



Information Document for Steering Committee Meeting #38

September 1 2011

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Executive Director's Report

Funding proposals

Applied to:

Environment Canada – Habitat Stewardship Program (Baie des Chaleurs – Satyre Fauve)	<i>Status: Denied – they are not yet at the stage where what we propose could be of use.</i>
Environment Canada – Atlantic Ecosystem Initiative	<i>Status: Confirmed. \$53,000K, until March 31, can only be back dated to July 28, and must include some new components including CABIN</i>
Status of Women Canada – Blue Print Project –Theme 3: Increasing Women's Involvement as Decision- Makers in Community-Based Organizations	<i>Status: Denied, but encouraged to contact CFC regional offices to develop a better relationship and understanding of what future projects we could work on.</i>
Service Canada Summer Student Program (applied for 5 students)	<i>Status: Confirmed funding for 5 summer students</i>
Mountain Equipment Coop (Knowledge Management and Capacity Building)	<i>Status: Denied – too many applications (9 granted on 86 submitted). Simply said we may have met the criteria but in the end they had to make a choice.</i>
Canadian Water Network (NorSEMP) – No FUNDING Attached for US	<i>Status: Confirmed, call for proposal out, until September 15th. Helping connect interested members.</i>
Donner Foundation	<i>Applied for Award on education – possible grants attach to awards. Did not make it to second round, but still in the running for 1000\$ prize. Objective was mostly to get on the radar of philanthropy groups</i>

Funding sources currently in the process of applying

Rural Secretariat (Knowledge Fund) – related to NorSt-EMP	<i>Status: drafted for \$200K, in discussion with partners and Rural Secretariat – Received comments from first draft, full proposal format received, working with members and partners to submit final proposal no later than September 30th</i>
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RBC Blue Water Fund – Leadership Grant, National Grant (\$100,000-\$500,000) over 3 years	<i>Will be looking to apply for 2012 deadline – Leadership Grant due in March 2012. FDWG is helping with determining how we can apply and how we can link CAMP, the NorSt-EMP and maybe agriculture into this proposal. John Legault and Tanya Dykens will be providing oversight on the application.</i>
Yves Rocher – Femme de terre (small prizes 2000-10,000 euros, First Prize around 20,000 euros)	<i>Application deadline September 30 2011, FDWG and two members working on it. Maximum prize we could get is likely 5000 euros.</i>
New Horizons for Seniors Program (HRDSC) Maximum \$25,000	<i>Deadline September 16, applying for engaging seniors is storytelling and sharing knowledge on local changes with regards to environment – linked with CCC-CURA and CEMEP. John Legault, and Omer Chouinard helping with this funding application.</i>
Gordon Foundation	<i>For CAMP, looking at how we can develop a relationship with them.</i>
Packard Foundation	<i>Looking at how we can develop a relationship with them.</i>
North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action	<i>Applying for work with CEMEP and CCC-CURA around climate change adaptation and collaborative. FDWG is working on proposal.</i>

Networking

- Coastal CURA - Peoples and Places Conference, Halifax, June 25-27 (CCC-CURA related)

Coalition meetings

- Weekly meetings with staff
- Management Committee meeting,
- Meeting with Science Research Habitat WG,
- Meeting with Coastal Erosion WG Chair – (Aug.29th)
- Meeting with Communication and Education Working Group
- Meetings with CCC-CURA Co-direction,
- Meeting with J. Lambert –Rural Secretariat and other Kent region members (Aug.25)
- Meeting with the Organising group of the Northumberland Strait – Environmental Monitoring Partnership (NorST-EMP)

- Meetings with Chair of Fund Development Group

Activities

- Finances – bookkeeping and so on
- Organised and facilitated Volunteer Group Meetings with Chairs and staff
- Worked on funding proposals and project ideas with partners
- Worked on Projects: CAMP, CEMEP, CCC-CURA,
- Hire, train, supervise and coordinate all five summer students in CAMP
- Worked on Coalition-SGSL priorities and workplans for up coming year and 2012.

Upcoming Important Deadlines

- Deadlines for funding submissions

Important News:

- New administrative assistant Thérèse Chenard, works Monday to Thursday, 9am-4pm, at the Shippagan Office.
- We have a sign now on the outside of the building.

Annual Work-plan

Synopsis:

We are focusing on communicating and funding this year. We are also focusing on linking more of our projects together and bring together agents from these various efforts towards common objectives.

See PDF: Workplan_September 1, 2011 and Workplan_Legend

Synopsis of Volunteer Group Activities

September 2011

Coalition- SGSL	Advisory Groups		Working Groups			
	Fund Development	Technical Advisory	Science, Research & Habitat	Communications & Education	Coastal Erosion	Traditional Ecological Knowledge
Status:	Active	Inactive There is no chair - a new purpose and direction has yet to be set	Active Meetings every 3 months	Active Meetings every 3 months	Active Meetings every 3 months	Inactive Active members are being sought. Purpose and direction is being set.
Current projects	Fundraising Procedure developing, Implement fundraising policy.	None	CAMP; Sustainability Indicators; CCC-CURA; SECOA; Northumberland Strait – Effects Monitoring Partnership (NorSt- EMP)	Updating Website information ; Membership Call- around; Implementing communication strategy	Coastal Erosion Monitoring and Education Program (CEMEP)	None
Potential projects	Organise an annual Local Marketing and Fundraising Event Fundraising Procedure	None	Improving and linking current projects for more efficient use of knowledge and tools in the Gulf region.	Website update continued; Increase social media presence; Member relations improve	Link more climate change adaptation (management strategies) with existing program, link with CCC- CURA more	Link with CCC-CURA and existing project and program more.
Next meeting	August 8th, 2011 – 2:00pm	October, 12,2011 – 2:00pm	Friday – 10:00am August 5th, 2011 November 4th,	August 16th, 2011 – 2:00pm	Monday – 10:30am August 29, 2011 November 28,	October 21, 2011 - 10:00am

