

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

Residence of Cathy Corrigan
January 28, 2010, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Present:

Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey
John Hughes
Allan MacCormac

Candy MacDonald (Prov. Watershed Coordinator)
Don Mazer
Luke Peters

1. Welcome

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

2. New Business

- a) Our November 1, 2009 funding application to Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program requires letters of support from
- the Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association (for in-kind contributions),
 - the P.E.I. Watershed Management Fund, and
 - the City of Charlottetown.

ACTION: Candy will provide a letter of support on behalf of the P.E.I. Watershed Management Fund.

- b) On January 13, Don, John, and Cathy met with the City of Charlottetown's Water and Sewer Utility and Environment Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Committee of the work being done by our Association and to initiate the process of developing an ongoing relationship with the City of Charlottetown. At the meeting, a budget of the cost of continuing the stream enhancement work that was begun in 2009 was submitted. It seemed that the information presented by Don, John, and Cathy was well received by the Committee and it was planned that the Association would be invited to meet with City Council (likely sometime in February).

Lastly, we requested that the Association be added to the City's Sustainability Plan Stakeholders list.

- c) On January 21, John and Don met with Brian Thompson and Shelley Cole-Arbing (P.E.I. Dept. of Transportation & Public Works) to discuss the possibilities for restoration work that will occur in 2010 as an offset to the dredging project at the Corran Ban Bridge. This work could include stream clearing, tree planting, culvert repair, installation of silt traps, the donation large rocks, labour, and/or support funds for a supervisor. We need to submit an itemized request for what we want and where the work will be done. Any work performed with the involvement of the Dept.

of Trans. & P.W. could potentially be used as an in-kind contribution on other funding applications.

The First Nations community will be involved in some way but this has yet to be worked out. Brian and Shelley will be meeting with them (contacts: Randy Angus and Roger Sark) and then a joint meeting will be held with us.

ACTION: John will check with Brian Thompson to when we should submit a budget.

- d) The P.E.I. Watershed Alliance is intending to develop an Island-wide watershed strategy using the services of HRA, an Atlantic Canada consulting firm.
- e) Discussion occurred regarding available funding sources for this year's activities. Among the possibilities are the Watershed Management Fund (including the Jobs for Youth, Post-Secondary Student, and Greening Spaces Programs), the Environmental Futures Fund, the Shell Environmental Fund, the Wildlife Conservation Fund, the City of Charlottetown, and offset funding through the P.E.I. Department of Transportation and Public Works.
 - ACTION: Cathy and Allan will prepare an application to the Watershed Management Fund.
 - ACTION: Don will prepare an application to the Environmental Futures Fund.
 - ACTION: Rod will prepare an application to the Shell Environmental Fund (to support a public education project).
 - ACTION: John and Don will prepare an application to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.
- f) It would be nice for the Association to deliver some outdoor events this winter (such as snowshoeing).
 - ACTION: Cathy will work on this.
- g) Discussion occurred on obtaining a coordinator and crew supervisor for 2010. Ideally, we would have a part-time coordinator available to work on a year round basis. This year, it will be nice to have a coordinator in place in May, not June.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25 at Cathy Corrigan's home. Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.