



Minutes Steering Committee Meeting #39

December 1, 2011



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Agenda

AGENDA / ORDRE DU JOUR

Steering Committee Meeting / Réunion du Comité directeur #39

1er décembre/December 1 2011 - 10:00am AST

Webex

1.	9:50	Login	Entré sur le site
2.	10:00	Call to order 'Opening words'	Ouverture de la séance 'parole d'ouverture'
3.	10:05	Meeting instructions	Instruction pour la réunion
4.	10:10	Approval of Consent document: Approval of minutes; Sept. 1, 2011 minutes; and Matters arising from Minutes (Action items).	Adoption du document de consentement : Approbation de l'ordre du jour; procès-verbal du 1 sept. 2011; 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.	11:10	Financial update	Mise à jour des finances
7.	11:20	Strategic Plan – Task Group 2012 plus outlook	Groupe tâches pour plan stratégique La vue de l'avenir 2012+
8.	11:30	Review of November 10 th Webinar	Retour sur le webinaire du 10 novembre
9.	11:50	Other Business AGM – June 15-17, 2012 Shippagan	Autres AGA – 15-17 juin 2012, Shippagan
10.	12:00	Adjournment 'closing words'	Levée de la séance 'parole de fermeture'



Meeting Minutes

Steering Committee Meeting #39Minutes

Location: Webex

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2011

Time: 10:00am

Attending Members:

Rémi Donelle, Coalition des b.v. de Kent
Tanya Dykens, Agriculture & Ari-food Canada
Irene Novaczek, Oceanna Seaplants
Robert France, Nova Scotia Agricultural College
Marie-Hélène Thériault, SRHWG-Chair
Debbie Nielsen, Union of NS Municipi
Alice Power, Friends of the Pugwash Estuary

Melanie Corkum, EC
John Legault, Public-at-Large
Normand Haché, Balsatec Ltée
Thérèse Chenard, Coalition staff
Annie E Johnson UINR

Regrets:

Doug Deacon, Town of Stratford
Justin Huston, NS Government
Robert Capozzi, NB Government
Mark Sark, GMRC
P.Nagarajan, UPEI
Jean Goguen, Kent Planning Commission
Randy Angus, MC PEI

Chantal Gagnon, C-SGSL ED
Lisa Young
Omer Chouinard, UdeM
Doug Deacon, Town of Stratford
Lisa Arsenault, consultant
Steve Plante, CURA, UQAR
Yves Martinet, ZIP

1. Call to order and Opening words

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by the Coalition Chairperson, Rémi Donelle.

2. Meeting instructions

Rémi has presented the agenda and asked if anyone had other points to be made to the agenda. Nobody had point to add.

3. Approval of Consent document: Approval of minutes; Sept. 1, 2011 minutes; and Matters arising from Minutes (Actions items).

Rémi passed on to the third item on the agenda, the adoption of the consent document. He asked if everybody had time to read the document. All participants present have read it and agree. Rémi asked for the approved of the minutes of September 1st.



Proposed by: Irene Novaczek

Second by: Tanya Dykens

Approuve: unanimously

Last meeting Action Item

For the action item 1: Action Item: Melanie Corkum is to ask Kathryn Parlee if she is willing to flag relevant information (relevant to current priorities and mandate) off the ACZISC to the Chantal

- Mélanie had talk to her and she is going to do everything she can to help Chantal.

For the action item 2: Action Item: Chantal to ask Coalition Saint-Laurent if they will be doing a tour of the Maritimes as well.

- Rémi says he is not sure there is a date scheduled for the tour in Quebec.

For the action item 3: Coalition SGSL- Staff look into virtual processes through Webex or Outlook Express for voting by Steering Committee members in between (for timely or urgent affairs)

- It is in progress

For the action item 4: Coalition-SGSL Management committee to organize review of Strategic plan.

- It is in progress

Item raised during the discussion of the consent document:

Funding proposals:

Status of Women – Questions arose regarding the ethics behind apply for funds for a project attached to hydrocarbon exploitation if we are against the activities, No one was familiar enough with this proposal to comment.

Information was lacking on the different proposals.

Action Item 1: Future proposal should be sent to the steering committee with a call out to those with the expertise and knowledge about funders or topics to revise.

We need to use the collective experience of the committee to help the coalition. Also, it would place more people other than the executive director aware of proposals.



RBC blue water fund – Meeting in mid-January to link CAMP – CABIN - NorSt-EMP and agriculture.

Important dead line:

Scholarship funds – A letter has been drafted to seek out funds for the scholarship that can be sent to corporations, industry or education facilities.

Regarding policy group and recent news: We need to look what policy areas we want to look into such as oil, water, etc...

4. Review and discussions of Information document : (Volunteer Groups, Work-plan Internal Reports, and Executive Director Report).

