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Réunion du Comité directeur #1 (2007-08)

Location: Room 222 (Chapelle), Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB
Date: Friday, June 22, 2007
Time: 10:00am

The Attending Members:

Omer Chouinard, Université de Moncton	Nadine Gauvin, Coalition Coordinator
Jenny Guignard, Coalition Admin Assist	Richard Léger, Coalition Summer Student
Kathreen Parlee, Environment Canada	Harry Collins, MREAC
Allister Marshall, Po'tlo'tek Fish & Wildlife Assoc	David Boyce, Canadian Agro-Sustain. Partnership
Jocelyne Gauvin, GDDPC	John Legault, DFO
Chantal Gagnon, Consultant	Marianne Janowicz, NB Dept. of Environment
Wilhelmina Nolan, IICPH	Marc-André Plourde, Les Ami(e)s de la Kouchibouguacis
Palanisamy Nagarajan, UPEI	Irene Novaczek, Institute of Island Studies - UPEI

Guests:

Claire Kostrzewa, Coalition-SGSL Intern Martine Giangioppi, DFO
Douglas Deacon, Trailside Inn, Café ans Adventure



1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am. Allister Marshall delivered the opening prayer. Introductions of meeting participants were made around the table.

2. Approval of agenda

Nadine suggested that 'Coastal Erosion' be added to agenda item #6, and two items under Other Business as follows: Theme of 2008 AGM workshop and Next 3 Steering Committee meetings. Chantal asked to also include under Other Business: Two Countries – 1 Forest's upcoming workshop. Approval of the agenda, with the additions above, was moved by Chantal Gagnon and seconded by Jocelyne Gauvin.

3. Approval of previous minutes (February 23rd, 2007)

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Approval of the minutes was moved by David Boyce and seconded by Allister Marshall.

4. Matters arising from minutes

Nadine covered the six action items from the February 23rd minutes. There were two outstanding items: with respect to action item 01, investigating companies that have previously financially supported the coalition; Nadine explained that documentation on this matter from early Coalition years was difficult to track. Kathryn suggested she thought that the paint company, CIL had also been an earlier contributor – but was not certain. With respect to action item 03, Irene explained that the document referred to with the Coastal Communities Network was on co-management arrangements.

Action Item 01: Kathryn to consult with Larry on whether CIL had previously funded the Coalition.

Action Item 02: Nadine to obtain from CCN the co-management arrangements document.

5. Financial Report

As treasurer, David Boyce presented the Coalition financial report. It was suggested that the financial report should differentiate between 'pending' and 'committed' funding and that we should update the amounts of projected items to actual amounts whenever possible. David moved that the financial report be accepted as presented and J. Legault seconded the motion.



6. Working Group updates

AGM 2007 WG – In Justin's absence, Nadine reported briefly on the successful outcome of this year's workshop and that we are experiencing a shortfall of about \$6K - due to not receiving funding from ACOA. Irene commented that it was the best Coalition workshop ever. Nadine introduced Claire Kostrzewa, an intern from France, who is working to produce a post-workshop communications plan. Claire explained the plan will contain approaches to effectively disseminate the workshop highlights and to monitor the report recommendations with decision-makers.

Communications & Education WG – On behalf of Audrey Lapenna, chair of the working group, Nadine reported that the group has been busy reviewing and guiding the 2006-07 annual report and the spring newsletter. They are also working to further enhance the website.

Funding/Development WG – On behalf of Ray MacIsaac, chair of the working group, Richard Leger – summer student presented on the various research priorities he will be working on this summer: such as the legal implications for the Coalition to raffle off a hybrid and to undertake an endowment plan – to name a few.

Science, Research & Habitat WG – Marianne asked Nadine to present on the current activities. Nadine explained that the working group is looking at how to combine together the indicators project, CAMP and the sediment sampling as identified under the Northumberland Strait Ecosystem Initiative working group's key recommendations. John explained that offshore sediment sampling processes are being established with local fisherman and that he was hoping to also incorporate near-shore sampling processes with CAMP. John also informed the group that through SARA, DFO is funding the Coalition with a \$10K contract to cover the vehicle rental costs for the 3 CAMP students. Marianne said that the Moncton laboratory of Environment Canada has the capacity to test sediments for contaminants but she wasn't sure if they would have time to do it. She also announced an upcoming Aquatic Toxicity workshop to take place this fall in Halifax and one of the objectives for this workshop is to develop or share sampling techniques that are quick and easy. Harry suggested the CABIN program that many groups are involved with includes sediment sampling and could provide baseline data. Willi suggested that fish samples can be tested for toxicity for free through CFIA. Irene mentioned that we could incorporate some fish sampling through the CAMP exercise. Jocelyne suggested we could also tap into the existing shellfish sampling program of Environment Canada. Kathryn offered to speak to Larry and Colleen on opportunities to do more testing.

Action Item 03: The Science, Research and Habitat Working Group to meet in the next few weeks to review all of the suggestions above.

Technical Advisory WG – Nadine and John Legault reported they are considering resubmitting the On-line regional atlas proposal for the upcoming GeoConnections call. Sam Rideout, GIS professor of the Moncton Community College has offered to collaborate on the project to improve our CGDI knowledge base.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge WG – Chantal announced that the proposal on Climate change impacts to Medicine Gatherers submitted to CCIAP was approved last week and she will be lead researcher. Research assistants from both Eel River Ground and Elsipogtog are also involved with the project. The funding is for \$62K.

