



Alliance du bassin versant
Petitcodiac
Watershed Alliance

Quarterly Meeting MINUTES

Location : Moncton Operations Center

Date : 14 November 2006, 7 :00 pm

In attendance:

Georges Brun, Peter Etheridge, David Holt, Winston Jones,
Charlie Leblanc, Dave MacDonald, Bronwyn Pavey, Jim Sinclair, Jim Weldon
Quorum Present?: YES

Meeting Called 7:05 pm

1.0 Welcome

Bronwyn welcomed all members present. Special welcome to Dave MacDonald, new Watershed Alliance President.

2.0 New Logo

Overall comments were positive. Some people saw a water drop and others a leaf. Both work.

3.0 New Website www.petitcodiacwatershed.org

Bronwyn indicated that the French website is not up and running as of yet.

The Board agreed that \$40 was an appropriate website hosting/maintenance cost to pay per month. This monthly cost will be incurred as oppose to a large payout for an overall site change and outside maintenance. At this time, everything is done in-house.

4.0 2006 Projects Update

4.1 Land Conservation Project with Riverkeepers – Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance is there to support the Riverkeepers. At the outset of this project, both groups got a mapping program that has been very useful. There is \$1000 available in the Watershed Alliance funds for the continuation of this project.

4.2 10 Year Water Quality Review and Report

This will be completed by the end of March as part of the year-end Alliance reporting.

This is the first time all data will be gathered into a comprehensive report. Bronwyn feels the hardest part will be finding all the data.

- Rural/ Urban break down of rivers. Broken into groups with respect to development.
- Contact Nelson Poirier, Times and Transcript to write on results and issues in the watershed
- Identify areas of concern and dig a little deeper into data in those areas.

- Jim Weldon offered to edit this report.

4.3 North Branch Hall's Creek Aquatic Habitat Survey

Ken McPhee of AVIDE Inc. is looking forward to receiving this report and developing further projects with the Watershed Alliance. This report is to be completed by January 31st, 2007. Macroinvertebrates need to be analysed.

4.4 Culvert Project

This project is being completed by Maryse Cousineau of Université de Moncton. We look forward to receiving her results.

4.5 2006 Data Summary/ Activity Report

This will be completed by mid-March for delivery to all funders, primarily ETF and be added to our other yearly data reports.

5.0 2007 Projects

5.1 Long-term Water Quality Monitoring Program: Working Towards Designation

This will be a continuation of our current program with greater emphasis on macro-invertebrate testing and exiting new parameters (phosphate and nitrate) added as a result of new equipment.

5.2 Golf Course Eco-Certification Program

This project will ask the 10 area golf courses if they would like to participate in a eco-certification program (be it Audobon or a set of Best Management Practices they adhere to). The focus will be on ensuring riparian zones are wide enough, type and timing of fertilizers, reduction/ elimination of pesticide use etc...

- Maurice Leblanc, Fox Creek, known to be approachable
- Memracook Golf Course may be interested
- Royal Oaks

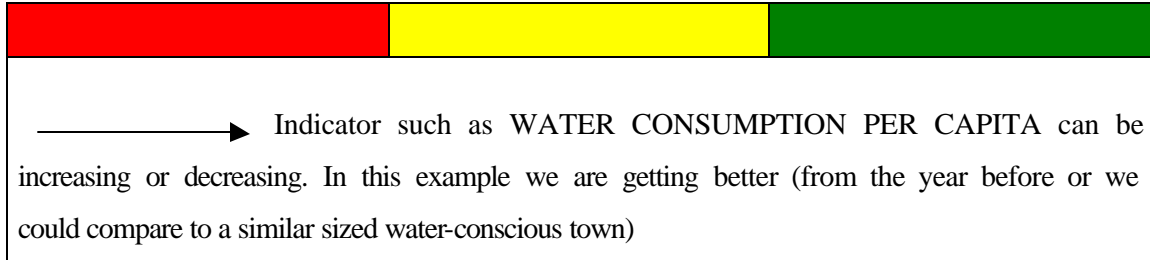
5.3 Spring Petitcodiac River Run: Public Education Project

Aimed for the last week in May or first weekend in June, this group/ family outing on the Upper Petitcodiac River will emphasize no trace camping/picnicking. Local naturalist to join us and talk about bird, fish and plants along the river.

- Contact schools and outdoor pursuit classes
- Do a pre-run before Bronwyn goes out with school groups
- Find a fun, knowledgeable naturalist (Ramsay Hart?)
- Must happen before June 15th.
- Owen Fraser at Centennial Park Rotary Lodge has boats

5.4 Watershed Indicator Project: Valuing our Data

This is the project Bronwyn is most excited about. Getting our data out to the public is a so that it can be understood. The idea will be to choose 710 indicators that we will monitor or access already existing data for each year.



5.5 Photography Contest

To be announced in April 2007. Photos can be submitted until August 31st. Judges to be local area photographers, newspaper etc.. Top 12 photos to be put into a fundraising calendar. Top photo in the paper. Gallery showing at Moncton City Hall. Different categories. Inaugural contest.

Theme: Something along the lines of ...water runs through it.

Other Projects/ Concerns mentioned:

Forest Glen II: Water problem, storm sewers directly into Jonathan Creek. Rick Cunjak had looked at the problem in 1995-1996. It is 10 years later and little has changed. Concerns about lack of enforcement. Need to inform City of Moncton what needs to be done in clear, concise terms.

Possible idea: put on workshop for developers. Work on best management practices.

Caledonia Industrial Park, Olgilvie Brook, lots of bare ground behind MacArthur Paving Co. Needs to be looked at. Most likely source of sediment into stream. (PHOTOS TAKEN)

6.0 Varia

6.1 Know your H₂O Program

Board members asked to put up flyers. Province only giving 48\$ for PWA to run program. Bronwyn chose to participate for its advertising possibilities.

6.2 Charitable Status

We are another step closer. The positions of Vice President and Secretary must be filled prior to sending in application. Write-up on our group's activities must also be completed.

6.3 Michael's Brook washout

Write-up passed around. Suggested to contact company.

Since meeting: David Holt and engineers from Modern Construction Ltd. have assessed the situation and are proposing remediation possibilities.

6.4 Petitcodiac River Rehabilitation Committee

Bronwyn has joined this committee. Our organization is represented. Greg Klassen, newest Riverkeeper board member is heading up the committee. He is also the new Coordinator for the Gulf of Maine Council.

6.5 Mapleton Park Follow-Up

New trail has been installed in the Park. Bronwyn visited park with Ken McPhee. New bridge is outside high-water reach of stream. The company seems to be undertaking all measures necessary to protect riparian zone and streams.

6.6 2007 Membership Drive

Great time to buy a membership for family members, Christmas present. Membership drive needs to be done. February may be a good month.

6.7 Financials

Need a better way to organize financial data

Jim Sinclair to create workbook. (DONE)

7 Close

Meeting Adjourned 9:05 pm.