



# Meeting Minutes

**In attendance:** Jennifer Payne, Lynn Picard, Caroline Mach, Paul Charbonneau, Charles Cosgrove, Wayne White, Fred Murphy, Jane Lightle, Mike Sklad, Jeff Bathurst, Kim Heaton, Emily Quinton, Ann Nelson, Mark Whitcombe, Linda Shin, Eric Baldin (CVC), Bill Lidster (CVC), Kate Burgess (CVC – meeting lead), Terri LeRoux (CVC), Maggie Janik (CVC - minutes), Laura Rundle (CVC),

**Regrets:** Bob Shirley, Jim Tolles, Diana Morris, Kirsten Ball, Caroline Polgrabia, Jillian Van Niekerk, Alison Scheel, Sharyn Ayliffe, Kevin Barry

**Date & Time:** November 25, 2020, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – Microsoft Teams

**Re:** Island Lake Conservation Area Management Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Committee #1

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***\*Please note that links to key documents are provided at the end of the minutes\****



Agenda Item	Discussion
<p><b>Welcome</b></p>	<p>SAC expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We want you to share your opinions and experiences by participating in meetings and workshops, completing feedback forms and commenting on concepts and ideas</li> <li>- Contributing to a great project and making a difference in your community</li> <li>- The pandemic has been a strange and difficult time for many of us; please do not worry if you are unable to attend a meeting, arrive late, etc. We are happy to have you here and will work with you to accommodate your schedule.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Island Lake Conservation Area</b></p>	<p><b>Ecological Values</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First opened to the public in 1970, Island Lake was created by the construction of 2 dams</li> <li>- 329 hectares surrounded by wetlands, upland forest, plantations and meadows</li> <li>- Provincially Significant Wetland</li> <li>- Almost 700 unique species have been recorded at ILCA including 429 Plant Species (25% of which are non-native), 130 bird species and 33 fish species</li> </ul> <p><b>Cultural values</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Future northern terminus trailhead for the Credit Valley Trail (CVT) and first key site to advance to design in the CVT Indigenous Experience Plan, Key Site #1 'Turtle Site'</li> <li>- Site was originally farmland with the exception of low-lying wet areas</li> <li>- Little is known about the Indigenous occupation of the landscape</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Values</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fishing, hiking, canoe/kayaking, and social gatherings are popular activities at ILCA</li> <li>- Active partnerships with volunteers and community groups have been instrumental in the development of many onsite facilities (FOIL, Rotary Club, Lions Club)</li> </ul> <p><b>Economic Values</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Early projections are showing that ILCA has generated about \$579,000 in revenue so far in 2020</li> <li>- Employs both full-time and seasonal part-time staff members</li> </ul> <p><b>Pressures</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The success of the Management Plan will be measured by how well it protects values and responds to pressures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Reservoir storage capacity</li> <li>o Dam operations</li> <li>o Impacts of fluctuating water levels on natural heritage &amp; recreation</li> <li>o Insufficient infrastructure and amenities</li> <li>o Island Lake water quality</li> <li>o Commercial site access</li> <li>o Invasive species</li> <li>o Financial sustainability</li> <li>o Site servicing</li> <li>o Climate Change</li> <li>o Potential for overuse</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Developing a Park Management Plan</b></p>	<p>CVC's Board of Directors authorized CVC to develop a new management plan in 2015 as the 1997 plan was to expire in 2017</p> <p><b>Planning and Reporting Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Three main components to the planning process to complete a CVC conservation area management plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Situational Analysis (2018)</li> <li>o Strategic Directions – <i>we are here</i></li> <li>o Management Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Situation Analysis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Background Report* was completed in 2018 and provides a situation analysis that is still relevant today</li> <li>- Does not include recent park development, current visitation statistics, emerging pressures and CVC's Conservation Areas Master Strategy*</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic Directions: Guiding Statements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- S.W.O.T analysis and work completed by the SAC for the ILCA management plan in 2016-2017 will form the foundation for future discussions and management plan development</li> <li>- Conceptual design will be developed together with our guiding statements (vision, objectives, etc.) as each informs the other</li> </ul> <p><b>Conceptual Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WSP has been hired as the lead architect and landscape design consultant</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CVC is in the final stages of onboarding an Indigenous architecture consultant to guide designs for the Credit Valley Trail's (CVT) Indigenous Experience Plan Key Site #1 'Turtle' located at Island Lake Conservation Area</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Milestones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key milestones and timelines for delivering the ILCA management plan by end of 2021</li> </ul> <p><b>Engagement Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Notice to neighbours was sent out to around 3,000 households during week of Nov. 16 and is also posted on ILCA kiosks</li> <li>- Project updates will be shared with municipal councils</li> <li>- First project survey is up on CVC's website: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ILMPsurvey1">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ILMPsurvey1</a></li> <li>- Formal consultations planned in Spring and Fall 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Introduction Round Table</b></p>	<p>Ann Nelson, Island Lake Rowing Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values: it is a great body of water that they can use for their programs and training, trails are used as part of fitness programming</li> <li>- Pressures: water levels especially submerged tree stumps and weeds in the water tangles the coach boat</li> </ul> <p>Caroline Mach, Dufferin County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values: operation between different groups for trail access at ILCA</li> <li>- Pressures: trying to balance revenue generation, increasing pressure from the public in terms of more and more ppl using it and balancing it with protecting environmental area</li> </ul> <p>Charles Cosgrove, Town of Orangeville</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values: recreational opportunities are plentiful and could be expanded</li> <li>- Pressures: capacity, funding and parking</li> </ul> <p>Emily Quintin, Central Counties Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values: approachability of the recreational amenities (rentals, fishing)</li> <li>- Pressures: encroachment into other green spaces and capacity</li> </ul> <p>Bob Shirley, Friends of Island Lake (via voicemail)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values:</li> <li>- Pressures: overuse and capacity, a lot more visitation in recent years; ensure environmental degradation is assessed</li> </ul>

