

Winter River – Tracadie Bay Watershed Association (WRTBWA)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the WRTBWA

Held on October 27, 2021, 7:17 pm by Zoom

Present: Clare Martin, John Hughes, Sarah Wheatley, Patrick Lévêque, Jean-Paul Arsenault, Dwayne McNeill, Jay Carr, Jeff Bysterveldt

Absent: Lowell Vessey, Hilary Shea, Matt Steeves, George Coade

1. Minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting

Draft minutes were reviewed with no changes.

Moved by Jay, seconded by Jeff that the minutes be adopted as written. All in favour. Motion carried.

There were no questions arising from the minutes.

2. Chairperson's Report – Clare Martin

- Clare attended a bay enhancement meeting put on by the Rural Municipality of North Shore. The focus of the meeting was to review the results of Dr. Sarah Stewart-Clark's 2021 field work in the Covehead-Brackley watershed. Dr. Stewart-Clark will conduct similar field work in Tracadie Bay in 2022. Her primary interest is in identifying remediation measures.
- The Water Committee (WRTBWA, Province and City) usually meets in November. It was agreed that Board members on the Water Committee would meet as a group prior to the meeting with the Province and the City.

3. Treasurer's Report – Sarah (in Lowell's absence)

	<i>Chequing account</i>	<i>Savings Account</i>	
Opening Balance: Sept. 1, 2021	\$90,201.68	\$71,125.92	
Less o/s cheques	\$1,346.10		
Plus deposits	\$7,203.25	\$5.85	(Interest)
Plus o/s cheques	\$5,556.83		
Less expenses	<u>\$21,993.43</u>		
Closing balance: Sept. 30, 2021	\$79,622.23	\$71,131.77	

- The reserve fund policy is not yet ready to present to the Board for final approval
- There were no questions arising from the Treasurer's report

Moved by Patrick, seconded by John that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

4. Field Committee Report

The Committee met to work on a fee-for-service policy. A draft will be presented to the next Board meeting.

5. Coordinator's Report (sent in advance)

- The Province's Watershed Report Cards were released recently. Only two watersheds scored worse than the Winter River.
- The goldfish cull is not completed. Fish are still being found between the Hardy Mill pond dam and the York Road. Thus far, no goldfish have been found in the ponds. The WRTBWA is working with Rosie MacFarlane, Provincial Fish Biologist; additional electro-fishing may be done later in the fall.
- In response to a question about the Dougan Road fishkill in the summer of 2021, Sarah reported that enforcement action may still be taken by the Province but their investigation is not complete.

6. Review of the Scorecard

- Goals achieved since the last report: waste collected, and kilometres of river enhanced
- Other targets are on track

7. Insurance – Commercial Liability and Directors' and Officers' Insurance

- The WRTBWA was advised of a 45% increase in premium by our current provider, Cooke Insurance. This would raise the annual premium from \$1,100 to \$1,600. The renewal date is November 24, 2021.
- Sarah reported that she requested quotes from several providers but, to date, has received only one for \$3,200. Also, she has approached other watershed groups, asking for information on rates and providers.

- Sarah was asked to obtain at least one other quote before the Board’s next scheduled meeting at which time the Board will make a final decision.

8. Next Meeting

- The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, at 7:00 pm by Zoom, unless CPHO guidelines permit an in-person meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Signature – Clare Martin, Chair of WRTBWA	Date
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Signature – Jean-Paul Arseneault, Secretary of WRTBWA	Date
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