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Steering Committee Meeting # 3

Location: Room 220, Pavillon P. A. Landry, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB
Date: Friday, November 25, 2005
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

The Attending SC Members:

Denise English, First Nation of Gespeg	John Legault, DFO
Harry Collins, MREAC	David Boyce, SEA
Justin Huston, Nova Scotia gov'n't	Gilles Bourque, Admin. Asst
Allister Marshall, Po'tlo'tek Fish and Wildlife Assoc	Peter Dysart, gddpc
Lucia Fanning , EnviroCanada	Nadine Gauvin, Coalition Coordinator
André Drapeau, Masters Student	Jean Goguen, Kent Planning Commission
Alice Power, Friends of the Pugwash Estuary	

Guests\ invites

Marc-André Ploudre, Les amis de la Kouchibouguacis
Julie Turcotte, Masters student
Natalie LeBlanc-Poirier, Coalition de bassins versants de Kent
Caroline Caissie, Southeast Anglers Assoc.
Patrick Emont, groupe de bassins versant de la région de Cap Pèle

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at. 10:05. Allister delivered the opening prayer.

2. **Approval of agenda**

Approval of agenda was moved by D.Boyce and seconded by Peter Dysart. Introductions of meeting participants were made around the table. H. Collins also introduced Gilles Bourque as the Coalition's new Administrative Assistant.

3. **Approval of previous minutes (September 17, 2005)**

The minutes of last meeting were distributed. Approval of minutes, as amended, was moved by John Legault and seconded by Denise English.

4. **Matters arising from minutes**

Nadine covered the action items from the Sept 17 minutes. Matters arising consisted of the following:

- Financial review formatting discussion was moved to agenda item no.5 below
- Shell Canada approved the re-distribution of leftover funds to project participants of the Coastal Erosion Monitoring and Education project.
- Justin moved that the Steering Committee profiles be highlighted in the next Coalition newsletter, seconded by Allister, motion carried.

5. **Financial Report**

D. Boyce presented the Coalition financial report (as of October 31st, 2005). As per the reformatting of the financial review, David explained that items highlighted in the updated budget are not confirmed items but have been incorporated in the work plan as anticipated items.

Two items arose on the budget: the NSERC or Kendell Foundation amount in the Revenues did not correspond with the Sustainability Indicators Phase II amount in the Expenses; and the calendar amount of



5,000 – under Expenses needs to be reallocated. David moved to adopt the Financial Review as amended and Justin seconded the motion.

Action Item 01 – Items on the budget to be amended as stated above.

6. Working Group updates

AGM 2006 WG - H. Collins distributed posters of the new AGM related workshop "Finding the Power to Prosper" and provided an update of the agenda, planning, conference speakers and registration costs. John suggested to film the conference presenters for the proceedings in order to share with others not able to attend the event so as to gather more feedback from Coalition members on this very important issue. John agreed to help with the technology aspect of this venture. It was also suggested to ask the Multi-media class of NBCC-Miramichi first to film the event as a school project.

Justin suggested to request funding\ sponsorship from Provincial 'Energy' Ministers.

Action Item 02 – Energy Workshop planning cttee to incorporate suggestions above with filming the event and to procure funding.

Coastal Erosion WG – Nadine was advised from the Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Program (CCIAP) that the research proposal did not get approval. The WG met via conference call on Oct.13 to discuss the outcome of the CCIAP decision and it was decided to still proceed with collecting basic coastal erosion data. Justin informed that the NPA is funding NS with \$8000 to gather coastal erosion info and will be offering this contract to the WG.

Communications and Education WG – The group had not met, however they did manage to begin working on the next issue of the Messenger and with updating the Coalition brochure to better reflect present day Coalition activities.

Funding\ Development WG – No report available

Science, Research & Habitat WG – a proposal was submitted to EcoAction on "Sustainability Indicators". Justin suggested that indicators projects are priority to funders. Lucia encouraged we focus on comparability and info sharing with this project. It was proposed to further discuss this project during tomorrow's strategic planning session.

Action Item 03 – Include the issue of 'Sustainability Indicators' as a topic of discussion during the Strategic Planning Session.

Technical Advisory WG – A letter of intent entitled, 'Online Mapping Tool for ENGOs' for funding was submitted to GeoConnections under the Applications for Communities of Practice call. Awaiting a response.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge WG – a meeting was held following the last SC meeting to make preliminary plans for organizing a TEK workshop. Allister informed of a potential source of funding for a TEK workshop through Marie-Ève Néron of INAC in Ottawa. Denise also mentioned learning of available monies for species-at-risk in the Gulf. The WG will be meeting again today, following the present SC meeting.

(Break)

7. Strategic Planning Session - A strategic planning session will be held tomorrow, Saturday, November 26 beginning at 9am at the Zen Gardens restaurant on 179 Mountain Road. The session will involve planning Coalition activities for the upcoming 2006-2007 fiscal year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

8. Scholarship Committee update – The committee is working on revising the criteria of the scholarship and have planned to move ahead the application deadline to better coincide with research sampling seasons. It was suggested to circulate the new application forms to SC members as soon as it is completed.

Action Item 04 – To distribute the revised scholarship applications to the SC members.



9. Coordinator's Report – Nadine highlighted her involvement of the new mega project on Social Economy with subnode 4, 'Mobilization of Natural Resources and Livelihoods' (leader- Omer Chouinard). In an effort to learn more on this project, it was suggested to invite the overall project leader Dr.Leslie Brown and/ or Omer Chouinard to present on Social Economy at a future SC meeting.

Action Item 05 – To invite either or both above individuals to present on Social Economy.

10. Northumberland Strait Ecosystem Working Group Update – Nadine provided an update of the two previous meetings and noted that a conference call meeting was presently taking place.

(Break for Lunch)

11. Presentation by Yvonne Devine of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

Yvonne, Innovation Development Officer, presented on the various federal funding programs available and provided the group with an update of the Rethinking Development post workshop momentum taking place in the Atlantic Region. She also announced the following upcoming events:

- there will be a second Natural Step workshop next Fall, 2006.
- a Smart Regulations Initiative meeting is scheduled for Dec.12 in Halifax
- a Dollar and Cents Workshop for Industry is being held in Fredericton on Dec.1st.

12. Other

Other announcements included:

- Pat Fusk has recently resigned as member of the Steering Committee representing the Public Sector. This seat is now vacant and should be promoted as such.
- With much regret, Harry announced the untimely passing of Claude Desjardins of Gaspésie, Québec. Claude was a Coalition member and an active member of the Communications and Education WG.
- On Feb.7-9, EMAN will be hosting a workshop, 'Nearshore Marine Monitoring' at the Bedford Institute in Dartmouth, NS.

12. Adjournment

Just after 2:00pm the meeting was adjourned and Allister delivered the 'closing' prayer.