

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

Grand Tracadie School
April 19, 2012, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.

Present:

Cathy Corrigan
Bruce Smith

John Hughes
Sarah Wheatley

1. Welcome

The meeting was convened with less than half of the Board members present.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the March 15 meeting were reviewed and some changes to be made were noted. We had discussed changing the fiscal year from January-December to April-March. Our bylaws currently state that our AGM must be held within two months of the end of the fiscal year, which as currently written makes our AGM overdue, but our proposed date of May 24 for 2012 AGM would fall within the prescribed time if our fiscal year change were adopted.

3. Co-Chair's Report (Cathy)

- a) Attended Climate Change Conference at UPEI on April 16-17. Saw presentations regarding issues like erosion of coastal properties, flood prone areas and whole life cycle analysis of costs for projects.
- b) While at conference, met Richard MacEwan who invited them to give a 15 minute presentation at the city council meeting on Thursday April 19. She responded that with an appropriate amount of notice, they would be willing to do so and asked to be put on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.
- c) Attended meetings
 - Becky, Bruce, Rob Reddin and Ramona re: educational projects
- d) Upcoming meetings
 - Ramona (April 23) re: education
 - Watershed Alliance – Bruce suggested asking about issue of the relocation of Fish and Wildlife from Agriculture and Forestry to Environment Justice and Labour
 - Watershed tour in coordination with City on April 24 (showing what communities are doing with regard to municipal water supply protection)
- e) Our articles appeared in the Guardian recently.

4. Treasurer's Report

George is away so Cathy is helping with the audit of our books.

5. Coordinator's Report (Bruce)

See attached file.

6. Watershed Survey

- 65 completed surveys.
- Winning numbers were announced on our website and Facebook page, but no winners have come forward to claim their prizes yet.
- Preliminary data analysis completed. More detailed analysis can be completed if all survey data is downloaded (cost \$25).

7. Annual General Meeting

Ideas of things to do at meeting

- present draft watershed management plan for discussion.
- invite a speaker such as Don Jardine who gave a good presentation at the climate change conference.

8. Spring Hike/Trail Day

- National Trail day is June 2. Should we have our spring hike the same day?
- Perhaps try to coordinate this event with a volunteer tree planting event like last year.

9. Yard Sale

- One resident is very interested in having a watershed yard sale again this year.
- Will go forward if this person is willing to coordinate the event and get corporate sponsors to cover the cost of flyers.
- It might be a way to increase awareness of the watershed with little cost or effort.

10. Office space

- Discussed the idea of office space at the Grand Tracadie School (\$100/month).
- It might not provide enough benefit for the cost.
- Will put idea aside for now.

11. PR position

- Duties to be included in job description: promote watershed and activities of group, newsletter, door-to-door communications campaign, research (newsletter, brochures, etc.), plan events, clearly determine which civic addresses are in our watershed, identify and support local businesses.
- Job would have flexible hours.
- Creating role is dependent on funding.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Coordinator Activities March 16-April 18

Hardy's Pond drawdown
 Removal of fishway over 10 day span
 Removal of metal plate over culvert
 Media Interviews, news releases
 Meetings with DFO
 Catching stranded fish
 Monitoring Aflecks coffer dam

Media Mary MacKay Green Living

Educational Initiative- met on site with Ramona Becky, Robbie Cathy

Final reports Eco-Action
 Watershed Management Fund

Applications
 Post secondary Skills PEI Nicole and Luke

Workshops Truro GIS
 Climate change

PENDING

WATERHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

WATERSHED MANAGEMNT FUND – FINAL REPORT

ECOACTION FINAL REPORT

APPLICATIONS if programs operational
 Skills PEI Internship
 Rural Development

Scenerios for 2012

At this stages not much is known about funding. As more details on funding become known more detailed options can be developed

Funding

City	\$32000
Watershed Management Fund	\$22,000
Wildlife Conservation Fund	\$6,000
Current total	\$60,000

Staffing

Canada Summer Jobs	Federal	1 student
YMCA/Katimavic		1 student
Jobs for Youth		2 students MLA's
Post Secondary		1 student
Current probable		5 students
CRITICAL NEED		
Employment Development Agency(Special Project) – Chainsaw operator/supervisor		

PENDING/POSSIBLE

Ecoaction – 1 staff nutrient management
 EcoAction- 1 staff marsh restoration
 Internship – 1 staff
 Rural Development – 1 staff

Scenario 1 5 students 8 weeks Wildlife Conservation Fund pays top up
 1 supervisor Chris 14 weeks(was 31 weeks last year) June, July, Aug @ \$17 Wildlife Conservation
 fund pays top up o \$14, Winter River – City pays top up \$3/h \$ 1750
 1 Coordinator Bruce 26 weeks(was 33 weeks last year) @ \$20. +emp.Exp \$24,000
 Watershed Management pays \$22000, city pays \$2000 (Br will pick up educ)

Remaining city money(\$28000) leaving about the same amount of money into next year

Publicity person ½ time of \$14/hr 6 months	\$7500
Dig out 3 silt traps	1000
Dredge Hardy's Pond	\$1500 have \$1000 for total of \$2500
Equipment	\$5000
Education(city)	\$5000
Travel	\$2000
Miscel	\$ 3000
Watershed Management/administration	\$3000
Total	\$28000