

Meeting for A Concern: Physical Development Needs at Camp NeeKauNis and a discussion of Ken Mavor's Emergency Plans.

Held at Camp NeeKauNis, Community Camp session July 20, 2011

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We opened with some silent worship.

We accepted the following agenda: (1) to discuss the emergency plan presented in the Spring Camp NeeKauNis minutes. (2) to collate and discuss the results of a camp-wide physical survey and to add any new thoughts.

(1) Emergency Plan

We read the tornado response plan prepared by Ken Mavor.

It was strongly resolved that we would want to be inside rather than outside to avoid at all costs wind-borne debris and falling branches and trees.

We considered McNicol, Rogers and the crawl space under Cooks'

- weather radio in director's cabin
- last storm warning was too late!
- Talk to Midland and Tay re local EMS for their response
- are we a high or low priority for them?
- we should fit with them, rather than the other way around.
- want references to other supporting documents for the final plan
- want someone to assess buildings and advise us
- need shelter at the beach
- signal for imminent tornado? long buzzer is for fire
- need a different alert (horn)
- is there a community siren in Waubaushene?

2) Building Assessments

Nelson-Hall

Good:

- good communal space; metal roof is good, snow slides off, lots of ideas for re-building this building
- heart of camp
- lots more storage for food now
- ventilation ok but ceiling fans would be great

Bad:

- refinish floor? (bad idea...why)
- need screens in craft room window
- need deck on beach side (use this space!!)
- bug accumulation everywhere

kitchen lights need shades that can be cleared of bugs
showers: floors need treatment, weather-proof light fixtures
need to be levelled so that water does not pool
foundation and structure: how sound (we have an engineering report)
getting the stairs to blanket cupboard up and down (what about a permanent access
through the workshop/ or art room. What about moving the cupboard to the main floor)

Priority: showers. People feel that esthetics need work. appearance matters

KYBOs

Good:
when clean they're pretty good
better than a port-a-john smell-wise
consider an accessible kybo (a must at the beach)
consider a portable kybo (storage tank to drain)

Bad:
one has a weak box-Burst of Flavour
Disco Can has a broken seat
Disco can is on the path to a lovely grove for camping, can we move it?

Q: is there a regulation prohibiting new outhouses? Yes but we think that we can move outhouses but can not build new ones

Meeting Centre:

Good: great floor
YFs use this space a lot and deserve some good (ie not broken or mouldy) furnishings
(Good: there is money in the Meeting house fund to repair/fix Meeting centre;
A/V needs? as Grayden)

Bad:
piano out of tune
where are the other screens for the doors
no ventilation
clerestory windows difficult to slide
mouldy stuff from Nook removed by never replaced
Need ceiling fans: check electrical

Jones:

Good:
potential for toilet; needs tile bed or connection to tile bed
opportunity for moving cabin/entrance facing main camp/ seems too isolated
could use a composting toilet

Bad:
faces the wrong direction
window facing water needs a lot of work.
remove mouldy insulation

Zavitz:

Good:

screens fixed this camp
fan is a priority here is soooo hot

Bad:

hot
bugs, mice, replace mouldy insulation,
right window needs replacement
messy, too small cannot be removed
door handle has issue needs to be tightened.

The Ws

Good:

great murals on doors- encourage artistry

Bad:

ants/ foundations need to be placed on cement blocks/sonotubes
exterior paint is critical!!

Green Oak

-lots of ideas what to do with it-flexible space (we need more of this)
-used as storage, overflow space,

Haslam

Good:

living space is common quiet space
fireplace
bug free porch
furnishings
should replace water heater with on-demand heater

Bad:

narrow back corridor
space-wasting bathroom
tank occupies a lot of space freezing in off-season
smells musty in the off-season
"bathroom is gross"
siding on porch has gaps

Boathouse:

Bad:

have a sunshade but it needs a support
boathouse needs to be larger-can pack a lot inside.
flooring needs to be redone, hard to clean, people in bare feet!!!
broken windows
need new wheel barrow? repair it for moving motor
more and bigger locks
appears deserted, creepy as you come from the water
Kybo is pretty bad
change room is full of stuff!!

General

Need a fan for every cabin/ ceiling fan

Bug tracker for NKN: web feature that allows **everyone** to know what needs to be fixed and what materials are needed, eg windows.

cabins furthest away are less likely to be used and cared for

consider where to place tents-ten below MH, many on sports field.

Limit graffiti by making a designated graffiti wall!!

Love reading lights and shelves over beds

Wrap up long cords. dangerous

people are attached to things; how to evolve and not cause hurt.

history versus need

Not enough showers now! At teen camp 2010 had 35 teens and line ups for the showers.

End

Here is a transcription of the written comments.

Rogers

Basic comfortable cabin
light switches good
great reading light under left bunk
good location, nice shade
good outside light

garden nice but needs more attention

Jordan: hot needs fans
Swan: needs wastebasket in each side
needs art on the walls
(outside stairs are great)

?portable ramps??

Cooks

fairly clean
several rooms
bathroom and shower
Bad:bathroom floor
water inconsistent
needs floor painting job
needs reading lights and lampshades
some found curtains to be ugly!

King, [nothing was mentioned, but in mtg it was raised as noisy-close to highway-but a nice cabin that doesn't offer get used. DMTL's thought: the King family frequents it and we see it as theirs and respect them and their cabin]

McNicol

accessibility is important
great layout consider copying it for new cabins
stays cool
McNicol might be a great tornado shelter
funky smell if closed up for a few days
needs a curtain between hallway and basin areas
tweak bathroom area to get more space.

Camp as a whole

good:
garden, butterfly garden
NH, beach, meeting centre
the lore
community is strong
wood stove in Nelson-Hall in off season

??fireplace??

well equipped kitchen-could use a cooks desk with office supplies

Meeting for worship every day

First Hill

graffiti as recorded history

kybos canbe good, but need maintenance

which ones should stay

repair and repaint kybos

I'd rather use a kybo that an port-a-potty

brush around N-H and Zavitz (and King and Jordan....) need to be so long?

Showers need natural light

garden is overrun with grass. if we want it to produce, we need to tend it in April-June when no one is here!!

bad:

path to beach is still treacherous

poison ivy

lions&tigers&bears&werewolved and monsters

run-down appearance

dead leaves, too much overgrowth, grass needs cutting, windows washed,

there's a lot of graffiti

zebra mussels

cost can be prohibitive

rentals? cost per person/per rental

could redo benches overlooking water, small design, same design

we can't even maintain camp, how do we improve it?

camp seems loved but neglected

disconnect between PD subcommittee and campers.