

## Report

### *Consultation Committee Meeting*

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### *Lake Kipawa Concerted Management Plan*

Monday, October 28, 2013 from 5:30 to 9:30, Community Hall, Municipality of Kipawa

#### 1. Reading and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted and the item Varia was left open. The attendance list was as follows:

Groups	Representatives	Attendance: meeting of October 28, 2013
<b>Municipalities</b>		
Témiscaming	Philippe Barette	X
Kipawa	Norman Young	X
Laniel	Yvon Gagnon (substitute Susie Trudel)	X
Béarn	Luc Lalonde	
<b>Environmental &amp; Community Sector</b>		
Environmental organisation	APART: Johanne Descoteaux (substitute Doris Hénault)	X
Lake association	Henri Laforest	X
Users association	Boaters: Daniel Goulet (also Témiscaming-Kipawa Chamber of Commerce)	X
Hunters, anglers	Gino Lafrenière	
Citizens	André Lapierre, Claude Bérubé, Clyde & Thomas Mongrain, Karen Kowalchuk and Stephen Kilburn	All present
<b>Economic Sector</b>		
Outfitters (economic & tourism sector)	Yves Bouthillette (substitute Réjean Baudoin)	X
Tourism	Dany Gareau	X
Industrial sector	Claude Brisson (Matamec)	X
Témis-accord Chamber of Commerce	Robin Larochelle	X
<b>First Nations</b>		

Groups	Representatives	Attendance: meeting of October 28, 2013
Eagle Village	No appointed representative	
Wolf Lake	No appointed representative	

[Attendance list of Consultation Committee meeting, Lake Kipawa Management Plan. October 28, 2013.](#)

Resource persons were also present to listen to the discussions and answer specific questions:

- ❖ Ministry of Natural Resources:
  - Alain Fort, biologist, Expertise Branch, Energy-Wildlife-Forests-Mines-Territory
  - Jean-Pierre Hamel, biologist, Expertise Branch, Energy-Wildlife-Forests-Mines-Territory
  - Pascal Martel, responsible for land planning and management at the regional level
  - Claude Massé, Head of Management Unit, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ville-Marie.
- ❖ MRC de Témiscamingue:
  - Daniel Dufault, Coordinator, land management and regional development
  - Tomy Boucher, Assistant Director General.
- ❖ Regional Board of Elected Officials (CRÉAT):
  - Jean-François Turcotte, Development Officer.

## **2. Report of the second and third meetings of the Consultation Committee**

The final version of the minutes of the second and third meetings of the Consultation Committee was validated. These two meetings were meant to developing the objectives. A clarification was added on the impossibility for MRN to operationalise a refusal of development within the 300-metre riparian strip. It can be posted on line in both languages.

## **3. Important points of information and next steps**

The fourth meeting of the Consultation Committee was the last one in the consultation process. A lot of work has been accomplished by the group through a positive and motivating process. The Committee's recommendation role was well understood and seemed to be important.

This being said, even though no further meetings have been scheduled, a follow-up will be made with the Committee members for review and validation purposes. The project manager remains available for any additional question or comment.

The public information meeting planned for next March will be the last important step of the Lake Kipawa Concerted Management Plan process.

## **4. Actions : validation and additions**

Courses of action have been prepared by the project manager based on actions that were proposed earlier in the project and on the group's philosophy at the time when the objectives were determined.

The purpose of the meeting was to validate these courses of action with the group and to make sure none were missing. Tentative implementation dates were set for further accuracy. Most of the actions have a structuring effect and, therefore, extend over a relatively long period, hence the importance of understanding each term used in the wording. The results of this process are compiled and broken down into the 4 themes below. Explanations are given for further clarification.

### **Cross-cutting Actions:**

1. Design, produce and disseminate awareness development tools for the public and visitors (water quality, invasive exotic species, fishing and fish populations, boating) by 2017

*Explanation of Action 1: This action has a very structuring effect and involves many aspects. Carefully read every word of the action statement.*

- 1.1. Develop or use awareness development tools by 2016
- 1.2. Disseminate awareness tools in the field: awareness development activities, signs at boat launching ramps and on the lake, distribution of pamphlets, etc. by 2017

*Explanation of Action 1.2: The awareness tools can be disseminated to the public and users by one or several stakeholders to be determined, but also by outfitters to their clients; pamphlets would be distributed in outfitting lodges, local businesses, etc.*

- 1.3. Create shore owners associations in sectors where they do not exist by 2017
2. Develop a sampling and monitoring plan for water quality and invasive exotic species by 2015

### **Management Structure**

3. Secure a resource person assigned to maintaining a committee in order to ensure the project follow-up and the action plan implementation by 2014
- 3.1. Propose a review of Lake Kipawa zoning plan with this committee

### **Permanent and Seasonal Residency**

4. Implement a monitoring and compliance strategy for all shoreline residences (septic tanks, shoreline buffer strips) by 2016
- 4.1. Develop a compliance and monitoring strategy by 2014
- 4.2. Produce a complete status report on the condition of septic tanks and shoreline buffer strips by 2015

