



**Steering Committee Meeting #34 (2010-11)**

**Location:** Webex

**Date:** Friday, September 10, 2010

**Time:** 10:00 am

**The Attending Members:**

Alice Power, Friends of the Pugwash Estuary  
Robert Capozzi, NB Government  
Danica Le Breton, Coalition staff  
Kathryn Parlee, EC  
Rémi Donelle, Coalition des b.v. de Kent  
John Legault, Public-at-Large  
David Boyce, Three Rivers Heritage Association  
Randy Angus, MC PEI

Omer Chouinard, UdeM  
Steve Plante, CURA, UQAR  
Chantal Gagnon, C-SGSL ED  
Doug Deacon, Town of Stratford  
Ray MacIsaac, DFO  
Marie-Hélène Thériault, SRHWG-Chair  
Irene Novaczek, Oceana Seaplants  
Yves Martinet, ZIP

**Regrets:**

David Garbary, St.F.X  
Justin Huston, NS Government  
Debbie Nielsen, Union of NS Municipi.  
Annie Johnson  
Jean Goguen, Kent Planning Commission

Lisa Arsenault, consultant  
Lisa Young  
Mark Sark, GMRC  
P.Nagarajan, UPEI

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**1. Log in**

**2. Call to order**

The call to order was done by Remi Donelle at 10:07 am.

The opening prayer was done by Ray MacIsaac. There was a special prayer for Nadine Gauvin's son.

**3. Meeting Instruction**

Chantal gave the meeting instruction on how Webex work.

**4. Approval of Consented Document**

Chantal reviewed rapidly the consented document which everyone received on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Moved as amended by:** Omer Chouinard

**Seconded as amended by:** David Boyce

**Approved:** All agreed



5. **Review and discussion of information document**

Chantal reviewed the Information document that was sent to Steering Committee members on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Discussion occurred regarding the funding application, what was accepted and what was reject.

**Action item: Chantal to do a summary explaining reasons for rejected funding and to add that to the Steering Committee report.**

6. **Financial Update**

Chantal reviewed the financial update. Chantal explain that it is not a year with a lot of revenue. Chantal will take a little break from funding application until winter in order to deliver project under current funding obligation. The cash flow will be o.k. for the rest of the year, but vigilance is needed.

**Moved as amended by:** Ray MacIsaac

**Seconded as amended by:** John Legault

**Approved:** All agreed

7. **Resolutions Debate**

Rémi explain that there is a vote after each resolution. Chantal explain the processes of voting for the resolution. Chantal reviewed each resolution one at the time and comment were ask before a motion to approve.

## Five years strategy (2008-2013)

*#1 - Facilitate and coordinate Gulf-wide sustainability projects by engaging individual group members*

*#2 - Build an internet-based geospatial regional sustainability atlas that supports base mapping, coordinated data collection, sharing of information and informed decision-making*

*#3 - In a coordinating role assists partner organizations with building capacity to affect sustainable change in the ecosystem and the communities in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence region.*

*#4 - As an Educator and Facilitator, create a collaborative environment that brings together communities, business, government & experts to move the sustainability agenda forward*

*#5 - Internal capacity-building*

**Mid-Point Review Date:** Begins September 2010-ends March 31 2011



**Resolution:** The Science, Research and Habitat Working Group members recommend to the Coalition-SGSL Steering Committee that the review of the Five Year Strategic goals consider the following sustainability elements for the region (based on 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of indicators' project):

- Ensure access to education at the local level,
- Ensure a good start for children,
- Diversify local economies,
- Become innovative in energy consumption, and
- Give a high priority to land use planning.

**Moved as amended by:** Irene Novaczek

**Seconded as amended by:** Robert Capozzi

**Approved:** All agreed

**Action:** Secretariat to begin a review of Strategies with a small Task Group and bring recommended amendments to March 2011 SC meeting for approval.

## AGM 2011

**Point 1:** The approximate date and location have been set for the 2011 AGM: Rivers to Ocean Week (June 8-14) in Magdalene Island. Actual date will depend on how we can organize with local groups and transportation to and from the island.

**Point 2:** We need to confirm the theme. The general theme at this point is to address the debate going on right now about fossil fuel exploitation in the gulf of St.Lawrence. The Coalition-SGSL's proposed theme at this time is "Natural resources exploitation in the Gulf: Can exploitation co-exist? Can they do so sustainably?" We are aiming to show a balanced perspective that sustainability requires more than a yes or no answer.

**Point 3:** This theme will be adjusted according to developments currently happening on the island and the region, but will remained focus on addressing the issue of fossil fuel exploitation in the Gulf.

**Resolution:** The Steering Committee approves the general theme for the 2011 AGM and will support Coalition-SGSL member and staff efforts to make the event a success.

**Moved as amended by:** Irene Novaczek

**Seconded as amended by:** Omer Chouinard

**Approved:** all agreed

## Moratorium on Fossil Fuel Exploitation

**Point 1:** There is currently permit applications for exploration and possible exploitation for fossil fuels in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. A Coalition-SGSL has formed in Québec and most local groups have already begun the process of lobbying the government and the public for a moratorium on fossil fuel exploitation.



**Point 2:** A full presentation in French can be seen on this website, <http://www.coalitionsaintlaurent.ca/> . Even if you can't read French the maps show where this current permit application is situated.

**Point 3:** The Coalition-SGSL has already been approached by Marilyn Clark from Magdalene Island about this issue. We've discussed it at the AGM in June. We are proposing to make this subject the theme of our 2011 AGM. This theme has gathered lots of support so far from local group we've talked to and from Coalition-SGSL Management Committee and staff. Finally, we are being approached by the French media to find out what our position is on the Moratorium and the whole issue of fossil fuel exploitation. It is expected that we will have something to say on this issue regarding the sustainability of the Southern Gulf.

**Resolution:** The Coalition-SGSL encourages our members to become well informed on fossil fuel exploitation in the St. Lawrence Gulf and Estuary region and its supporting watersheds. We support open and informed discussion and dissemination of information based on best available facts and local values.

We advise members to seriously consider the potential effects of fossil fuel exploitation and make choices based on this information. Territorial, environmental, economic and social rights and responsibilities play an important role in such deliberations. We encourage our members to voice their opinions.

**Action:** To support members and partners in the region through the effort of our 2011 AGM on this issue.

To provide a press release of our official decision to support the debate around fossil fuel exploration in the Estuary and Gulf of St. Lawrence.

**Moved as revised by:** Irene Novaczek

**Seconded as amended by:** John Legault

**Approved:** all agreed

## **8. Other Business**

Rémi asked the members to think of solutions to address the round table element of our meetings. No one replied to the request to send in a summary of their activities to share at the round table. People are too busy to write a resume on their group work. Chantal suggested that members email the management committee with their solutions for sharing information as was done through the round table in previous meeting format.

**Action:** Members to send their round table solution to management committee.

Ray MacIsaac suggests that we rename the Scholarship to honor Nadine Gauvin's son. It could be 'The Jason Cormier Scholarship'.

**Action:** The Management Committee will take time to consider this suggestion.

There was a vote for the next meeting. It will be December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Atlantic Time.



Yves Martinet, from Le comité ZIP des Iles de la Madeleine, mentioned a possible collaboration with the Coalition-SGSL on sustainability of fisheries in the Islands.

9. **Adjournment ‘closing prayer’**

The closing prayer was done by Ray MacIsaac.

End of the meeting 11:53