

# Winter River – Tracadie Bay Watershed Association (WRTBWA)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the WRTBWA  
Held at the office on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 7:00 pm

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**Present:** Dwayne McNeill, Sarah Wheatley, Lowell Vessey, Matt Steeves, Carol Murphy, Philip Murphy (via Zoom) - Shauna Barry and Clare Martin  
**Absent:** Jeff Bysterveldt, Jean-Paul Arsenaault

## 1. Minutes of the August 2022 meeting

Draft minutes were reviewed. No changes were made.

**Moved by Lowell, seconded by Philip that the minutes be adopted as read. All in favour. Motion carried.**

## 2. Chairperson's Report – Dwayne McNeill

- Sarah is taking on a new opportunity, resumes were reviewed and determining who would be a worthy candidate for the position.

## 3. Treasurer's Report – Lowell Vessey

	<i>Chequing account</i>	<i>Savings Account</i>	
Opening Balance: August 1, 2022	\$171,620.45	\$71,176.99	
Less o/s cheques	\$3,321.70		
Plus deposits	\$32,261.63	\$18.14	(Interest)
Plus o/s cheques	\$2,850.01		
Less expenses	<u>\$34,916.15</u>		
Closing balance: August 31, 2022	\$168,494.24	\$71,195.13	

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

## 4. Field Committee

There was nothing to report.

## 5. Office Committee

There was nothing to report

## 6. HR Committee

- Clare, Shauna and Matt meet with Lydney and Raena on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to discuss the terminations of some summer staff. Orientation was seen as well received and there was clear communication on masks.

Decision points were determined.

- On rainy days, do other work that doesn't require to be outside
- If car pooling, wear masks
- If travelling in separate cars, each person can claim mileage – so budgetary considerations in summer
- Plan for each staff person to use their own car instead of carpooling for the fall (when there is a smaller staff)

## 7. Bylaw Review

- Clare led the discussion on Bylaw review. Each Bylaw was reviewed and discussed. Next step would be to hold a Special Meeting to ratify bylaw changes. Must notify the Community of Interest of the changes to the Bylaws and of the Special Meeting. The Special Meeting will be planned for November 23, to allow the Community of Interest to vote on the Bylaw changes. Our regular monthly board meeting will take place afterwards. Clare to look at booking the Tracadie Community Centre for this night.

**Moved by Clare to accept the changes, seconded by Lowell that the Bylaw changes be approved as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.**

**8. Coordinator’s Report (sent in advance)**

- Sarah noted that the culvert for MacAulays’s Creek has not arrived yet. Too late to install for this year.
- Sarah reported EcoAction 2022-25 was approved for \$90,000 over 3 years, with \$10,000 this year. Forest enhancement in City wellfield properties. Contract negotiations underway.
- Sarah mentioned that our landlord is trying to get an estimate from the contractor on when office renovation work will happen.
- In the Field, microplastic sampling project has finished, with big help from Dave and Dwayne’s boat.
- Tree planting event with LM Montgomery students was rescheduled to next week.

**9. Review of the Scorecard (2022-2023)**

- Tree planting is at 3100 of the goal of 3,500.
- Brush mats built 6, plus updated 2.
- Waste collection goal was reached, and are now at 790 kg

**10. Other Business**

- Philip working on a script for a notice board, talking about the watershed, with some images. Will review for October meeting
- Lowell brought up from a previous meeting that Philip commented about fish in a pool and the ease of catching them seems unfair.
- Fishing season extended end of Sept.

**11. Next Meeting**

- October 19 at 7:00
- November 23rd at 6:30 pm – Special Meeting, then regular monthly meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Signature – Dwayne McNeill, Chair of WRTBWA	Date
Signature – Jean-Paul Arsenault, Secretary of WRTBWA	Date