



Consent Document for Steering Committee Meeting

#35 - December 10 2010



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Tentative Agenda

AGENDA / ORDRE DU JOUR

Steering Committee Meeting / Réunion du comité directeur #35

10 December/Décembre 2010 - 10:00am AST

Webex

Documents Required:

A) Consent document

B) Information report

C) Resolutions document

1.	9:50	Login	Entré sur le site
2.	10:00	Call to order 'Opening prayer'	Ouverture de la séance 'prière d'ouverture'
3.	10:05	Meeting instructions	Instruction pour la réunion
4.	10:10	Approval of Consent document: Approval of minutes; Sept.10, 2010 minutes; and Matters arising from Minutes (Action items).	Adoption du document de consentement : Approbation de l'ordre du jour; procès-verbal du 10 septembre, 2010; et Points découlant du procès-verbal (Mesure à prendre)
5.	10:20	Review and Discussion of Information document: (Volunteer Groups, Work-plan Internal Reports, and Executive Director Report).	Revue et discussion du document d'information : (Rapport des groupes bénévoles, plan annuel, rapports internes, et de la directrice générale).
6.	10:30	Financial update	Mise à jour des finances
7.	10:40	Annual General Meeting	Assemblée générale annuelle
8.	11:50	Any Other Business Election of new SC Member – NGO-QC Looking for volunteers	Autres Élection d'un nouveau membre du CD – ENGO-QC Recherche de bénévoles
9.	12:00	Adjournment 'closing prayer'	Levée de la séance 'prière de fermeture'



Previous Meeting's Minutes

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.

Jean Goguen, Kent Planning Commission

Lisa Arsenault, consultant

Lisa Young/Annie Johnson, UINR

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 27th.

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



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August 27th. Discussion occurred regarding the funding application, what was accepted and what was reject.

Action item #01: 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 decisionmaking*
- #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 2nd 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



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Action item #2: 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 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 agreed

Moratorium on Fossil Fuel Exploitation

Point 1: There are 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 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: 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.



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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 item #3: 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 item #4: 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 item #5: The Management Committee will take time to consider this suggestion.

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

Yves Martinet, from Le comité ZIP des Iles de la Madeleine, mentionne 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

Matters arising from minutes (Action Items)

List of Action Items still to be fulfilled Steering Committee Meetings

Please note format will be changing in the coming months.

Meeting Date	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline	Status
#34 – Sept.10 2010	Action item #01: Chantal to do summary explaining reasons for rejected funding and to add that to the	Chantal	March 2011	Not started



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	Steering Committee report.			
	Action item #02: Secretariat to begin a review of Strategies with a small Task Group and bring recommended amendments to March 2011 SC meeting for approval	Secretariat	March 2011	Not started, but Rémi assigned as Lead
	Action item #03: Regarding fossil fuel exploitation: 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	All members and Secretariat	June 2011	1-In progress 2 – Not done, but new opportunity with AGM announcement will soon come
	Action item #4: Members to send their solutions for sharing information as was done through the round table in previous meeting format for this new virtual format to management committee.	All members	March 2011	Nothing received so far
	Action item #5: The Management Committee will take time to consider Ray MacIsaac suggestion that we rename the Scholarship to honour Nadine Gauvin's son. It could be 'The Jason Cormier Scholarship'.	Management Committee	March 2011	Some discussion, no decision yet
#33 – June 12 2010	Action item #01: Chantal to ensure translation of minutes. Kathryn to send typo errors for correction to Chantal	Chantal	Sept.10	DONE
#4 – March 5 2010	Action item #02: Melanie Corkum proposed contacting Richard Bridge regarding possible core funding sources.	Melanie	None	Postpone include this action into the FDvg, and remove from future SC action items.
#3 - December 4 2009	Action item #5: Omer to follow-up SC-Rep: Academics – QC, Suggestion: Michel Chouinard à Baies des Chaleurs ZIP	Omer	March 5	Relations are established, QC Academic seat is filled, QC NGO seat is in



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				nomination. Will keep on list for future invites to SC.
	Action item #7: Chantal to continue building a relationship with this community and other contacts in other communities in NB. First Nations – NB, Suggestion: Dennis Simon is interested, but not available. –	Chantal	Ongoing	Ongoing, will remove from future action items, and add to list of future invites to SC.
#3 - December 4 2009	Action item #11: Chantal to contact Nadine Gauvin to see if she has any ideas (Tourism alliances) from her new role with Parks.	Chantal	March 5	Postponed to next year
	Action item #12: Omer to contact folks in Lamèque involved in this subject (Tourism alliances).	Omer	March 5	Postponed to next year
#2 - September 11 2009	Action item #15: The ED is to set up a template or format for monitoring the progress and activities of our working groups. Use template to assess every 2 years this progress and the links with achieving our goals, and be a members of WG based feedback form.	ED	End of fiscal year	Not started
#1 - June 12 2009	Action item#08: Coalition staff to compare provincial environmental networks to the national one as per the above suggestions.	Coalition Staff	End of fiscal year	DONE will join all 4 provincial networks for a grand total of \$185/year