



Information Document for Steering Committee Meeting #40

March 1 2012

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Executive Director's Report

Funding proposals

Applied to:

Yves Rocher Foundation	<p><i>Prix Terre de Femme, Submitted September 30th 2011, asked for \$5000 Euro, Project: CAMP – DENIED</i></p> <p>Invited to re-submit after March 2012. Will do for CORE funding.</p>
Status of Women Canada	<p><i>Femmes vivant dans les collectivités rurales et éloignées et dans les petits centres urbain.- Theme #2 Economic Security.</i></p> <p><i>Submitted: November 4, 2011. Requested \$212,120 for 36 months</i></p> <p><i>Project: with IdM and Chéticamp – develop and put in place a community plan that will limit the negative impacts and increase benefits to women's economic security caused by hydrocarbon exploitation in the Gulf region.</i></p> <p>No Response Yet. Must verify website: http://www.cfc-swc.gc.ca/fun-fin/cfp-adp/index-fra.html</p>
New Horizon – “When I was young”	<p><i>Submitted October 14. Requested: \$24,500 for twelve months.</i></p> <p><i>Project: Engaging seniors is storytelling and sharing knowledge on local changes with regards to environment and increasing their involvement in local volunteer groups – linked with five CCC-CURA communities in New Brunswick.</i></p> <p>No response yet. They have until end of February to provide responses.</p> <p>Website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/nhsp/cbpf/index.shtml</p>
Aviva community funds – “Small Towns, Big Dreams: We are the Future”	<p><i>Submitted for \$50,000-\$100,000 for video documentary of sustainability leaders in Eastern Canada. Final round of voting end November 30th.</i></p>

	<i>Did not succeed. Good experience. Will not use again, unless we have an initiative strongly supported by many members.</i>
Rural Secretariat – Community Development Fund	<i>Submitted September 30th for \$86,356 for 15 months. Project: NorSt-EMP and Information access, sharing and contacts for Kent County NB.</i> <i>Answer will not arrive until after end of fiscal year. A few changes to be made before February. 17.</i>
Donner Foundation	<i>Applied for Award on education.. Did not make it to second round, but still in the running for 1000\$ prize. Will confirm status in December.</i> <i>Did not receive prize.</i>
North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action	<i>Applied for work with CEMEP and CCC-CURA around climate change adaptation and collaborative. Submitted online August 22nd. Heard news committee still reviewing applications.</i> <i>Did not get approached to submit a final proposal.</i>

Funding sources currently in the process of applying

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> <i>Applied and received confirmation of application. Response won't be until July 2012.</i>
Mountain Equipment Coop	<i>Will apply to sustainability fund for cost of CABIN – related to RBC project.</i>

	Will apply for material before March 10 th deadline.
Service Canada	<i>CAMP student funding</i> <i>To apply before February 28, 2012.</i>
Science Horizons	<i>Graduate funds for RBC-CABIN-CAMP project – Spoken to Robert France to be mentor.</i> Deadline to apply March 2, 2012
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>

Two Contracts:

- DFO- SARA – Focus Group Sessions, March 2, Moncton (logistical and organisational role) \$5,000.
- ACZISC – Geomatics Training Sessions, March 2012-June 2012 (four sessions, 2 in Maritimes, 1 NFL, 1 in Rimouski or Shippagan), \$15000.

Networking

- Climate Change Adaptation Conference by NB-RAC, Jan.26.2012, Tracadie, NB
- Northumberland Strait Environment Monitoring Partnership, Feb.14.2012, Moncton, NB (attended by phone)

Coalition-SGSL meetings

- Weekly meetings with staff
- Management Committee meetings,
- Meeting with Science Research Habitat WG,
- Meeting with Coastal Erosion WG Chair
- Meetings with Communication and Education Working Group
- Meetings with the Fund Development Advisory Group
- Meeting with the Technical Advisory Group
- Meeting with the Traditional Ecological Knowledge Group

- Meetings with CCC-CURA Co-direction

Activities

- Finances – bookkeeping, reconciliations, financial analyses, management of cash flow, etc.
- Organised and facilitated Volunteer Group Meetings with Chairs and Thérèse
- Worked on funding proposals and project ideas with partners
- Worked on Projects: CAMP, CEMEP, CCC-CURA,
- Worked on Coalition-SGSL priorities (Fundraising and Communications)
- Wrote, edited and distributed The SGSLCS Messenger Newsletter
- Organised the second webinar for the Steering Committee
- Emails to members
- Scholarship Advertisement send-out

Upcoming Important Deadlines

- March 21. Issue of Messenger to develop and distribute
- End of fiscal year (Audit) and finish deliverables (CAMP-CEMEP)

Important News:

- None at this time

Annual Work-plan

Synopsis:

Of interest in the work-plan are the first three rows. 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_March1.2012 and Workplan_Legend

