

Minutes
Pre-Organizing Committee for a Winter River/Tracadie Bay
Environmental Management Association

Corrigan Cottage on Tracadie Bay
September 25, 2008, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Present:

Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey

John Hughes
Don Mazer

1. Purpose

Those present met for the purpose of establishing an Organizing Committee to advance the formation of a Winter River/Tracadie Bay Environmental Management Association.

2. Points of Discussion

1. The meeting began with discussion concerning the absence of representation from the Winter River Environmental Committee (WREC) as it had been hoped that several members would be present to collaborate in the development of a new watershed group. Although there was no response from the WREC to the invitation to attend this meeting, it was decided to continue to encourage their involvement by providing them with minutes of this meeting and inviting them to attend the next meeting.
2. It will be necessary to form an Organizing Committee to prepare for a public meeting at which an Interim Executive will be established. The Interim Executive will be responsible for completing tasks necessary to establish a new organization whose jurisdiction will include the Winter River and Tracadie Bay watersheds.
3. Tentatively, the public meeting will be held in October, although it will be up to the Organizing Committee to determine the exact scheduling.
4. The Organizing Committee should include between six and eight people from across the Winter River/Tracadie Bay watersheds.
5. At the public meeting, it will be important to acknowledge the history and contributions made to the management of the watershed by the WREC. It will also be important to address the expansion of the new organization's jurisdiction to include Tracadie Bay.
6. A representative from the Department of the Environment will be invited to the public meeting to talk about the provincial direction concerning watersheds and to specifically address plans and support for organized activity in the Winter River/Tracadie Bay watersheds. The representative should also be prepared to field any controversial questions concerning their relationship with the WREC.

3. Follow-up on Previous Actions

1. Subsequent to the August 28th meeting at Grand Tracadie School, Rod, John, and Don were to meet with representatives from the WREC to share the information discussed at that meeting. Attempts to communicate with the Chair of the WREC (two phone messages left with spouse, one email sent, and one letter with attached documents left in mailbox) and to solicit participation at tonight's meeting were unsuccessful. Additionally, a phone message was left with the spouse of another WREC member, but that phone message was not returned.

4. New Actions

1. John will contact Wayne Corrigan (of TARRP) to invite him to sit, as an individual, on the Organizing Committee. John will also ask Wayne to invite one additional individual.
2. Rod will contact Allan MacCormac (from the August 28th Grand Tracadie School meeting) and invite him to sit on the Organizing Committee.
3. Rod will also send an email to the other people who attended the meeting at Grand Tracadie School on August 28 to inquire as to who is a permanent resident and would be interested in sitting on the Organizing Committee. (Whereas the work of the Organizing Committee will be occurring throughout the fall and winter, it will be necessary for Committee members to be available for meetings.)
4. Don will draft an agenda for the next meeting.
5. Rod will provide the Chair of the WREC with a copy of these minutes and invite him, or another representative of the WREC, to join the Organizing Committee.
6. John will see if the Grand Tracadie School is available for our next meeting.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 2, tentatively at the Grand Tracadie School.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.