

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

Grand Tracadie School
January 7, 2009, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Ben Bain	Allan MacCormac
Cathy Corrigan	Don Mazer
Rod Dempsey	Luke Peters
John Hughes	Dale Thompson

1. Welcome

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

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the December 10 meeting of the Board of Directors were reviewed. It was moved by John and seconded by Luke to approve the minutes - motion carried.

3. Business

- a) The Eastern Watershed Alliance will be holding a meeting in Montague at 7 p.m. on January 12. Approximately 10 watershed groups will be in attendance.

ACTION: Cathy and Allan will attend on behalf of our Association.

- b) The Province's funding deadline for the Watershed Management Fund has been extended to February 27. Dale indicated that a new application form is being developed and should be available in a week or so.

Dale also indicated several other sources of funding including three programs managed by the Province's Employment Development Agency: Special Projects Program, Jobs for Youth Program, and the Post-Secondary Student Program.

Additionally, the Government of Canada offers a Canada Summer Jobs program that is used by some watershed groups.

- c) Dale recommended hiring a watershed coordinator. Although having a coordinator would be a major expense (\$16 - \$18 per hour), the coordinator could supervise summer staff and begin the process of developing a watershed management plan. It would be best to spend the summer doing stream enhancement work/tree planting and start watershed management planning in the fall.

Small trees can be obtained through the Province's Greening Spaces Program.

ACTION: Dale will send us a copy of a permission letter requesting access from land owners.

- d) Other information and suggestions provided by Dale are listed below.
- Dale suggested hiring someone early to help identify projects and handle the preparatory work.
 - Dale can issue general stream enhancement permits and approve the placement of brush mats.
 - A watercourse buffer zone alteration permit is required before placing structures in a stream.
 - Todd Dupuis and Daryl Guignon are both knowledgeable about placing digger logs in streams.
 - The removal of stream obstructions is best done after June.
- e) The meeting with TARRP did not occur last night. We will request that it be held on January 14 and that the Board of Directors of TARRP issues a letter requesting the meeting.
- f) For the time being, minutes of our Board of Director's meetings will continue to be distributed via email.
- g) Bruce Smith has provided us with some ideas (via email) as to what should be included in a stream survey. Also, it will be necessary to contact the City of Charlottetown to confirm their support for the survey.
- h) Rod will contact Brian Thompson (P.E.I. Department of Transportation and Public Works) regarding a briefing on the situation at the Corran Ban Bridge. Ideally, Brian would be able to come to our Board meeting. If not, those of us who are available could meet him at the Department.

ACTION: Rod will contact Brian Thompson.

- i) Some ideas for upcoming activities were discussed including the following.
- Fund raising
 - Summer activity day
 - Distribution of the stream survey
- j) The "slash" in our name will be replaced by a "hyphen" so that the name will read Winter River – Tracadie Bay Watershed Association.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Tracadie School on Wednesday, January 14. Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.