



## QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES (7 May 2007)

The Board of Directors of the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance met for their quarterly meeting on 7 May 2007. The meeting was held in the Moncton Operation Center and began at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Mathieu Leblanc, coordinator; David Holt; Alyre Chiasson; Winston Jones; Georges Brun; Jim Weldon (tardy); George Lyons; David MacDonald, president; John Russell; Lucie Grould, intern.

### **1. Welcome**

Mathieu welcomed everyone to the meeting and talked about how much he is learning with his new job. He also took this time to thank the organization for giving him this opportunity.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was approved as circulated (by consensus).

### **3. Approval of meeting minutes**

Reviewed and approved minutes of Feb 12 2007 meeting (by consensus).

### **4. Charitable Status**

Mathieu explained that the application was sent in March and we have no news yet.

### **5. French Student**

Mathieu presented Lucie Grould (French Student Intern) to the board. He explained that she started April 10<sup>th</sup> and is presently working on the Indicator project. A short resume explaining her project and what she has completed so far was circulated on the back of the agenda. Mathieu also mentioned that she finishes June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **6. Website**

Mathieu explained how he has started translating the home page of French version and Lucie is working on the French text.

### **7. 2006 projects**

Mathieu mentioned that the Activity report was sent to ETF. He also explained that there are two things that need to be finished from the 2006 projects: (1) The

10yr Water Quality Report and (2) the Report for North Hall's Creek Habitat Assessment. Mathieu also mentioned that Ken McPhee is thought to be awaiting the habitat report. He was also unsure if funding was attached to one or both of the projects.

It was concurred that the Hall's Creek Assessment should be prioritized over the 10 year water quality report. Neither seems to have funding linked to it.

## 8. 2007 Funding

**Jonathan Creek:** The Jonathan Creek Committee has approved our proposal of \$ 3060.61 for a culvert / stream crossing survey. Dave Holt reported that Richard Landry might have useful data, since the City of Moncton did a storm water study in the past.

**Young Canada Works:** We have been approved for 60% of wage for an Assistance Project Coordinator. The funding will be \$3460. A portion of the remaining 40% will come from the Jonathan Creek Committee.

**Shell Environmental Fund:** \$5000 was approved for Indicator report. This will cover the development and printing of pamphlet. The approval of funding from Shell was thought to be a first for the group.

**Science Horizon:** no word yet, not promising.

**NBWTF & MEC:** The applications were submitted in April (MEC) and May 1<sup>st</sup> (NBWTF) to do restoration work on Fox Creek at Melanson Road.

## 9. Workshops attended by Coordinator

Salisbury – BMP training session for forest industry contractors – Mathieu will attend.

## 10. 2007 Projects

**Water Quality Monitoring:** The PWA has started its water quality monitoring on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Once again, Rabbit Brook remains problematic. Mathieu will meet with Richard Landry next week to discuss problems/solutions. Georges B. reported loads of fill over culvert at headwaters. Jonathan Creek also has very high levels of E-coli.

**Greening our Greens:** Moncton Golf Club only one on-board with golf course project. Mathieu will work in collaboration with Stephen Wood to establish or suggest best management practices for golf course maintenance. Audubon has a program using stepped criteria.

**Petitcodiac River Run:** Mathieu will do an in class presentation on May 28<sup>th</sup> at JMA high School. June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the date for the run. No news about money yet. Mathieu will circulate \$10,000 budget breakdown to board members. It was

mentioned by Jim Weldon that Oceans Day is June 8<sup>th</sup>. Theme is 'Rivers to Oceans'. This should be included in the project.

**Watershed Indicator Report:** no news on funding. Alyre questioned the title "Valuing Our Data". The meeting suggested replacing 'valuing' with 'analyzing', 'using' or 'interpreting'.

**Fox Creek:** nothing yet (as above).

**Jonathon Creek:** We will start taking the culverts' physical parameters data in June. FishXing parameter data should be gathered suggested by Alyre. Mathieu mentioned that DFO was supposed to create a protocol to do inventory and would be available to community groups in spring 2007. Unfortunately, no news yet.

**Wanderlust Speaker Series:** 12-15 participants present at first presentation last Saturday in Sackville. This partnership with Wanderlust Outfitters provides good promotion for Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance.

**Know your H2O:** Letter received inviting us to participate. This year the Province is offering to reimburse \$250 for advertising, pay for mileage and pay 8hrs of labour (Sunday pickup). Directors present did not feel it worthwhile to participate as a partner this time, particularly due to the inadequate compensation provided last time around.

## 11. Varia

**Hiring 2007:** 4 interviews will be held this week for the position of assistant coordinator.

**AGM:** Aiming for June 11<sup>th</sup>. Possible guest speaker: Moncton Naturalists' club Alain Clavette. We'll try to find smaller room, possibly at the Wastewater treatment facility.

**2007 memberships:** 1 corporate, 5 fish friends. More membership payments were accepted at the meeting.

**Hall's Creek Development:** Future development between the TransCanada Highway and Halls Creek was noted to be a concern. Mathieu will ask to have someone from City of Moncton to present the city's Master Plan at our annual meeting.

**Dragon Boat Festival:** last year PWA took part. Mathieu will attend with booth.

## 12. Close

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.