

**Minutes**  
**Organizing Committee for a**  
**Winter River/Tracadie Bay Watershed Association**

**Grand Tracadie School**  
**October 2, 2008, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Cathy Corrigan  
Wayne Corrigan  
Rod Dempsey

John Hughes  
Allan MacCormac  
Don Mazer

1. Welcome

Wayne Corrigan and Allan MacCormac were welcomed as new members of the Committee.

2. Points of Discussion

1. The minutes of the September 25/08 meeting were reviewed.
2. Heather Taweel, wife of Winter River Environmental Committee Chair Mark Ashley, contacted Rod to indicate her unavailability to attend tonight's meeting (due to ongoing harvesting activities in their commercial apple orchard) but asked to continue receiving minutes of the meetings.
3. Ideas were discussed regarding the value/role/work of a new watershed group. It was recognized that the development of a watershed management plan would be an important task.
4. It was decided that the tentative name for the new watershed organization will be the Winter River/Tracadie Bay Watershed Association.
5. It will be critical that the new organization foster a significant level of community involvement and broad community representation.
6. Other established watershed groups can serve as a general model for the new organization.
7. People should be able to be involved in actions based in their specific geographic area of the watershed.
8. With regard to the upcoming public meeting:
  - a. What is the technical sequence that must be followed to create a new organization?
  - b. The purpose of the meeting must be very clear.
  - c. Daryl Guignon may be asked to spend twenty minutes at the meeting providing an overview of issues and appropriate actions in the Winter River/Tracadie Bay watershed.

- d. Fred Cheverie (Souris & Area Branch of the P.E.I. Wildlife Federation) may also be an appropriate speaker for the public meeting.
- e. We should have handouts to distribute to people.

3. Follow-up on Previous Actions

- 1. All actions assigned at the September 25/08 meeting had been completed. With the exception of Allan MacCormac, there was no response to the emails sent to the people who had attended the August 28 meeting at Grand Tracadie School.

4. New Actions

- 1. Rod will contact the Department of the Environment to
  - a. request guidance on the best procedure to follow in creating a new organization,
  - b. obtain watershed information that may be displayed at a public meeting,
  - c. obtain some form of geographical representation that delineates the boundaries of the Winter River/Tracadie Bay watershed,
  - d. determine the extent of resources they can provide to us, and
  - e. inquire as to whether there is someone who could assist us at our next meeting.
- 2. Wayne will contact the appropriate provincial government department to inquire as to the process to follow to incorporate an organization.
- 3. John will see if the Grand Tracadie School is available for our next meeting.
- 4. Each of us in attendance tonight is to think of ways to promote the upcoming public meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 15, at the Grand Tracadie School.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.