



Coalition pour la viabilité du sud du Golfe du Saint-Laurent
Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability

Steering Committee Meeting #1 (2009-10)

Location: Mi'kmaq Confederacy boardroom, Summerside, PEI

Date: Friday, June 12, 2009

Time: 9am

The Attending Members:

David Boyce, CASP	P.Nagarajan, UPEI
Chantal Gagnon, 2C1 Forest	Alice Power, Friends of the Pugwash Estuary
Marie-Hélène Thériault, DFO	Irene Novaczek, UPEI
Rémi Donelle, Coalition des b.v. de Kent	Randy Angus, Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI
Lisa Arsenault, Consultant	Nadine LaPlante, Coalition staff
Nadine Gauvin, Coalition Executive Director	Monique Brideau, Coalition staff

Guests:

Tracey Brown, BBEMA

Regrets:

Justin Huston, NS Government	John Legault, Public-at-Large
Ray MacIssac, DFO	Jean Goguen, Kent Planning Commission
Denis Desrosiers, Sentinel Systems Ltd.	Kathryn Parlee, Environment Canada
Omer Chouinard, UdeM	Jane Times, NB Government
Allister Marshall, Chapel Island First Nation	David Garbary, St.F.X

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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Coalition Chairperson, David Boyce at 9:05am. Meeting participants introduced themselves.

2. Approval of agenda

Approval of the agenda, with the addition of Policy WG under Working Group updates, was moved by Chantal Gagnon and seconded by Rémi Donelle.

3. Approval of previous minutes (February 27, 2009)

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and there were no corrections or errors. Approval of the minutes was moved by Marie-Hélène Thériault and seconded by Alice Power. Adoption of the motion was accepted unanimously.

4. Matters arising from minutes

Discussion took place with respect to the Science, Research & Habitat Working Group report under item #6 (Working Group updates); in particular with the previous indicators work. It was suggested to review the previous indicators project and to re-engage the project participants with how to move forward. Action item #10 is still ongoing and it was suggested to investigate new video conferencing technologies such as VIA.

Action item #01: The Science, Research & Habitat WG to review the report from the 2006 indicators work as a first step.

Action item #02: Coalition staff to investigate VIA as a potential video conferencing tool.





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5. Financial Report

Chantal provided the financial report. As of June 11th, the revenue carried over and received was reported as \$149,779.00 and the expenses accumulated were \$34,130.14 with a positive balance of \$115,648.86. Chantal Gagnon proposed that the financial report be accepted as presented and Irene Novaczek seconded the motion. Adoption of the motion was accepted unanimously.

6. Working Group updates

Only the 2010 AGM Working Group was listed for discussion as all other working group reports were provided at the AGM. The formation of a Policy Working Group idea was added as a follow up to the AGM group discussion.

2010 AGM – topic ideas for the next AGM related workshop were discussed by the group. From the discussions that took place during the Open Discussion component of the AGM, it was decided to organize a youth forum in conjunction with next year's AGM. How do we engage youth in sustainability, how can youth play a greater role on the Coalition, what are their needs, concerns – are all questions or subjects that could be included in the AGM forum. This could also serve to be lead into Coastal Zone Canada 2010 which is being held in Charlottetown next July. The CZC is also having a youth forum, of which Irene is helping to organize. The youth forum could also include subjects raised by elders from the TEK Working Group and should take place on or near at First nations community such as Eel River Bar or Listuguj. The following individuals agreed to participate in the 2010 AGM Working Group: Chantal Gagnon, Rémi Donelle, Lisa Arsenault.

Action item#03: The 2010 WG to meet during the summer months to begin work on the next workshop.

Policy WG formation idea – The discussion from last night continued on whether the Coalition should form a Policy WG – which would serve to review current policies and help shape new ones. It was suggested that each WG adopts a strategy to review policy with respect to their subjects of interest. One idea was to create a monitoring indicator: reporting back on public policy. Who does this and with what resources? It was also mentioned that municipalities struggle with shaping policy and that we should consult with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for collaboration opportunities. Finally, it was mentioned that article 4.1 in the newly revised constitution which reads: *Assist with programs that audit the efficiency of regulations to determine if the intended goal of the regulatory intent is being meant in a meaningful way* – is already part of the Coalition mandate. As such, discussion ensued on the various roles & responsibilities of the Steering Committee compared to the Management Committee.

Action item #04: Contact Basil Stewart, Mayor of Summerside, and new President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to offer congratulations and to request a meeting.

Action item #05: To organize a discussion for the next Steering Committee on the roles & responsibilities of the Steering Committee vs the Management Committee.

7. Coordinator's Report

Nadine provided the Coordinator's report which detailed the activities of the Coalition administration over the past few months. She explained that Monique is to attend a workshop sponsored by the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) at the end of June. Irene suggested that a new call for Internships with the ACIC should be out soon.

Action item#06: Monique to provide a brief report on the ACIC workshop at the next SC meeting.





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8. Northumberland Strait Ecosystem Working Group Update

Irene Novaczek reported that there has been no movement with the Northumberland Strait Ecosystem Working Group since our last SC meeting.

9. 2009-2010 work-plan update

Nadine presented the new reporting table for the 2009-2010 work-plan. The following comments were provided:

- Add an 'outcome' column to the table to reflect what is completed for each project
- Add more details for each project: location, timeframe, persons responsible (who does what per WG, etc)
- Add the CURA research project
- Under the 'Website links to resources' include 'How to get charitable status', 'Board governance' docs, etc

Action item#07: To incorporate the above comments into the 2009-2010 workplan

10. Policies

The proposed policy, 'Paying to become a Member of an affiliated organization' was reviewed. It was suggested to add the word 'and' following the second point and to remove the word 'three' from the final paragraph. Other proposed organizations to join include: CEDNET, the Canadian Council of Policy Alternatives and ACIC. It was also suggested to compare the provincial environmental networks as opposed to the national one, in terms of costs, obligations, benefits, etc. The policy with the suggested changes was proposed by Chantal Gagnon, seconded by Lisa Arsenault. Adoption of the motion was accepted unanimously.

Action item#08: Coalition staff to compare provincial environmental networks to the national one as per the above suggestions.

11. Election of the Executive

Because the executive members had all commenced their term of two years last year, an election was not required.

12. Setting future SC meeting dates

The following dates were established for the 2009-2010 Steering Committee meetings:

- Friday, September 11th, 2009 - Université de Moncton
- Friday, December 4th, 2009 - location to be determined
- Friday, March 4th, 2010 – location to be determined

13. Other business

- Chantal Gagnon explained her recent trip to Ottawa as a participant in a Natural Resources Canada evaluation meeting of the funding received for our 2007 Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation funds program.
- The NS portion of the Coalition bike raffle was drawn and Ray MacIsaac reported by telephone the winner as Martin Jewkes of Antigonish.
- The two PEI National Park Passes were drawn and the winners were David Boyce and Chantal Gagnon.

14. Adjournment

Chantal Gagnon proposed to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am

