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Shad / Matt,

Unfortunately my travel schedule did not permit me the opportunity to attend this meeting, so I had to wait for this information to be posted to comment on it.

The temperature data presented by the MVC is not convincing as a primary cause for the dehydration of this wetland. It is unlikely that low snow melt can be a factor in August and the rainfall data is statistically consistent with prior years when the wetland was not dry. In fact the rainfall is essentially the same as 2004, 2007 and 2008. Eviro-transpiration data is actually less than in several prior years. So with as much rain falling and less evaporating, it is difficult for this data to agree with the conclusions reached by those presenting at this meeting.

Neither the Drainage study, nor the wetland mapping in the Current Conditions report identifies a branch of the creek which does not pass via the TCT, but cuts across to Walker side road. This branch of the creek is well-known by residents (there is a well-used path off of the TCT that leads to it) and is photographed in photos 30...35 found at http://www.renaud.ca/public/PooleCreek/2011-08-28Poole_Creek_Sherry_Leavitt_Photos/

The effect of this branch is that the culvert at the closed Walker Road (which was also freshly replaced prior to the wetland going dry) is considerably closer to the marsh than the 700m quoted in the Current Conditions report of Sept 24, 2011. The effect of this culvert was not considered in the Current Conditions evaluation.

The MVC's Current Conditions evaluation also fails to note that the Drainage study did not authorize the removal of the downstream beaver dams. The compound effect of dam removal and culvert replacement was not considered by a hydrologist.

The 2009 MVC's Assessment Macro Stream Assessment report describes Poole Creek as one of a handful of cold/cool water streams left in Ottawa. This Creek has significant ecological value to Ottawa! In view of this significance, the dismissive response noted in the minutes that was given to the suggestion made by a resident to install a control dam is difficult to fathom.

Despite the city's poor judgement in allowing a municipal drain to be conducted in a PSW (which the MVC should not have approved), there is no reason why a control dam cannot be factored into the implementation of the municipal drain.

In view of the flaws noted in the Current Conditions report, I request that the MVC considers the missing info before closing this file. In particular, it is evident that a proper hydrological model should be created that includes all of the missing factors. The effects of this model should be documented and disseminated for public review. I don't think that is too much to ask to try to protect one of the few cold/cool water streams left in Ottawa.

I also request that the City proceeds with the restoration of wetland function via a control dam or other suitable measures.

With Fortitude,

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Good Afternoon,

Please find attached the minutes from the Upper Poole Creek Wetlands information session on October 1, 2011. I have no further updates to give you at this time. However, please know that once I have any further information on this matter I will share it with you.

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