*Explanation of Action 4.2: The status report covers 705 cottages and residences*

- 4.3. Ensure the upgrading of septic systems considered as polluting or of concern within a five year period following the status report
- 4.4. Develop linkages with First Nations for the residences monitoring and compliance strategy by 2016
5. Have a management committee reassess the relevancy of the moratorium on cottage development (permanent and seasonal residency) by 2017

*Explanation of Action 5: The moratorium would apply to permanent and seasonal residences (corresponding to private vacationing) and on public land only.*

6. Enforce regulations upon occupants without permit or title by 2017
7. Propose to the MRC and municipalities additional control measures for vacationing on private land by 2017, taking into account the spirit and intent of the Concerted Management Plan regarding development

*Explanation of Action 7: This action would apply at least within the 300-metre buffer strip*

## **Fishing and Fish Populations**

8. Assess the relevancy and feasibility of creating a Community Wildlife Area (CWA) by 2014 that would pursue the following objectives, among others:
  - Charge a fair fee to local and visiting anglers
  - Ensure fishing surveillance and control
  - Rehabilitate lake trout populations through control measures (ex.: stocking, prohibition of winter fishing, all-out catch-and-release, etc.) and improve yellow walleye populations by imposing for example a protected size bracket.
  - Enhance knowledge of fish habitat in Lake Kipawa and implement artificial facilities if necessary
  - Specific awareness efforts on the impacts of fishing and fish stock status
  - Promote Lake Kipawa as a quality fishing destination
9. Should the CWA prove not to be an option, define in collaboration with a management committee the necessary actions to achieve the fish management objectives of a CWA
10. Document the effects of modifying the fall drawdown on lake trout populations and adapt the measures if necessary. Furthermore, hold annual meetings between the *Centre d'expertise hydrique du Québec* and a management committee on this matter
11. Meet with First Nations to assess subsistence fish harvesting and be able to integrate them into fishing management by 2016

## **Pleasure Boating and Use of Lake**

12. Conduct a survey on lake users by 2017

13. Install buoys to reduce speed and number of users in residential or high-use sectors by 2017
14. Allow project development for pleasure boating activities provided they are well supervised and in agreement with a management committee (ex.: Marina with pumping station and infrastructures allowing to obtain the Eco-marina certification)
15. Select boat launching ramps to be prioritised, equip them with septic pumping stations and incite people to use these ramps in priority by 2016
16. Evaluate the control measures for houseboats and ensure their enforcement by 2016
17. Promote low-impact boating activities

*Explanation of Action 17: Activities to be promoted could include canoe-camping circuits, canoe/kayak rental on the lake, outdoor clubs, promotional campaigns, etc.*

18. Install at least one boat washing station and implement incentive measures to use it by 2015
19. Assess the feasibility of making boat washing mandatory by 2017

## **Commercial and Industrial Activities**

20. Refuse new industrial projects within a 300-metre buffer strip
21. Control industrial activities in order to minimise their impact

*Explanation of Actions 20 and 21: There was no consensus on these actions.*

22. Maintain and apply the moratorium to outfitting establishments and cottage accommodation companies

*Explanation of Action 22: The moratorium would apply to new infrastructures, but also to the accommodation capacity of existing infrastructures. This action applies to both outfitting establishments and companies offering accommodation in permanent infrastructures (cottages and others, excluding camping facilities)*

23. Draw a profile of the outfitting establishments active on Lake Kipawa by 2015
24. Refuse hydro development projects

*Explanation of Action 24: There was no consensus on this action.*

25. Implement a control and compliance strategy for commercial buildings (septic tanks, buffer strips) by 2016
  - 25.1. Develop a compliance and monitoring strategy by 2014
  - 25.2. Prepare a complete status report on septic tanks and buffer strips by 2015

*Explanation of Action 25.2: The status report applies to 126 outfitting camps.*

Discussions on the actions took longer than planned. The following agenda items were not addressed as extensively as desired. The solutions that were found are explained in each section.

#### **5. First Nations' document produced as part of the project**

A document was produced by the First Nation communities of Eagle Village and Wolf Lake (Appendix 1, attached to the email) which includes many pieces of information useful for the project. The concerns and proposed actions will be integrated directly in the text while the complete document will be appended to the Concerted Management Plan.

#### **6. Evaluation exercise on the importance of the actions for the Consultation Committee members**

This exercise was not compulsory part of the process (not part of deliverables), but the Steering Committee decided to provide this opportunity to the Consultation Committee members to provide some indications to the decision-makers. For lack of time, the Committee members will be invited to present their evaluation through an online survey.

#### **7. Compensation of volunteers**

Participants who traveled to the meetings on a volunteer basis were allowed to claim their expenses upon presentation of receipts.

#### **8. Process evaluation**

A questionnaire will be sent to the participants to obtain their appreciation of the process and allow improving it.

#### **9. Varia**

Yves Bouthillette, seconded by the Consultation Committee, officially asked for the MRC de Témiscamingue's financial or logistical assistance for setting up a permanent follow-up committee specifically assigned to Lake Kipawa.