**Meeting of GREN Executive**

**August 3, 2011**

Kevin Thomason’s House

Present: J. Jackson, G. Michalenko, K. Thomason, T. Negoita, S. Bryant Regrets: S. Koswan

1. **GREN Process**- John noted that we should change GREN procedures to require a 2/3 majority vote of members on matters where we don’t have consensus. Currently, only a majority vote is required.
2. **Wilmot Line**-Discussed Wilmot Township’s surprise paving of part of Wilmot Line. Kevin’s ESL Committee will be addressing this, especially the area around Monastery Creek. GREN will support the ESL committee on this issue.
3. **GREN Issues for Coming Year-**
	* **Waterloo Region’s 2011 Water Supply Master Plan Update** - GREN’s Anti-pipeline Committee will meet in the fall (Sept. 29) to get involved in this. John has gathered info on this, including the Terms of Ref. for the consultant’s (Stantec) review. Comments on the terms are due by Sept 17, and John will consult the Pipeline committee on GREN’s comments by e-mail. He noted that water conservation is not on the Region’s agenda, even though water use per capita is down in the Region. As part of our water campaign, John suggested organizing a mini-bus tour for regional councilors to visit great examples of water conservation in the Region.
	* **LRT Implementation** – GREN should continue to monitor and be engaged in the LRT implementation and be a presence at the launch of the GO trains in the Region before the end of the year. Need to ensure that a good start is made on building before the 2014 elections.
	* **Greenbelt/Region’s ROP**- GREN could focus some effort on the key issues of holding the countryside line and on the ESL’s in upcoming OMB hearings on the ROP.
	* **Waterloo Region Environment Committee**- Greg noted that the Region does have an EAC but not a true environment committee. GREN members might organize to try to get one. Will check on the status of such committees in other jurisdictions.
	* **Extending GREN Participation**- Discussed the difficulties of getting participation from up and down the river, and whether GREN wants to put effort into that. GREN could review its mandate on this. John noted the importance of getting info on the water needs and wants of 6 Nations re: the pipeline issue.
4. **GREN Meetings** – Confirmed that we will have general meetings every other month when everyone can discuss their own issues and initiatives, as well as a few public events during the year with speakers. In the fall, we’ll set out the meeting schedule for the year.

Minutes by Susan Bryant