

Cornwall and Area Watershed Group
Meeting Minutes - February 9, 2010
Cornwall Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: Peter Meggs-Chair, Blair Trowbridge, Norman Dewar, Janet Luxton Dockendorff, ,
Victoria Doan, Marlene Hunt, Dawn Watson

Absent: Colin Cairns, Charles Kennedy, George Somers, Leslie Farnell, Paul MacDonald,
Jaan Ranne, Kay Larkin , Michael Zinck , Ann Doucette, Dick Carson,
Hilliard Muttart, Willard Foley, Dave Spence, Josh Lindsay, Leon Furjan

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm. Peter Meggs chaired the meeting.

Approval of Agenda as circulated. Moved by Marlene Hunt, Seconded by Dawn Watson.

Approval of the “super good” Minutes of the January 12, 2010, meeting as circulated. Moved by Janet Luxton Dockendorff, Seconded by Norman Dewar.

Organization of February Open House

Kim from Town Hall and Norman met and discussed having the C&AWG Open House event take place at a venue during SnowFest. Kim’s thoughts were for best exposure to set up at a venue that attracts a large number of the community.

Norman also suggested ordering a slab cake with the picture of the watershed on the top and have a cake cutting ceremony with dignitaries, perhaps juice or hot chocolate made available. Also to adopt a mascot for the watershed, that being the Muskrat and perhaps a name the mascot event for the children. We could get a stuffed Muskrat on loan from Wildlife, however children may not be into naming a dead animal, so may table this for another year when we can actually have a costume available for someone to wear and mingle. Norman will take care of the cake, refreshments and Muskrat acquisition from Wildlife. Norman also has a quote for a 2 sided-in colour newsletter from Kwik Kopy basically indicating why we are here, what we are involved in and general easily digested information.

Kim will help confirm the location with Norman, SnowFest is the last weekend in February. Marlene suggested as Kim has been out sick for Norman to contact Tracy MacLean at the Town Office for some help on getting a hold of Kim and her days in.

Norman will also have a slide presentation on a loop set up and also there is a new map on order showing the contours and in colour that will also be on display.

Dawn will draft letters of invitation to Hon. Ron MacKinley, Hon. Richard Brown, Hon. Wayne Easter, MP and Mayor Patrick MacFadyen and circulate to group for approval. Marlene will look after the press release for the event. Peter and Norman will work on the content for the newsletter. Suggested we contact Suzette MacKinnon of Robin’s to see if she would be willing to set up Hot Chocolate for the Open House.

Finance Report

Blair reported the finances are in good shape and funds are available to support the open house, handouts of a 2 sided brochure, photos and CAWG Plans.

Bank Statement and Ledgers are in agreement. T4s have been submitted and Norman’s given to him at meeting.

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Direction - New Deal Application - Marlene Hunt

Marlene requires further direction from CAWG regarding \$150,000 new deal application for dam replacement and fish ladder restoration on Hyde Creek Pond and tie into Utilities.

Suggestions from the group were focus on water leaking into lagoon, stream itself takes away treated waste water from the lagoon, change in the dam can help control the water flow. If the dam were removed and not repaired by whatever means, then the Town would have to dig down 500 metres to be able to drain the pond otherwise it would become a stagnant, odorous pond and this makes it not an option to let the dam go. The restoration/replacement of the dam and an operation fish ladder is a key step into any restoration efforts for the pond and subsequently the livelihood of the Creek itself. Also Norman mentioned that Kevin with the Town also had some excellent statistics and information on the need for this project.

Details of Funding Applications

Dawn to forward 2009 files to Norman Dewar. Norman suggested we make application to the Wildlife Conservation Fund regarding brush mats as this fund would enable access to supplies and materials. Norman to go forward with this application, deadline is Friday, February 12. We should have word back on the success of our application by March 1.

WMF Application is due the end of February. Main thrust for Watershed Management Plan and Tree planting, Blair, Dawn and Norman to work on completion of this application.

Discussion about the advantages and the types of work and funding being applied for also that this year we can add a position to labourers from the JFY and in kind time for all our volunteers both on clean ups and committee meetings. Dawn to work up some general numbers for Blair to plug into the funding format.

Financial Report is due end of March for 2009 funds, Peter will check with Sean for clarification on format.

Report on Watershed Alliance General Meeting

Dawn and Norman updated the group on the process that was the all day AGM of the Alliance. The Morning was devoted to reviewing and amendments to the Bylaws for the Provincial Alliance and to pass them and amended for furthering the process of Incorporation of the Alliance. The sub-committees reported on the past year's activities. The afternoon was a working session with HRA involving the Watershed Alliance members to help form a Mandate of the Provincial Plan and insight into priorities of the Provincial Plan. HRA will then be in touch with Watershed Groups by Regional sub-groups for further input.

Report on Presentation to Cornwall Town Council

Peter apologized for not being able to make this presentation due to another commitment on the same night. Norman reported that the Council was very interested and the presentation went well considering the time frame. Nice turn out from our group as well present in the audience. Norman has left a copy of the presentation with the Town and Kim and Kevin from the town wanted to meet with Norman after the meeting was adjourned. They had questions around funding opportunities for our group and that can see where this will build a stronger relationship between the Town and our group.

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Progress on domain name for website and links to Town website

Michael was unable to make the meeting so this topic was postponed to a later meeting of the group.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

List of Proposed Meetings:

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Tuesday, August 10, 2010 - Possible Summer Break No Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 - Possible Christmas Break No Meeting