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Volunteer Group Activities Details

SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

We've move forward this year on where we should go with our indicators and what is going on. It is clear from the last meeting, that provincial and municipal governments are moving towards implementation of plans or development of tools which do or will include indicators for sustainability. Therefore it seems clear from the last meeting that the groups objectives concerning the developed sustainable indicators by the Coalition are:

- 1 – make it more visible on our website and include more information to link to other tools, plans and provincial initiatives.
- 2 – focus our efforts on connecting the provincial and municipal planning agencies and helping them share their knowledge of the tools and efforts, including sharing our own indicator reports.

Community Aquatic Monitoring Program (CAMP)

We've made a great effort this year to increase the number of students to provide a more normal workload for the coordinators in PEI and NB. As well we are permitting the groups to use the students as an in-kind contribution of the Coalition-SGSL to their efforts. This is to compensate for having no cash funding to give directly to community groups for doing CAMP. The five summer students are finishing. We will review of work time and tasks and prepare work plan for next year. The students delivered PowerPoint presentations (English and French) for community groups to deliver to their community in the coming or future years, and we have trained them again on the use of the Regional Sustainability Atlas.

This winter we will be working with the University de Moncton, Campus de Shippagan, Bachelor of Integrated Coastal Zone Management, to develop a in-class presentation (or learning experience) to educate students on the importance of monitoring estuaries and recruit them as possible volunteers for CAMP.

Further, we will be determining and developing how CABIN can be integrated into our CAMP efforts. CABIN is environment Canada's program while CAMP is Fisheries and Oceans. A plan is in the works.

Northumberland Strait Environmental Monitoring Partnership (NorSt-EMP)

What the Coalition-SGSL will seek to do regarding this effort is get funding from the Rural Secretariat and work with the Kent Coalition Watershed in New Brunswick as a pilot site for developing an approach to attract local government to be involved in the NorSt-EMP. The angle will be that the Coalition-SGSL will facilitate knowledge sharing at the NorSt-EMP meetings and by local government being present they will be able to access that knowledge and use it on the ground to modify their planning in order to ensure their estuaries are healthy. We will also focus on attracting the local government by working with them to determine how being involved in the NorSt-EMP, CAMP and other programs can give them an economic advantage for their products or communities.

Coastal Communities Challenges-Community University Research Alliances (CCC-CURA)

Finally, for the CCC-CURA, we have now selected the communities with which we will work over the next three and half years or more. These have contact-researchers who will ensure the communities have a long-term relationship with the researcher body and these in turn will look out for the protection of the communities. The official announcement will come out in September once we have final confirmation from the researchers. I can announce that two communities are on PEI, three in Quebec, and four in New Brunswick. Irene is one of these researchers and two of her communities have already confirmed their interest in the project, Morell and Stratford.

Coastal Erosion Monitoring and Education Program (CEMEP)

We will be working with the coastal erosion working group and the four pilot communities to take a big step forward on determining a final structure approach to our coastal erosion work. The Coastal Erosion Working Group still has to discuss this. The objective of the Executive Director is to determine one or two approved method for community erosion monitoring and then like CAMP spread it out to the region and join together these efforts to provide a network of local, academic and government individuals working towards a similar goal and communicating with each other. The proposed plan links to both documents sent to the Steering Committee for the June 18, 2011 meeting.

Internal Reports

Report on attendance at events/ Rapport sur la participation d'événements

Event Name/Nom de l'événement : Coastal CURA People and Places Conference

Date: June 25-27, 2011

Location/Endroit : Halifax, Nova Scotia

Participant(e): Chantal Gagnon

Objectifs:

- Networking/Réseautage
- Training/Entraînement
- Collecte information/ Collecte d'information
- Disseminate information/distribuer de l'information

Summary/Résumé : I attended the first day Community University Research Alliance (CURA) conversation to learn from other CURA's experience and to share our own experience. The Coalition-SGSL also drew attention for our own existence and how we operate. The fact that we are already a collaborative effort across sectors and provinces was inspiring to many in attendance. I was also able to learn some of the challenges faced by other CURA and realise that we had already considered some of these possible challenges. I spent a few hours discussing and explaining our CURA and many were impressed by what we had already achieved. Many also expressed that we had taken on a lot of work. This experience was relayed to the CCC-CURA's Codirection team and we are working on improving where we can, while also figuring out the logistics of accomplishing our mandate and objectives, according to our grand ideas.

I also was present for several presentation and was a special guest for the Students day. This day was for students in Participatory-action-research to share information and challenges and receive feedback from people with experience. Other Coalition-SGSL members Irene Novaczek and Randy Angus were also present. Finally, I was present for our own CCC-CURA presentation and networked with several researchers from across the globe. It was a very good conference covering many interesting examples of integrated management of coastal areas within Canada but also in other countries. Some successful examples around lobster fishing in Mexico and some less successful examples of inter-sector collaboration for sustainable resource use in British Columbia. I unfortunately had to leave the conference two days early, but I believe I made an impression on behalf of the Coalition-SGSL and I gather information that has since been of use for the management of our CCC-CURA project.

