

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**GEORGINA WATERWAYS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE AGENDA**

ADDENDUM 1

Tuesday May 1st, 2018

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- (2) EMAIL – Water Soldier Barrier, Wil Wegman, Resource Management Technician

Since I presented last time we have learned that the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan funding that we used to manage at the district level will be no more. Therefore it is extremely unlikely that this district would now have funds to help pay for a water-soldier barrier across the Black River Dam in Sutton.

As presented last time during this committee ... I tried to sell the idea first and foremost as a highly visible safety barrier lying flat across the water's surface below the steel cable there now. It would be that visible warning and physical barrier for those using the river by watercraft to stay clear. It would also provide that dual purpose to collect debris which would include water soldier plants or their offshoots. As noted with the barrier that was in place during the summer and fall of 2016 ... most of the debris that was collected worked its way to the south side of the river and cleared itself remarkably well.

I have provided a couple examples below which should be relatively easy to deploy and modify in order to be continuous ... ie without gaps in between that would allow plants/offshoots to fit through.



This one is fine- without the marker



Here, the pieces just need to be closer together

With all this in mind ... and a crazy field season beginning that same first week in May – I don't think I'll be able to make it May 1st.

This year, we will be visiting the Black River from May-Nov to continue with periodic water soldier monitoring – which includes downstream to the lake. We would be willing to keep an eye on this barrier obviously for water soldier but also to remove any debris if we are safely able to from our small boat etc.

Thanks very much,

Wil Wegman

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