

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

Corrigan House, Pleasant Grove
April 29, 2010, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Present:

George Coade
Cathy Corrigan
John Dalziel
Rod Dempsey

John Hughes
Bruce Smith
Lowell Vessey

1. Welcome

The meeting was convened with a majority of Board members present. New members George Coade, John Dalziel, and Lowell Vessey, and new Coordinator Bruce Smith were welcomed to the Board.

2. Business

- a) Up to 800 trees of mixed variety will be planted in the watershed this summer as part of the Greening Spaces Program being delivered by the PEI Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry. Permission has already been granted from one landowner in the watershed to plant trees on that property.

ACTION: Bruce will contact provincial Watershed Coordinator Candy MacDonald for details on the program.

- b) Work is progressing on compensation details relating to the dredging project that was completed at the Corran Ban Bridge. It appears that the compensation will involve services that will be provided by the Abegweit Band in Scotchfort.

ACTION: Bruce and John Hughes will meet with the Abegweit Band on May 3.

- c) Cathy shared some information regarding the Riparian Health Assessments that are being conducted through the PEI Soil and Crop Improvement Association and it was agreed that it would be beneficial for an assessment to be conducted in the watershed.

ACTION: Cathy will contact the Association for more details.

- d) Most of the stream enhancement work completed last year occurred between the Union Road and Hardy Dam. No landowners have been contacted since that work was completed - landowners will have to be contacted in advance of work that will be completed this year.

- e) We may consider using our newsletter (or other community newsletters) to ask landowners if they have property along the river that would benefit from tree planting.
- f) We have received informal notice that the City of Charlottetown has approved our request for funds to continue stream enhancement activities on the upper part of the Winter River in 2010. Cathy will contact the City to request formal notification.

ACTION: Cathy will draft a letter to Craig Walker (City of Charlottetown) requesting formal notification of funding for 2010.

- g) To date, funding and/or support has been confirmed from the Greening Spaces Program and the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund. Confirmation of funding support from the City of Charlottetown is pending.
- h) Donna Kaizer is organizing a watershed- wide yard sale from May 22 to 24. The purpose of the event is to raise public awareness of the watershed and of our Association.
- i) June 5 has been set as the date for a trail walk in the watershed.
ACTION: John Hughes will do some development work on this event.
- j) John Dalziel is a member of the Brackley Community Council and will use his position in our Association to inform the Council of our activities and vice-versa.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the Brackley Commons (located at the junction of the Brackley Pt. and Union Roads). Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.