

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

Corran Ban Parish House

January 20, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Present:

Ben Hoteling
Bernie Fitzpatrick
Bruce Smith

Don Mazer
George Coade
John Hughes

Lowell Vessey
Meghan McCarthy
Sarah Wheatley

1. First hour: 7-8 pm

In camera meeting was held for the Chair to advise the board of the results of the hiring process, and that the selection committee put forward Sarah Wheatley as the successful candidate for the position of Watershed Coordinator.

a. Other Business:

- Letter to the Guardian, as drafted by Jean-Paul and Don. This started from the letter to the mayor. JP worked on the draft, and it has been edited by Don, based on comments from the board.
- Committee met with the city, and there is a letter pending from the city. We are also waiting for a response from the Province. We want to get a letter from where the city is, and where the Province stands. George would like to have replies from each before we take it any further. That will be a board decision.
- There was a report done by the Canadian Rivers Institute – the report was interpreted incorrectly in terms of the hydrology, and the 35% withdrawal rate. This will hopefully be addressed in the new water act.
- In terms of timing, we will wait for responses from the city & province.

2. Second hour: 8-9 pm

Sarah and Bruce joined the meeting:

a. Water monitoring program:

- Sarah presented a PowerPoint slideshow of the quality & quantity, locations of the springs, nitrate readings.

b. Other business:

- Don discussed the Coalition for the Protection of PEI water. They'll be meeting with the Minister of Environment sometime in the next several weeks. Context for thinking about how long the Water Act will take, good chance to consider what we would like to see in a Water Act.
- On a slightly related issue, there is now a group on PEI joining the campaign to establish the right to a healthy environment. David Suzuki Foundation & EcoJustice have cosponsored the BlueDot tour to work locally within municipalities to declare and establish an eventual legal right. On Feb 19 there will be a presentation at the AGM of ECOPEI. Don suggested bluedot.ca and [ecojustice's](http://ecojustice.org) website.
- February snowshoe hike: proposed for Feb 21 at 10am.
- Shoreline info session scheduled for Feb 18. John & George are interested in attending.
- Bruce will go through his report at the next meeting.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 24, 7 pm at Corran Ban Parish House.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

5. Approval of Minutes

Signature – George Coade, Chair of WRTBWA

Original copy signed and filed

Date

Signature – Meghan McCarthy, Acting Secretary of
WRTBWA

Date