

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

Residence of John Hughes
June 24, 2009, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.

Present:

Jackie Bourgeois
Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey
John Hughes

Allan MacCormac
Don Mazer
Luke Peters

1. Welcome

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

2. Business

- a) Discussion occurred regarding our having received approval for two positions funded through the Province's Jobs for Youth program. There was some confusion as whether we would be able to have eligible candidates participate in a competitive selection process or whether we would be given the names of people to hire.

ACTION: Cathy will contact the Jobs for Youth Coordinator for clarification.

ACTION: As a preparatory measure, Jackie will make a shortlist of eligible candidates from the resumes we have received.

b) Short Term Goals

- We will be sponsoring a nitrate clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 25 at the Corran Ban Hall. Some extra activities should be developed for delivery at the clinic.

ACTION: Cathy will invite the Tracadie Area Residents for Resource Protection (TARRP) to participate in the clinic.

- Jackie is working on a newsletter. It should include a request for people to renew their memberships. TARRP may be interested in including some information in the newsletter and/or distributing the newsletter in the eastern portion of the watershed.
- Discussion occurred on ways to involve members and the public in hands-on activities such as constructing brush mats, alder removal, removing obstructions, garbage clean-up, and construction of bat and bird houses. Hosting a watershed cleanup as part of the "Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup" should be an appropriate activity for the early fall.

- Simple monitoring in the watershed may be a way to involve people in the watershed.
- c) Although no immediate activities are planned for the government property at Hardy Dam, it was recognized that it is a central location that would lend itself well to future watershed activities involving members and the public.
ACTION: John will make an inquiry with the Province as to the status of the property.
- d) The data from the recorder wells in the Winter River sub watershed was discussed as a means of determining long-term water table drawdown trends.
ACTION: Jackie will contact George Somers (Manager of the Drinking Water Management Section, Department of the Environment) at the Province.
- e) Some watershed activity for youth should be planned for delivery this fall or in the spring of next year.
ACTION: Luke will do some thinking on this.
- f) Discussion occurred on the riparian health assessments offered by the P.E.I. Soil and Crop Improvement Association.
ACTION: Jackie will follow up.
- g) We were pleased with the river survey work completed by Brian Gauthier and Devin Parkman. The report, photographs, and other files should be passed on to Craig Walker at the City of Charlottetown and it would be an appropriate time to discuss the continuing development of our relationship with the City.
ACTION: Rod will meet with Craig Walker.
- h) No response has been received from the letter we sent to the P.E.I. Department of Transportation and Public Works this spring regarding the washout on the Suffolk Road.
ACTION: Jackie will follow up with the Department.
- i) There was some discussion on our insurance requirements for the two students working in river this summer.
ACTION: Cathy will ask Provincial Watershed Coordinator Candy MacDonald about our insurance coverage.
- j) A meeting between the Watershed Alliance and the Province will be held on June 27 regarding funding models.
ACTION: Don and Jackie will attend on our behalf.
- k) It will be necessary to develop a work plan for the two summer students. Elements of the plan will include equipment, what can be done, necessary technical assistance, necessary permits and landowner permission.
- l) A room in Grand Tracadie School may be available as an office for Jackie.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2 (location to be determined). Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.