



**Resolutions for Steering Committee Meeting  
September 10 2010**

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## 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, assist 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 by:** Irene Novaczek

**Seconded by:** Robert Capozzi

**Approved:** All

**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 organise 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 remain focused 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

## 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 (see notes). We are proposing to make this subject the theme of our 2011 AGM. This theme has gathered lots of support so far from local groups 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:**

**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. 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 risk of future development of fossil fuel exploitation and make choices based on this information, considering territorial, environmental, economic and social rights and responsibilities.~~

~~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 by:** John Legault

**Approved:** All