

**Minutes**  
**Winter River - Tracadie Bay Watershed Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Grand Tracadie School**  
**May 19, 2011, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

George Coade  
Cathy Corrigan  
Rod Dempsey  
John Hughes  
Allan MacCormac

Don Mazer  
Darren Riggs  
Bruce Smith  
Sarah Wheatley

**1. Welcome**

The meeting was convened with a majority of Board members present.

**2. Business**

- a) We have received word that our application for funding from the Province's Watershed Management Fund has been approved. We have also received approval for funding for one student for eight weeks of employment through the federal Summer Career Placement Program.
- b) The Association was mentioned recently in the Provincial Legislature as MLA Buck Watts recognized the improvement in the water conditions upstream of the Corran Ban Bridge and the Association's efforts in relation to the dredging that was performed.
- c) At the last meeting of the P.E.I. Watershed Alliance, it was recommended that watershed groups obtain liability insurance. We decided that we will defer action until our next Association meeting to allow time to investigate options concerning premiums.
- d) Andrew Lush has filled the vacant position on the Watershed Alliance's Board. Andrew is one of three representatives for the Central Region, in which our watershed is located.
- e) The P.E.I. Aquaculture Alliance has asked us to submit some "before and after" photographs of the areas where we helped clean up the beach. Cathy will provide a few photographs and will compile a letter to the Alliance with reference to the type of debris collected this year and a few suggestions for next year's event.

- f) The annual yard sale will go ahead this weekend (May 21, 22) as planned as will the trail hike (June 4). The trail hike is being coordinated with a tree-planting event in which Ramona Doyle, the Water Conservation Program Coordinator for the City of Charlottetown, will be taking a bus load of volunteers to plant trees in the vicinity of the Union Road pumping station and then joining the hikers for lunch at the log cabin on the Winter River.
- g) We will again organize the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup for the fall. It was suggested that people be given the option to clean up the shoreline in advance (even over the summer) and leave the debris in a designated area for later removal.
- h) George reported that the Association's finances are "healthy." All outstanding items have been paid.
- i) Considerable discussion occurred over how the Association might best be able to direct its efforts to help the City of Charlottetown reduce its water extraction rates within the watershed. To that end, several members of the Board (Cathy, Don, and Darren) will meet to prepare a strategy.
- j) Coordinator Bruce Smith reported to the Board. A summary of his report is as follows.
- Approval has been received through the Rural Jobs Initiative to fund Supervisor Chris Mutch.
  - A brush saw has been purchased.
  - 350 trees were planted this week.
  - Our application to the Province to construct a fish trap has not yet been processed due to software problems in the Department.
  - No word has yet been received on the Employment Development Agency applications.
  - Bruce mentioned three culverts (including one on the Union Road and one on the Donaldston Road) with problems in that there is insufficient water along their bottoms to allow fish passage. The solution would be to construct a rock dam immediately downstream from the culverts to raise the water level so that the bottom of the culverts would remain covered at all times.
  - We have been requested to do an assessment of a bridge on the Point Deroche Road.
  - A potential major project for the Association would be the reclamation of springs on small tributaries in the vicinity of the York and Pleasant Grove Roads. Presently, two "hung" culverts are impeding fish passage and earthwork would be required to reconstruct the stream bed and restore it to its original horizontal alignment. A plan, based on existing orthophotos, will be developed to aid in communications with landowners and government officials.

- Next week, Bruce and Cathy will meet with representatives from the Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division of the P.E.I. Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry to request that they come to the watershed to look at some of our projects/work in progress so that they can provide advice to our staff.

### **3. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.