

PWMG-GSBP Inc.
Meeting minutes
7:00pm June 1, 2006 (AGM)
Université de Moncton (Rémi Rossignol Building R221)

Attending:

Approximately 10-15 people in attendance

.....

Meeting Start (~ 7:10pm)

Sophie presents the agenda and welcomes all those present.

The PWMG Slide Presentation Begins

Overview of summer projects and suggested activities, one of which is to organize different activities to recruit volunteers for this coming year and also to incorporate a school education program.

Overview of Projects of 2005

A stream assessment report was put together on Jonathan Creek. The report concluded that when precipitation increases, sedimentation increases with it.

A stream assessment report was put together on the Mapleton Brooks. The technical report was provided to AVIDE and the city of Moncton. The report concluded that the Mapleton Brooks are currently in a healthy state, and that there have been no negative impacts and brooks are doing remarkably well prior to any development. Another stream assessment will be completed in the future to ensure development does not negatively affect the brook.

A water quality assessment was put together on Rabbit Brook. PWMG was funded by the city of Moncton to determine the point source of E.coli contamination. This report indicates significantly high levels of E.coli. High E. coli. counts were associated with heavy rainfall, but high counts were also found when it had not rained a lot. The point source was suggested to be the large culvert in Rabbit brook (. It was suggested that the grid be removed in order to avoid garbage build-up.

Overview of the water quality monitoring of 2005.

(All reports are available online)

Overview of Projects and Activities of 2006

Culvert inventory. Reconnecting aquatic species to historical habitats in Rabbit Brook, Fox Creek, North Branch Hall's Creek and maybe Jonathan Creek. This is rarely done in watersheds, so this is a good opportunity.

North Branch Hall's Creek Habitat Assessment. This assessment is important because we need to document the state of the stream prior to any development, which is scheduled by AVIDE.

We will continue to monitor all watershed sites.

Humphrey Stream clean-up with scouts scheduled for June 8th, 2006.

Presence at the Dragon boat festival on June 10th and 11th, 2006.

Presence at Enviro Fair at the Moncton Farmer's Market on June 10th, 2006.

Participation in the Salt Marsh Restoration Workshop in Sackville on June 15th and 16th.

Fundy Model Forest Fair in September (Sussex Balloon Festival)

Overview of the 2005 Budget/ Financial Report

Bronwyn went over the 2005 budget. It was also mentioned that there are lots of students working for PWMG this summer (three students and one intern).

Search for New President

The members nominated Dave MacDonald who is currently the vice president. He was not present at the meeting, therefore he will need to be contacted.

A new vice president will need to be nominated. The members suggested that George Lyons should be on the board. Also, the role of secretary will need to be filled.

New Name for PWMG-GSBP

The new name that the majority of members voted for is the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance/ Alliance du Bassin Versant Petitcodiac.

Updates on the website

Sophie figured out how to change and update the website right from the office.

Update of the UNESCO Bay of Fundy Biosphere Initiative

Peter Etheridge gave us an update of the BoFBI.

Prizes

Three prizes were drawn at the end of the meeting. All those in attendance were in the draw.