)
Jason Wintermute (LTVCA)
Jason Webb (Alymer MNRF)
Luca Cargnelli (ECCC)
Mark Peacock (LTVCA)
Naomi Williams (Walpole Island FN)
Sharilyn Johnston (Aamjiwnaang FN)
Warren Huff

Meeting Goal is to begin to develop a process of outreach and engagement to potential new partners and a process for tracking progress towards achieving SWA recommendations.

1. Welcome and Introductions - Tara

- Land Acknowledgement
- Chris has offered to “host” the webinar and Eleanor has offered to take minutes.
- Review and approval of Minutes from June 7 2021 meeting

2. Governance Model - Chris

- Co-chairs for steering committee
- Structure of committees and governance: do we need a different governance model (e.g. more working groups)?

3. Update on Antler River Guardians program for 2021 season - Emma

4. SWA Implementation and Outreach – Tara

- Continued discussion about expanding membership to develop a complete list of potential partners or allies:
 - First Nations:
 - Participation of all 8 First Nations with traditional territory in the Thames River watershed
 - Metis
 - Other municipalities:
 - LTVCA / UTRCA are going to all municipalities to discuss the changes to CA Act and this could be the way to bring this to municipalities.
 - Chatham Kent environment officer
 - Town of Ingersoll staff were involved in some meetings in the past.
 - Region of Waterloo and Stratford were approached in the past and kept somewhat informed.

- City of London is willing to help engage other municipalities.
 - Agricultural sector: important, especially given the amount of land in the watershed. There are many groups, so need to determine who and how to engage:
 - Thames River Phosphorus Reduction Collaborative, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation, National Farmers Union, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Ecological Farmers Association.
 - Likely need a subcommittee to develop plan.
 - Other Conservation Authorities:
 - SCRCA is working on a phosphorus reduction plan for the Sydenham River.
 - Canada – Ontario Lake Erie Action Plan (LEAP): may overlap with nutrient reductions initiatives and habitat management.
- Discussed examples of specific projects that could meet recommendations in the SWA and / or whether those projects include partners that could / should be brought into this group.

5. Outreach and engagement with the potential partners/allies:

- Develop process for outreach and engagement with the potential partners/allies to determine:
 - their needs and level of participation.
 - types of outreach and communications tools that can help to promote the SWA and engage / encourage participation in implementation activities.

6. Implementation of Partner Recommendations

- Determine what support partners need to implement SWA recommendations, including types of communication products (e.g., presentations, fact sheets, etc.), proposal writing, etc.
- Determine what tools should be developed for tracking progress towards list of actions/ recommendations from SWA. Some examples include:
 - A catalogue of projects and programs undertaken by partners that are organized by actions / recommendations (e.g. similar to 2018 nutrient reduction project catalogue: <http://thamesriver.on.ca/nutrient-project-catalogue>)
 - Develop a process for linking to other reporting that committee members are involved with that are already compiling actions related to the SWA recommendations (e.g. LEAP implementation)
 - Develop a process for linking recommendations / implementation to other reports (e.g. Lake Erie LAMP annual reports)
 - A spreadsheet of actions/ recommendations from the SWA, as well as who is responsible and status updates, for each partner (see example below)

7. Other Project Updates / Roundtable– All

8. Next Meeting:

- Presentation from Dan (at the LTVCA) on the results from our COA grant (discussed in June 7, 2021 meeting).