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

**Brackley Commons October 27, 2010, 7:00 – 9:45 p.m.** 

Present:

George Coade Cathy Corrigan John Dalziel Rod Dempsey John Hughes Don Mazer Bruce Smith Lowell Vessey

#### 1. Welcome

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

#### 2. Business

- a) George reported that the Association's finances are in good shape. In particular, the financial support from the City of Charlottetown has been of great benefit to us. To date, expenses have been less than revenues and some funding is still to be received. This allows for the possibility for hiring someone on a short-term basis to assist Bruce in preparing for the development of a watershed management plan.
  - It may be appropriate to have the person focus on developing a tree planting plan in the riparian zone of some of the City of Charlottetown's properties located in the watershed and/or establish personal communications with some of the key landowners in the watershed. George and Bruce will prepare a job description for the position.
- b) Coordinator Bruce Smith reported to the Board. A summary of his report, in point form, is provided below.
  - Bruce and Lowell are planning a meeting specifically for farmers. It will be held
    in late November and will be an opportunity to share information, voice concerns,
    and establish relationships. Someone representing the Environmental Farm Plan
    program and the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) programs will be invited
    to attend.
  - Bruce and Cathy attended a riparian zone conference.
  - Bruce attended an urban forestry conference.
  - Bruce, Cathy and John Hughes have met with the Laura MacPherson and Ramona Doyle of the City of Charlottetown regarding the City's future water conservation efforts and the involvement of our Association.

- Bruce attended a meeting of the Wright's Creek Watershed Improvement Group regarding siltation problems.
- On November 27, Bruce will be participating as a panel member for a PEI Watershed Alliance event on watershed permitting.
- Some discussion occurred on the province's plan to consolidate watershed groups.
   There does not appear to be much support for the concept.
- d) We will hold an internal planning meeting on Friday, November 12 at John Dalziel's house. Among the agenda items will be the planning for a public information event to be held on November 25 at which time the Association's summer work activities will be presented. Also, goals and objectives for the Association will be developed.
- e) The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup event was held as planned.
- f) It is necessary to prepare a summary of the summer work activities in the watershed to present to our various funding agencies. It would also be appropriate to develop a PowerPoint presentation with the same content. And, if time permitted, it would be nice to have a fall newsletter to distribute.

## 3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 25, at a location to be determined. Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

### 4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.