Robert France told us that he is part of the national water advisor first nation group. Their job is to be advisor to development of strategic priorities for national steward ship. They have decided on 10 priority policies on Northumberland Strait. He listed a few of these political and said he would discuss with Chantal's when she return.

Action Item 2: Robert Frances will contact Chantal to see how we can contribute to the Water Stewardship Council. :

Also, there will be all day symposium on shale gas in Truro this weekend.

Action Item 3: Thérèse will send the information of the Symposium on shale gas in Truro this week to the steering committee members.

Volunteer Groups:

Water front proposal: Tanya

We are going to organize a meeting to talk about watershed group in December. There are about 7 groups in the province now. Marie-Hélène says that there is 7 group that has giving interest and she send email to group doing camp. Not should if they would be in blue waters group.

December messenger will probably be issue in January instead December. Alice Power said that she just finished writing the letter for that and it ready to go.

Annual work plan:

Politique: She had the ideas to do it, but it is still ongoing.

The idea is there and if the interest is there to, we have to work on it.

Aviva community funds – “Small Towns, Big Dreams: We are the Future”



For the funding proposal we only have answer from Aviva. The winner when to semi final. Will need to be more strategic. For the other proposal- we are still waiting for some answer on them. At the next meeting we will ask Chantal if hydrocarbure is just a big point or not. In the funding proposal participant says that they is not much fund coming in. Marie H el ene said that Chantal send her an email for the SRHWG. If a proposal is under development we should be notified of that and help if we can.

Proposed by: Irene Novaczek

Second by: Marie H el ene

Approuv : unanimously

Fund Development group:

- R emi said that the fund development group is very busy looking for fund.

Technical Advisor:

- For the moment, that group has no chair.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge:

- We will see where it goes. Chantal want to link this committee with another one.

SRHWG:

At the last meeting Marie-H el ene told us that they had a special guest, M. Guillaume Fortin. He is a teacher of Universit  de Moncton in geography. The object is to specify about erosion in the rivers. It's a pilot project. They conducted some interview and ask people who lives in the Cocagne River about place in the rivers that are more at risk. The project will end in the coming year. Chantal have been approach to include a cabin in her work plan. We are trying to invite those people interested in camp to participate with us. The norst strait as put a call for proposal. There are 7 proposals that have been put in. We should know by mid-December who is chosen.

Coastal Erosion meeting:

R emi say that Jocelyne Gauvin attend the meeting that was held on November 28th and she said that there were more people on the meeting that the last time. There was and invited guest, Mr. Sebastian Weissenberger.

Report on attendant:

- They were no questions on the attendant report.

Meeting with DFO



Marie-Hélène said that they spoke about joint project agreement with DFO and coalition that is going on for 4 years. The meeting was to see what the next step is. DFO to fund for different activities. At the next meeting we will give more details.

5. Financial update

John Legault:

- John said that he just got back from vacation but looking at the profit and loss and the balance sheet, after discussion, the participant at the meeting would like to defer. They would like to have more information about the budget and ask Chantal about larger expenses.

6. Strategic Plan – Task Group 2012 plus Outlook

Rémi ask what is the next step for the plan. Do we want to hire someone again or not? The financial is not realistic. Rémi ask if someone as an idea. Irene says that we have enough talent. Alice said that we were going to try to put together a task group to see where we were going from there. The best way would be to have a task group.

Rémi ask if anyone is interested to participate in the task group. Irene said that we all need to be active at some point. The management committee decided that we need a task group for this.

Action Item 4: Bring back to management committee and see what is to be done if we need a task group for the Strategic Plan.

Call out to full membership for volunteers:

- Need to determine time needed for this exercise
- Maybe possible to do a workshop during AGM in June. This will require preparation.
- Role of management committee to work out details.

7. Review of November 10th Webinar.

There were only 4 persons on the webinar. Irene says that she couldn't make it because she learned too late about it. Other participants say that there were multiple emails, but Irene was the only one not to have enough information. Annie Johnsons said that she got permission from the CEPI management committee to post the webinar on the SGSL website so people can view the presentation. Rémi ask if we should do another one. For the next webinar, we might try it another one to see if we can get more interest, because it seems to still be interest in one, maybe in March.



Action Item 5: Rémi will talk to Chantal to see if work involved is worth a second webinar

8. Other Business – AGM, June 15-17, 2012, Shippagan .

- AGM- We are looking for some peoples to be on the AGA Comity that will take place in Shippagan in June 2012. There was one meeting for the AGA, but there were not a lot of people on the meeting. We should look for some members in the Acadian peninsula to be part of the comity since the AGA will take place in Shippagan. There was a first meeting held on October 31st, 2011. Chantal and Thérèse were on the call. Some ideas discussed during the meeting were to check for local companies that might sponsor us and to check with Elise Mayrand and Julie Guillemot if they are interested in getting involved in the AGM

9. Ajournement (closing word) .

John Legault moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:40 pm seconded by Irene Novaczek.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1st, 2012 at 10:00 am (AT).