

Lyon's Creek East Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Summary,
November 27, 2007

Meeting Place: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Office, 250 Thorold Road, Third Floor, Welland, ON Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Dickman, Ross Chambers, Helen Brown, David Slaine, Rein Jaagumagi, Rob Diermair (NPCA). Regrets: Candace Paris, Valerie Cromie, Mary Ellen Scanlon, Jocelyn Baker – maternity leave.

Introductions were made around the table. Action items from the October 23, 2007 meeting were discussed. Sign wording for fishing spot locations and turtle trapping was deferred to a future meeting once we hear back from the Niagara Region Health Department. Rob Diermair provided a copy of the December 1978 Acres Consulting Services Ltd. Study Environmental & Preliminary Engineering Study for Lyon's Creek. This copy is on file with the CLC. There was open discussion on the regulatory review process of consultant's reports which upon completion, did not warrant further action.

There was some discussions on the Niagara South Watershed Plan Open House that was held on November 20, 2007 at the new Fire Hall on Schisler Road. Candace Paris's email was read to the committee since she could not attend the meeting. Her email pertained to cleaning/clearing out the creek and suggestions of funding. Rob Diermair (who will be replacing Jocelyn Baker from the NPCA on the Committee as Ms. Baker is on maternity leave) described the NPCA's action items since the November 20, 2007 Open House and described the preparation of a Terms of Reference for a Lyon's Creek Stream Morphology Study. Some of the terms or considerations for the study are (i) flow requirements and rates from the Seaway pumping station (ii) Provincially Significant Wetland characteristics; (iii) resident's concerns from the Open House, (iv) presence of PCB impacted sediments in the western section of Lyon's Creek East; (v) sediment in-filling at bridges, and (vi) pump intake pipe clogging by zebra mussels. The study will be initiated and completed in 2008 for the NPCA.

Mr. Jaagumagi was introduced to give a presentation on the Lyon's Creek East Ecological Risk Study and Proposed Sediment Management Options. Rather than a formal presentation for the small group, Mr. Jaagumagi opened the floor to specific questions about his studies and referenced figures, maps, tables and photographs from his presentation during his answers. Questions and answers focussed on the uptake of PCBs in mussels and the ecological food cycle, stream morphology, fish species, the Ontario Sport Fishing Guide and sediment removal construction methods. The question and answer period concluded with no further requests of Mr. Jaagumagi.

The next meeting date was discussed as January 22, 2008 since the fourth Tuesday in December fell on Christmas Day. A presentation by Environment Canada on different sediment remedial techniques was discussed and was left to be finalized in December, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.