Synopsis of Volunteer Group Activities

February 2012

Coalition- SGSL	Advisory Groups		Working Groups			
	Fund Development	Technical Advisory	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	Science, Research & Habitat	Communications & Education	Coastal Erosion
Status:	Active	Had first meeting There is no chair - a new purpose and direction has yet to be set	No one attended second meeting Active members are being sought. Purpose and direction is being set.	Active Meetings every 3 months	Active Meetings every 3 months	Active Meetings every 3 months
Current projects	Fundraising Procedure developing, Implement fundraising policy. Developing Funding Strategy.	None	None	CAMP; Sustainability Indicators; CCC-CURA; SECOA; Northumberland Strait – Effects Monitoring Partnership (NorSt- EMP)	Updating Website information ; Membership Call- around; Implementing communication policy, The SGSLCS Messenger	Coastal Erosion Monitoring and Education Program (CEMEP)
Potential projects	Organise an annual Local Marketing and Fundraising Event	None	Link with CCC-CURA and existing project and program more.	Improving and linking current projects for more efficient use of knowledge and tools in the Gulf region.	Increase social media presence; Member relations improve	Link more climate change adaptation (management strategies) with existing program, link with CCC- CURA and other groups
Next meeting	May 14, 2012 – 2:00pm	April 11, 2012 – 2:00pm	April 20, 2012 - 10:00am	May 4, 2012 – 10:00am	Date TBD in May , 2012 – 2:00pm	February 27, 2012 – 10:30am, May 28, 2012 – 10:30am

Volunteer Group Activities Details

FUND DEVELOPMENT

The Chair has been working on a funding strategy. It is started and will take a few more months to finalise. The group will seek to coordinate it with the strategic plan review.

- The group recommends the Coalition-SGSL sets specific fundraising goals for the Annual general meetings.
- The group also recommends trying to get more coop-students to work for us.
- The group recommends that the Steering Committee seriously considers closing the Sustainability Scholarship if we have no funding for it, and if no one is taking the lead on advertising and funding for the Sustainability Scholarship Fund.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY

Attendance at the meeting was minimal. The focus remains on adding the aquatic monitoring information for the Northumberland Strait to the atlas. Monica Boudreau from DFO is our volunteer helping get this accomplished.

TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

For some reason still unexplained, no one attended the meeting or advised their presence or lack there of. Chantal was able to speak with both Randy and Allister in days following. However, still no direction is set for this group.

SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND HABITAT

Attendance with this group has been dwindling. There is a lot of information shared during these meetings about ongoing science that members are participants in. It is definitely of interest to the accomplishment of the Coalition-SGSL's goals. The group decided on some action items to recruit new members, and also survey members to determine why they are not attending the meetings. Marie-Hélène will be going on maternity leave in April. We have advertised that we are looking for a new chair, and Vincent Mercier has been approached.

- The group proposed minutes from all volunteer group meetings be shared with Steering Committee members, and maybe even on the Internet.

COASTAL EROSION

The group itself is moving forward. Exchanges of information among partners is still of great interest. The website is receiving some attention with more information and resources available. The deliverables for Environment Canada are moving forward, and there is some member interest in the *Community-based Coastal Erosion Monitoring Guidebook* that we are developing.

COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

This group has had good turn-out and has been contributing a lot to our efforts and conversation.

- The group is recommending new items to the Messenger bulletin, and is discussing how best to use our Facebook page.
- The group also discussed that the feeling on the ground is that the federal government is moving away from encouraging direct interaction between government departments and programs, and engaging and informing the population. The group sees that the Coalition-SGSL needs to step in and take that role of making voices heard on policy, resource management, and stewardship. The group feels we should be able to influence policy changes, and we can start with our communications and our strategic plan review. For example, the next Messenger Newsletter will include an article informing the readers about the shale gas issues in the region and exploring the differences in provincial approaches.
- As well the group feels we can use the Messenger and other communication tools to bounce off the Coalition-SGSL proposed strategic changes to the membership in the coming year.

Internal Reports (French only)

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

Event Name/Nom de l'événement : *Conférence sur l'adaptation aux changements climatiques dans les collectivités: impacts et solutions*

Date: 26 janvier 2012

Location/Endroit : Tracadie-Sheila, Nouveau-Brunswick

Participant(e): Chantal Gagnon

Objectifs:

Networking/Réseautage

Training/Entraînement

Collecte information/ Collecte d'information

X Disseminate information/distribuer de l'information

Summary/Résumé

Ce fut une journée bien chargée d'information sur différents projets qui ont eu lieu au Nouveau-Brunswick pour avancer l'adaptation des communautés aux changements climatiques. Il y avait beaucoup de gens présents, dont l'Association des municipalités francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick, également des urbanistes, des organismes à but non-lucratif, etc.

L'aspect intéressant est la collaboration dans cette approche qui est inhabituelle. L'approche de l'initiative régionale d'adaptation au changement climatique impliquait une collaboration entre les différents projets. C'est pourquoi la péninsule acadienne était visée. Ainsi, les représentants du gouvernement provinciaux ont travaillé sur l'accumulation de données pour la surveillance des déplacements de la côte en utilisant de la photo aérienne. Ensuite, il y avait l'utilisation de technologies pour créer des modèles pour inondations et profils du littoral. Aussi, toutes ces cartes développées par ces partenaires ont ensuite été utilisées pour l'accompagnement de communautés afin de développer des plans d'adaptation. Ainsi, même si cela paraissait à première vue des projets séparés, ils bâtissaient un sur l'autre. Ceci permettait au niveau communautaire d'avoir accès à des données et à une expertise qui serait autrement plus difficile à accéder.

L'information fut très intéressante surtout du point de vue de notre implication dans le projet de l'ARUC-DCC et celui de l'érosion côtière. J'ai en fait pu réseauter avec des partenaires et des membres présents. Robert Capozzi, Yves Martinet et Omer Chouinard du Comité directeur étaient présents.

Vous pouvez également lire le rapport de Yves Martinet, membre du Comité Directeur, qui était également à l'événement au nom du Comité ZIP des Îles de la Madeleine. Voir document joint *Sommaire Tracadie-Sheila 2012*.