

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

**Grand Tracadie School**  
**January 21, 2009, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Cathy Corrigan  
Peter Curley  
Rod Dempsey  
John Hughes

Scott Lewis  
Allan MacCormac  
Don Mazer  
Luke Peters

**1. Welcome**

Scott Lewis was welcomed to the meeting as a Board member. Peter Curley was welcomed as an Association member. 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 approved.

**3. Business**

- a) Cathy and Allan attended the Eastern Watershed Alliance meeting in Montague on January 12. The purpose of the Alliance is to provide an organized voice for watershed groups on PEI when approaching government with issues and concerns. Rollie MacKinnon, Sarah Jane Bell and Fred Cheverie were selected as representatives for the Eastern/Central PEI Watershed.
- b) The Provincial Government's "PEI Land On-Line" resource should be useful for us as we plan our activities for 2009. The contact is Mary Lynn MacCourt.
- c) It was moved by John and seconded by Don that Board members be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$0.25 per kilometer when it is necessary for them to travel to conduct Association business - motion carried.
- d) It would be a good idea to invite local politicians to a Board meeting once our planning process has progressed a bit further.
- e) One of our current tasks is to obtain a coordinator to work on behalf of the Association. Some of the other watershed groups or coordinators (Jennifer Roma, Rob Sharkie) may have information we could use - such as job descriptions or names of potential coordinators. Our coordinator would likely focus mainly on a watershed management plan rather than a stream survey.

- f) Federal funds are available for work in marine environments to compensate for habitat loss. It is preferred that compensation take the form of creating or increasing the productive capacity of “like for like” habitat in the same area although other options are available.
- g) Discussion occurred regarding some of the funding programs that are available to us (e.g., the Watershed Management Fund, the Jobs for Youth Program, the Post-Secondary Student Program, and the Special Projects Program).
- h) We will require the services of a lawyer to assist us in our application for incorporation as a non-profit company.

ACTION: Rod will make an inquiry into obtaining the services of a lawyer.

- i) We must proceed in our planning to have a stream survey conducted this spring.

ACTION: John will contact Bruce Smith for thoughts and guidance.

ACTION: Rod will contact Craig Walker at the City of Charlottetown.

- j) It is our intent to apply for funding for a coordinator and some staff. This will have to be done before the end of February. Unfortunately, the stream survey will not occur until the spring so we will not be able to be too specific in our February applications with regard to some of the physical work required in the watershed.
- k) One nice project for the spring/summer would be to plant trees in the buffer zone.
- l) Cathy, Don, and Rod reported on a productive meeting they had with TARRP on January 14. It was recognized that our interests and those of TARRP would be best served by establishing some form of working relationship that would not compromise either group’s potential to obtain funding and would allow both groups to maintain their focus on the health of the watershed.

Discussion will continue at our next meeting in preparation for a second meeting with TARRP to discuss our relationship – this will be prior to having a joint meeting with officials at the Department of the Environment.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Tracadie School on Wednesday, January 28. Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.