



Steering Committee Meeting #2

Location: Room 220, Pavillon P. A. Landry, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB
Date: Saturday, September 17, 2005
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

The Attending Members:

Claudette LeBlanc, ACZISC	Denise English, First Nation of Gespeg
Harry Collins, MREAC	John Legault, DFO
Nadine Gauvin, Coalition-SGSL Coordinator	Kyle Mackenzie, C-CIARN
Justin Huston, Nova Scotia gov't	Irene Novaczek, Instit. of Island Studies
Carole Doiron, Admin. Asst	Francine Rousseau, EnviroCanada
Jocelyne Gauvin, gddpc	Peter Dysart, gddpc
Allister Marshall, Po'tlo'tek Fish and Wildlife Assoc	Marianne Janowicz, NBDELG
David Boyce, SEA	

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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05. Allister delivered the opening prayer.

2. Approval of agenda

Approval of agenda was moved by D.Boyce and seconded by M.Janowicz. Introductions of meeting participants were made around the table. H. Collins also introduced Carole Doiron as the new Administrative Assistant.

3. Approval of previous minutes (June 3rd, 2005)

The minutes of last meeting were distributed. Approval of minutes, as amended, was moved by F.Rousseau and seconded by J. Gauvin.

4. Matters arising from minutes

Nadine covered the action items from the June 3rd minutes. Questions were asked on the following items:

- Irene questioned whether a report was produced from the TEK workshop of May 7th in Gespeg. Nadine responded that no report was produced because it was a small intimate workshop, a first for this community.
- Irene also asked if the Atlantic First Nations on climate change and water workshop had already occurred and Kyle clarified that the workshop was by invitation only and will take place on October 18 and 19 at the Delta in Moncton.
- Justin asked about the contract to the Coalition re: DFO'S Oceans Action Plan (which was under other Business in the minutes). John explained this was still being prepared.

5. Financial Report

As treasurer, D. Boyce presented the Coalition financial report (as of August 31st, 2005). Questions arose on certain items in the budget, ie. telephone budget, GIS, TEK workshop and bolded items. It was suggested that a footnote be added to explain the bolded items in more detail, that amounts under 'remaining' not be listed if the money has yet to be received and that the actual amounts of last year be included. David moved to adopt the financial report as presented, Marianne seconded the motion.



David also presented the Financial review for 2004/2005 which was completed in July and explained that a full audit will take place for the next fiscal year. Marianne moved to adopt the Financial Review as presented and Justin seconded the motion.

Action Item 01: Nadine and Justin to work on adopting the suggested items above into future financial reports.

6. Working Group updates

AGM 2006 WG - H. Collins presented the AGM related workshop with a brochure "Finding the Power to Prosper" and provided an update of the planning underway. Suggestions for other guest speakers included: Andrew Trivet who Irene had suggested and David Hughes. Marianne suggested someone from the Atlantic Centre Energy (Tim Curry). Monthly meetings will occur for the planning of this workshop.

Coastal Erosion WG – Nadine reported that the group was still awaiting news on their proposal to CCIAP, 'Tools for Community Planners'. Harry reported on MREAC's involvement with the Shell project: Coastal Erosion Monitoring and Education Program. Nadine suggested distributing the leftover monies from the Shell fund evenly to the five project participants. David suggested contacting Shell first for their approval.

Action Item 02: Nadine to contact Shell Canada as suggested above.

Communications & Education WG – Nadine reported that the WG met on June 21st to address the action items on the Workplan and one item is to incorporate member profiles of all Coalition members.

Action Item 03: Send out Member Profile Templates to all Steering Committee Members.

Funding/Development WG – Jocelyne reported that this new group has communicated by email to develop their mandate which is to oversee proposals and compile a list of funding agencies and potential grants to share with all members.

Science, Research & Habitat WG - Marianne reported that the WG is still pursuing funding for the Indicators project and the carrying capacity project still needs to be developed. Harry reported on the CAMP project and that a report should be available soon. Jim Weldon, CAMP lead, should be invited to speak at a future SC meeting. Irene recommended that the Coalition look at endangered and invasive species also and incorporate it in the Indicators work.

Technical Advisory – the WG is waiting for a funding call from GeoConnections to pursue its GIS proposal.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge WG - Allister reported that funding is still needed to pursue these activities of the Workplan. Jocelyne asked if TEK is just for aboriginals. It was explained that TEK includes the traditional knowledge from all peoples.

(break for lunch)

7. Winter retreat Planning

Harry announced the strategic planning session of November 26, 2005 which is the day following our next Steering Committee meeting. Justin suggested that we need to focus on outcomes, governance and positioning; and we should also consider inviting a social marketer for an hour to speak on this very important topic.

8. Coordinator's Report

Because the items of the Coordinator report were previously discussed, Nadine simply explained the recruitment drive conducted with ENGOs this past summer.

9. Northumberland Strait Ecosystem Working Group Update

John Legault provided an update of this WG. Justin explained GOSLIM and how the Northumberland Strait initiative relates to it. Sectorial information sessions are being planned. Irene urged that the 'silo' approach is counterproductive and a multi-sectorial approach is more appropriate. Irene explained the contents of a proposal she's prepared for the public consultations process on PEI. She suggested that the Coalition become a partner with the proposal region-wide.



Justin moved that the Coalition only participate if engaged in a cross-sectorial component; which was seconded by Marianne. It was suggested that the Management Cttee review any proposed contracts very carefully first before signing.

Action Item 04: A Coalition rep to be present at all future Northumberland Strait WG meetings.

10. Other Business: Mileage, Scholarship issue, Workshop protocol

Kyle explained that the Coalition scholarship criteria needs to be better defined, re: applicant's level in research stage. He also suggested the timing of the scholarship award should be changed to reflect the student's acceptance to programs, ie the Fall, rather than spring. *Other business topics will be covered after the guest speaker's presentation.*

11. Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration Presentation by Mikio Moriyasu

Mikio Morriyasu presented the very interesting results of his studies on the impacts to snowcrabs from offshore oil and gas exploration in the Northumberland Strait.

Other business continued...

Due to rising gas prices, it was suggested to have the present mileage reimbursement rate raised to \$0.34/km. Justin moved that we adopt the proposed rate and Francine seconded the motion.

Justin explained a new project that is being proposed in Nova Scotia which is to create an information hub for a comprehensive integrated coastal and watershed management process. It includes a website with links to contacts.

It was suggested that gifts be offered to guest speakers. Future guest speaker suggestions include Jim Weldon/ CAMP, Yvonne Devine of ACOA and Andrea Locke/ Invasive Species.

Action Item 04: Nadine to secure gifts for future guest speakers.

12. Adjournment

At 2:30pm the meeting was adjourned and Allister delivered the 'closing' prayer.