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Steering Committee Meeting #3

Location : Miramichi Meeting room 1, Gulf Fisheries Centre, Moncton, NB
Date : Friday, September 10, 2004
Time : 10:00am – 3:00pm

The Attending members:

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| Marie-Hélène Theriault, DFO | Harry Collins, MREAC |
| Audrey Lapenna, staff | John Legault, DFO |
| Éric Giguère, Industry | Nadine Gauvin, Coordinator |
| Allister Marshall (Po'tlo'tek Fish and Wildlife) | Pat Fusk, Cocagne Marine Mngr. |
| Jocelyne Gauvin, GDDPC | Anita Vézina, MicMac Nation of Gespeg |
| Nathalie LeBlanc-Poirier, Kent Coalition | Rachel Friolet, staff |
| Cindy Crane, DFAEPEL | Marianne Janowicz, NBDELG |
| David Boyce, SEA | Sophie Bastien-Daigle, DFO |
| Francine Rousseau, Environment Canada | Dennis Simon, Elsipogtog First Nation |
| Mireille Chiasson, DFO | Catherine Vardy, NSERC |

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1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05. Éric asked Allister to deliver the opening prayer. Introductions of meeting participants were made around the table.

2. **Approval of agenda**

Approval of agenda was moved by H.Collins with a recommendation that Audrey Lapenna update the group on the CAMP project later in the day in 'other business'. Seconded by D.Boyce.

3. **Approval of previous minutes (June 12, 2004)**

Approval of minutes was moved by D.Boyce and seconded by J.Gauvin.

4. **Matters arising from minutes**

Nadine updated the group on the action items from the previous minutes. The report was so moved to be approved by J.Legault and seconded by J.Gauvin.

5. **Financial Report**

D. Boyce presented an update on the current budget and moved for its adoption which was seconded by H.Collins.

As suggested by Éric, Nadine presented the financial review which was recently completed by the accountant. She reported that the review was consistent with numbers on the Coalition's accounting software. Since there were not enough copies available for all members to review, Marianne proposed that members view the current copies over lunch and that we discuss it again in 'other business' after lunch. F.Rousseau advised that her dept. will require a more in-depth financial accountability for Environment Canada's contribution following this fiscal year.

Action item 01: the Management Cttee to undertake task of ensuring EC funds are accounted for in a detailed fashion.

6. **Coordinator's Report**

Nadine presented a brief report on her activities with the Coalition since her work start date. Éric reported on the successful six-month evaluation that he and John conducted with the Coordinator.

7. **Coastal Erosion Sub-committee Report**

M.Chiasson, sub-cttee co-chair, presented a report on the Coastal Erosion sub-cttee's activities since its inception. She also mentioned Jean-Pierre Savard recommends that a Coalition rep participate in their public consultation processes in Quebec this Fall. Marianne suggested that Paul Jordan or Dominique Bérubé attend these Quebec meetings. Community monitoring programs were discussed. It was suggested to refer to the Geological Survey of Canada website and to link with EMAN for information on community monitoring of coastal erosion. Members discussed opportunities for funding proposals with CCAF. H.Collins suggested there is a good brochure, 'Living by Waters' that would help to educate communities on ecological practices to prevent coastal erosion. D.Simon encouraged the cttee to work with educating schoolchildren.

Action item 02: D.Simon, M.Chiasson, J.Gauvin, D.Boyce and N.Gauvin will share program ideas for CCAF funds directly after the Steering Committee meeting.

Action item 03: Above information will be relayed with Coastal Erosion committee. Nadine to procure examples of the 'Living by Waters' brochure.

8. **Working Group updates**

Communications and Education Working Group

D.Boyce submitted a report. In summary:

- the group met twice over the summer.
- Communications tools are being developed. An example bookmark and charter were distributed (to be translated in both official languages and consider translation in Mi'kmaq).
- the website is being completely revamped and will include more comprehensive information and will be easier to navigate.
- a summer issue of the *Messenger* was created and sent to all members

S.Bastin-Daigle invited Catherine Vardy to join the Working Group. She accepted and agreed to proofread any outgoing communication materials.

Science, Research and Habitat Working Group

M.Janowicz provided the report. In summary:

- the Indicators report has been postponed until Oct. 1.
- a workshop 'Carrying Capacity in Marine Environments' is scheduled for Nov.16 at DFO.
- a Working Group meeting will be held soon to review the Indicators report and to discuss steps to take with the 'energy' mandate.

C.Crane extended an invitation to anyone wanting to participate in the Working Group.

A.Lapenna presented a brief report on the CAMP project and advised that a written report containing CAMP results will be made available at the November SC meeting.

Action item 04: M.Janowicz to schedule a meeting with Working Group members following the completion of the Indicators report.

Technical Working Group

J.Legault presented a report. In summary:

- the group (John, Justin and David) met briefly by phone on one occasion
- the SCI project term was completed over the summer with a report prepared by Pascal Levesque.
- need to write a letter to NRCan to id projects that can be shared, ie. Develop a common theme for data capturing.
- a need has been identified for a central GIS service to community groups.

Action item 05: Nadine to circulate SCI report by Pascal to the SC members and post it on the Coalition website.

AGM 2005 Working Group

D.Boyce reported that planning for the 2005 AGM was well underway. The AGM 2005 will be held in Montague, PEI on April 22/23. MP Shawn Murphy, parliamentary secretary for DFO, is confirmed for the opening address.

9. **Presentation by Marie-Hélène Thériault (2003 Scholarship winner)**
Marie-Hélène provided a power point presentation on the work completed to date on her Masters thesis. É.Giguère presented her with a \$2,000. cheque.
10. **Sustainability Definition**
Two definitions (one formed at the last SC meeting and an altered version) were posted on the wall. The group discussed various options to arrive at a definition. It was agreed to host a 'Sustainability definition' discussion forum. Audrey agreed to host the forum and M.Janowicz, J.Legault, A.Marshall and C.Crane agreed to assist Audrey with managing the forum.
11. **Group Discussion**
A very interesting documentary film 'CrapShoot' about septic sewage sludge was viewed by the group. Post-film discussion results included:
- government regulations and guidelines only recognize bacteria levels
- need for a pollution prevention strategy: for contaminants from going down the drain
- Need for a policy update
- we should demand of CCME to review current approval standards
- can Coalition purchase several copies of 'CrapShoot' video to distribute to members
- post notice in *Messenger* on how to obtain the video and lobby local libraries to get it and add government addresses for members to write letters to government reps.
- Should we promote ecological toilets? and partner with a producer to provide rebates to Coalition members?
- Need to investigate composting toilets to be sure they're as effective as video portrays. Some controversy surrounds them.
- there's a Quebec website that rates and describes ecological toilets, include this info in newsletter to equip members with conducting their own research.
- we are still regulated by province to use current sewage systems, need to look at how to change this regulation.
- there are two trucks per day hauling sludge to Kent County from Moncton in an open pit.
12. **Other business**
a.) The approval of the External Financial Review was moved by D.Boyce and seconded by F.Rousseau.
b.) A list of discussion topics was retrieved from members.
Action item 05: The Management Cttee will refer to this list for future Group discussion sessions.
c.) The next Steering Committee meeting dates have been scheduled as follows:
 - Saturday, November 27 in Moncton
 - Friday, February 25 in Moncton
 - Sunday, April 23 in Montague, PEI.
13. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned just before 3pm.