



Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on
Sustainability

The Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability
Annual General Meeting #9

Location: 136AB Taillon building, Université de Moncton

Date: June 5, 2008



1. **Call to order**

Following special guest speaker Claudette Bradshaw's engaging presentation, the meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by past president Harry Collins (who was standing in for Omer Chouinard).

2. **Approval of agenda**

Adoption of the agenda was moved by Chantal Gagnon, seconded by Irene Novaczek and approved unanimously.

3. **Approval of last meeting minutes (May 24, 2007)**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Approval of the minutes was moved by Irene Novaczek, seconded by Justin Huston and approved unanimously

4. **Financial Report**

Accountant, Bruno Bourgeois, presented the 2007-2008 financial report as reviewed by the firm Grant Thornton. Justin Huston recommended that the Coalition aim to establish a 'rainy day fund', which would be enough additional funds to cover three months salary for staff. Discussion ensued. David Garbary moved that the Financial Report be adopted as presented, seconded by Allister Marshall and approved unanimously.

5. **Aveda Announcement**

Because the Aveda (Maritime Beauty) representative was unable to be in Moncton for the AGM, Nadine Gauvin presented on their behalf on the outcomes of the 2008 Earth Month Campaign. They had advised us this week by phone that approximately \$12,500 was raised during the campaign, which was much less than last year's efforts. This was due in part to a changeover in staff – with the Campaign coordinators. However, Nadine reported that a bundle of cheques arrived earlier today and these totalled only over \$7,000. In summary, the campaign was not very successful.

6. **General Activity Report**

Nadine Gauvin, Executive Director, presented the Coalition-SGSL's General Activity Report of 2007-2008, which included the Working Group reports, and future planned activities. Lisa Arsenault questioned whether contacts have been made in Quebec for the Women in Coastal Communities project. Monique Brideau, Project Officer, responded that efforts have been made to develop a database of resources in the Gaspésie, Quebec area.



7. **Steering Committee Elections**

Alice Power, of the Nominating Committee, demonstrated the existing vacancies and new nominations on the Steering Committee and asked for any more nominations from the floor. Nadine Gauvin suggested that Chantal Gagnon be moved into the Nova Scotia Community group vacancy under *Two Countries One Forest*, to free up a space under 'Member at Large'. Members of the audience were encouraged to consider assuming the empty 'Member at Large' seat. Irene informed that Marianne Janowicz has recently retired and will no longer be representing the NB Government but suggested we contact Marianne to see of her interest to assume another seat. John Legault moved that the 4 nominations to the Steering Committee and changes of seats to the Steering Committee be accepted, seconded by Chantal Gagnon and approved unanimously.

Action item 01: Nadine to request Marianne Janowicz to consider assuming a vacant Steering Committee seat.

The accepted positions on the 2008-09 Steering Committee are as follows (the newly adopted members are indicated as follows):

CATEGORIES	PROV	GROUPS AND NAMES
NGO (2 per province)	QC	Comité ZIP Baie des Chaleurs - Lisa Arsenault
	QC	Vacant
	NB	MREAC – Harry Collins
	NB	GDDPC – Rémi Donelle***
	NS	2CIF – Chantal Gagnon (moved from Public)
	NS	Friends of the Pugwash Estuary – Alice Power
	PEI	CASP – David Boyce
	PEI	Vacant
INDUSTRY (2 per province)	QC	PESCA Environment – Marie-Hélène Rondeau***
	QC	Vacant
	NB	Sentinel Systems Ltd. – Denis Desrosiers***
	NB	Vacant
	NS	Vacant
	NS	Vacant
	PEI	Vacant
	PEI	Vacant
ACADEMIA (1 per province)	QC	Vacant
	NB	Université de Moncton – Omer Chouinard
	NS	St. Francis Xavier University – David Garbary
	PEI	UPEI – Palanisamy Nagarajan
FIRST NATIONS (4 per province)	NS	Po'tlo'tek Fish & Wildlife– Allister Marshall
	QUE	vacant
	NB	Elsipogtog First Nation – Wilhelmina Nolan
	PEI	Migmag Confederacy – Randy Angus***
MEMBER AT LARGE	1	Marc-André Ploudre
	2	Vacant



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MUNICIPAL GOV'T (1 per province)	QC	Vacant
	NB	Kent Planning Commission – Jean Goguen
	NS	Vacant
	PEI	Irene Novaczek
PROVINCIAL GOV'T (1 per province)	QC	Vacant
	NB	Vacant
	NS	NSDOAF – Justin Huston
	PEI	Vacant
FEDERAL GOV'T	EC	Kathryn Parlee
	DFO	John Legault

8. **Regional Sustainability Atlas**

Due to technical difficulties with the power point projector, Harry suggested that John Legault provide his presentation on the Regional Sustainability Atlas during the Steering Committee on Friday, June 6th.

9. **2008 Scholarship Recipient Presentation**

Anne-Marie Leclerc discussed her research - *The evolution of the coastal environment: Are beaches with rigid erosion control structures similar to their adjacent natural beaches?*

10. **Adjournment**

Adjournment of the meeting was moved by Irene Novaczek. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.