



Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability Coalition pour la viabilité du sud du Golfe du Saint-Laurent

Steering Committee Meeting #1

Location: 222 Pierre A. Landry, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB
Date: Saturday May 10th, 2003
Time: 10:00 – 4:00pm

Attending members:

Allister Marshall (Po'tlo'tek Fish and Wildlife)
Charles Purdy, Bay Enterprises
Cindy Crane, DFAEPEI
Claudette Leblanc, ACZISC
David Boyce, SEA
Edwin DeMont, St. FX
Éric Giguère, ZIP Baie-des-Chaleurs
Isabelle Hubert, ZIP Iles-de-la-Madeleine
Jocelyne Gauvin, GDDPC
John Legault, DFO
Justin Huston, DAENS
Larry Hildebrand, EC
Liette Vasseur, UdeM
Lise Auffrey, Public at Large
Marianne Janowicz, DOELGNB

Attending observers :

Daniel Gaudet, Communication WG
Mireille Chiasson, DFO

Support :

Mathieu David Vautour, Coordinator

Absent members :

Anita Vézina, Micmac Nation of Gespeg
Harry Collins, MREAC
Jean Goguen, Kent Planning Commission
Kyle McKenzie, C-CIARN
Michael Butler, ACZISC
Natalie Brun, MFU
Sophie Bastien-Daigle, DFO

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1. Call to order

The call to order was made at 10:15am

2. Roundtable introductions

Every individual attending the meeting introduced himself or herself in order for everyone to put name to new faces.

3. Approval of agenda

Approval of agenda was moved by J. Gauvin and seconded by L. Hilderbrand.

4. Approval of last meeting minutes (February 1st 2003)

- **February 1st 2003**

Approval moved by É. Giguère and seconded by J. Gauvin

5. Review of action items from last meeting

All action items were reviewed and most were noted as accomplished or ongoing.

***Action Item: Each new steering committee member as well as every other steering committee member who hasn't submitted a 200 word text about their organisation for the newsletter will do so before the next Steering Committee Meeting.**

***Action Item: The coordinator will check if the constitution specifies that public at large members represent themselves and he will then notify the Constitution & Policy Working Group.**

***Action Item: The coordinator will solicit communities who have completed the SCI to submit a short text on their projects for the newsletter.**



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6. AGM Feedback / Review

L. Vasseur opened the discussion about the past AGM.

Much was said and the following recommendations came out of this meeting:

***Recommendation:** Next year the Coalition needs an active AGM organizing committee.

***Recommendation:** Next AGM must include a presentation from SCI communities.

7. Workplan

L. Vasseur presented the Workplan and opened the discussion.

***Recommendation:** Standards should be set up for the GIS mentor to better help the communities.

***Action Item: A Technical Advisory Committee was created and will be headed by J. Legault until the committee**

***Action Item: It was proposed by É. Giguère and seconded by J. Huston that the workplan be circulated to the Steering Committee members for them to go over the workplan and submit their suggestions to the coordinator by the 26th of May. The Management Committee will then have a meeting in the following days and proceed to review and amend the workplan.**

***Recommendation:** The workplan should be more action oriented in order for the Coalition to show more concrete results to its members and its contributors.

8. Communication Strategy

D. Boyce presented the communication strategy to the steering committee.

***Action Item: The Communication & Education Working Group will have the communication strategy distributed before the next SC meeting.**

9. Lunch

10. Sustainable Communities Initiative

L. Vasseur explained that she was in Ottawa a few weeks ago and the SCI contract for a GIS mentor should be ready within a week.

***Action Item: The Technical Advisory Committee will overlook the hiring of the SCI GIS mentor.**

11. Working Group Reports

The Science & Research presented their Science Horizons project relating to sustainability indicators.

In terms of salary costs the project will cost \$18 480 and the funding is as follows:

\$7000 from Science Horizons

\$5000 from DOELGNB

\$2000 from KC Irving Studies Chair

\$2000 from Coalition's budget

So we are missing \$2480.

***Action Item: J. Huston and C. Crane will look to their respective departments in order to find a contribution for those missing funds.**

The following are the new members to the working groups:

Technical Advisory Committee:

John Legault, David Boyce, Brad Firth, Sarah Hall and Isabelle Hubert

AGM Committee:

Éric Giguère, John Legault and Mireille Chiasson



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Harmonization of Government Policies: Mireille Chiasson

12. **Workshop Possibilities**
L. Vasseur presented the subject and the following workshops were suggested:
Indicators workshop
Invasive species workshop
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13. **Fundraising**
***Action Item: The Management Committee will discuss issues regarding fundraising at their next meeting and whether a working group must be established for that issue.**
14. **Budget**
The coordinator presented the proposed budget. Its approval was motioned by J. Huston and seconded by J. Gauvin.
15. **Letters of Agreement**
L. Hildebrand mentioned that as soon as the workplan is complete the deliverable for the contribution agreement with Environment Canada can be selected and the agreement signed.
16. **Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on the 23rd of August. The location has not been fixed yet.
18. **Others**
L. Hildebrand informed the Coalition about the EECOM / ACAP conference in Summerside on the 25-28 of September.
E. DeMont talked about a retired professor interested in environmental education and his possible involvement with the Coalition.
17. **Member presentation**
Léopold Bourgeois presented the Horticulture Cooperative and the Eco-Logik label and Charles Purdy presented his aquaculture business, Bay Enterprises.
19. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:06pm.