Fred Murphy, Rotary Club of Orangeville

- Values: n/a
- Pressures: overuse of the facility; getting busier, which is nice to see, but need to ensure ILCA is not overused

Jane Lightle, Friends of Island Lake (FOIL)

- Values: community resource ILCA has water access, using the trails
- Pressures: capacity, there needs to be a balance between park needs in managing nature and the number of ppl enjoying that experience

Jeff Bathurst, Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands

- Values: wonderful gathering for entertainment and cultural events
- Pressures: bringing area around the amphitheater to a higher standard (electricity, washrooms, etc.).

Jennifer Payne, Headwaters Communities in Action

- Values: enjoying Shakespeare in the park, walking the trail, education centre, recreational opportunities for seniors
- Pressures: volume/capacity, ability to access the water near the amphitheater

Kim Heaton, Town of Mono

- Values: enjoying the incredible attributes the park has to offer, funding partnership between the municipality and CVC
- Pressures: people aren't aware of the operating costs to run the park on an annual basis (if ppl were aware of that, they may want to support it more). Additional concerns include vehicle access and staff offices in trailers

Bill Lidster, CVC

- Values: community partners and commitment from local groups and volunteers, how accessible the park is by active transportation for the surrounding communities
- Pressures: carrying capacity, funding to implement the infrastructure in a timely manner

Linda Shin, Town of Mono Recreation Advisory Board

- Values: many recreational activities, amphitheatre programming, thrilled about the CVT
- Pressures: crowded trails and capacity (especially during the pandemic), parking, waste management, ensuring high quality natural habitat remains

Lynn Picard, Upper Grand District School Board

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values: location for outdoor and environmental outdoor education, all within walking distance</li> <li>- Pressures: becoming busy, off leash dogs, stranger danger, vandalism</li> </ul> <p>Mike Sklad, Fishing Friendly Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values: trails, natural playground, opportunities for youth fishing programs</li> <li>- Pressures: pollution</li> </ul> <p>Paul Charbonneau, Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee, Dufferin County and Town of Orangeville</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values: trails, staff members, accessible features such as the benches around the trails</li> <li>- Pressures: capacity, water levels</li> </ul> <p>Mark Whitcombe, Headwaters Nature &amp; Sustainable Orangeville Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values: looking forward to linking ILCA to CVT, locals using the network of trails and secondary activities associated with hiking (botany, birdwatching, fitness, photography).</li> <li>- Pressures: high usage along the lake shore particularly the south side; creation of new 'side trails' to the water; more on outreach and education focused on garbage and single use fishing</li> </ul> <p>Wayne White, Orangeville Lions Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values: avid trail user, trail signage, amphitheater, picnic shelters, natural playground</li> <li>- Pressures: capacity/over crowding - wife is visually impaired and has had to learn how to adapt to the capacity/overcrowding</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action Items and Next Steps</b></p>	<p>1) Please review SAC Terms of Reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- please review the list of organizations invited to participate in the SAC and let us know which groups are not represented</li> </ul> <p>2) Next meeting will be a workshop organized by the landscape architect firm hired to develop the renderings and concepts for the management plan (WSP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A calendar invitation for Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 7pm - 9 pm will be sent out shortly</li> </ul> <p>3) Please share information about the project with your organizations and contacts and encourage participation in our first public survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ILMPsurvey1">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ILMPsurvey1</a></p>



**Links to Key Documents:**

- 1) **ILCA SAC Portal:** <https://cvc.ca/enjoy-the-outdoors/conservation-areas/island-lake-conservation-area/island-lake-management-plan/stakeholder-advisory-committee/>
- 2) **ILCA Background Report:** [https://cvc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/rpt\\_ilcamp\\_backgroundreport\\_f\\_20200824.pdf](https://cvc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/rpt_ilcamp_backgroundreport_f_20200824.pdf)
- 3) **CVC's Conservation Areas Master Strategy:** <https://cvc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/conservation-areas-master-strat-web.pdf>
- 4) **More about the Credit Valley Trail (CVT):** <https://cvc.ca/creditvalleytrail/>