Coastal Erosion WG – Nadine announced there was recent interest to reactivate the working group. Martine offered to chair the WG if required. Harry informed that Bob Tayler provided him with a great link on coastal erosion monitoring protocols. Kathreen Parlee new of this link and will forward it to the coalition. She is also very interested to join the WG. Chantal added that Jennifer Graham of EcoAction would also like to be on the WG. She also suggested the first task of the working group should be to see what others are doing in their respective areas. Marianne said that the NPA may have funds to publish a coastal erosion handbook (from the link mentioned above).

Action Item 04: Nadine to organize a WG meeting with Martine in the next few weeks which will look at the above suggestions.

Action Item 05: Kathryn Parlee to forward the coastal erosion link to the Coalition.

Action Item 06: Chantal Gagnon to inquire with Jennifer Graham if she is still interested to join the WG



7. Coordinator's Report

Nadine provided a verbal coordinator's report and explained since the last Steering Committee meeting in February, she has been mainly busy with organizing the workshop, hiring summer students (3 for CAMP and 1 for the Funding/ Development projects), sourcing trucks for the CAMP students and working on the recent CCIAP contribution agreement. John mentioned the new funding available under the 'Status of the Women in Canada'. A proposal could be submitted by the coalition to do an inventory of how many women they are in the coastal communities of Atlantic Canada and what type of businesses have they developed. From there a lessons learned document could be produced with the topic, 'How women contribute to the sustainability of coastal communities?' Irene encouraged we tap into the Social Economy Research Network to link with the instrument developed by UNB to measure small businesses run by women – this could be leveraging for the proposal. Jocelyne offered that Omer had submitted a previous research proposal on 'women in coastal communities'. Other suggestions included: to link with the Rural Women's Network, to ensure aboriginal women are included in the research, to look into a website on a upcoming workshop publicized through ACZISC on 'Coastal Zone Management: Women and Youth', link with the Women in Business group of PEI, NS and Kent County; and to look into the efforts of the Coalition for a Green Economy. Irene and John offered to help with the proposal as an ad-hoc committee.

Action Item 07: Omer to forward his proposal above to the group.

Action Item 08: To form an ad-hoc committee with John, Irene and others to develop the proposal.

8. Northumberland Strait Ecosystem Working Group Update

Irene explained how the last meeting of March 26th was a disappointment and there was no commitment by the deputy ministers to move forward with the recommendations. She learned that Dave Dunn has recently accessed funds to undertake some work on the recommendations which includes: sediment sampling, consolidating databases, and a regional assessment process (RAP) on the bridge (confederation). Irene also commented that there's a need for more comprehensive social research.

9. Elections:

With respect to the Coalition Steering Committee: Irene nominated Doug Deacon as a PEI small business representative and that she would take the seat as municipal government. Nadine nominated David VanVelzen to fill the vacancy for small businesses in Nova Scotia. Irene moved that the nominations be accepted by acclamation, David Boyce seconded the motion.

With respect to the Coalition Executive positions, for the president seat, Irene moved that Omer Chouinard be accepted by acclamation; Harry seconded the motion. For the Vice-president seat, Irene moved that Claudette LeBlanc be accepted by acclamation; Marianne seconded the motion. For the Treasurer seat, Irene moved that David Boyce be accepted by acclamation; Harry seconded the motion. For the Secretary seat, Irene moved that Allister Marshall be accepted by acclamation; Willi Nolan seconded the motion.

10. Coalition Governance Structure update and discussion

It was suggested that the Committee look at not just restructuring but also how to better serve members. What's needed is a Terms of Reference for this committee and to set up a workplan.

Action Item 09: The Committee to set up a workplan with milestones and a Terms of Reference after mid-August.

11. Other Business:

The following three items were identified for discussion under other business:

- I. AGM 2008 Theme
- II. Dates for the 2007-08 Steering Committee meetings
- III. Upcoming conference: Two Countries – One Forest

I. Omer explained how the social economy and sustainability would be a good theme for next year's AGM workshop. Irene agreed it was a great idea and suggested researchers of the Social Economy project could be



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incorporated. Willi Nolan and John Legault offered to help with this working group. Chantal suggested to look into a similar workshop, CANSEE being held in Halifax the end of July. Irene moved that the theme for the next AGM be on social economy and sustainability; Willi seconded the motion. Nagarajan urged caution that we include sustainable societies to avoid focus on the economy. Willi proposed the title, 'Social Economy and Sustainable Societies in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence'.

Action Item 10: Chantal to send the Coalition info on the CANSEE workshop.

Action Item 11: The AGM 2008 WG should meet ASAP

Action Item 12: Irene to provide Nadine with an excellent reference of a publication by the Institute of Island Life.

II. The following dates were set for the next three Steering Committee meetings:

Friday, September 21st, 2007

Friday, December 7th, 2007

Friday, March 14th, 2008.

III. Chantal informed the group of a workshop hosted by Two Countries – One Forest to be held in Montreal on November 14-16, 2007. The goal is to unite partners and to raise awareness on the organization.

12. Afternoon presentation

David Boyce provided an excellent presentation on the Canadian Agro-Sustainability Partnership's work in Sri Lanka and China.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.