

Cornwall and Area Watershed Group  
Meeting Minutes - January 12, 2010  
Cornwall Town Hall Council Chambers

Present: Peter Meggs-Chair, Blair Trowbridge, Norman Dewar, Janet Luxton Dockendorff, Willard Foley, Dave Spence, Josh Lindsay, Victoria Doan, Marlene Hunt, Dawn Watson, Leon Furjan

Absent: Colin Cairns, Charles Kennedy, George Somers, Leslie Farnell, Paul MacDonald, Jaan Ranne, Kay Larkin, Michael Zinck, Ann Doucette, Dick Carson, Hilliard Muttart

Guest: Mayor of Cornwall, Hon. Patrick MacFadyen

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

Approval of Agenda as circulated. Moved by Will Foley, Seconded by Dave Spence.

Peter Meggs, Chair thanked the Mayor for joining our meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting as circulated. Moved by Josh Lindsay, Seconded by Janet Luxton Dockendorff.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

#### **Website redesign and hosting**

o Discussion around linking our website to the Town=s website, as well as Michael and the Ellen=s Creek Webmaster getting together to share areas of expertise. Michael will meet with both Ellen=s Creek Webmaster and the Town Webmaster as well as look into acquiring our own domain name.

Collaboration with Ellen=s Creek will indeed benefit both groups as where one needs help the other may have the expertise. Mayor Patrick was able to inform the group that it should not be difficult to add to the Town=s website. We should be able to migrate the new site fairly quickly. This will be brought up again at another meeting, as Michael was unable to attend tonight.

#### **Finance Report**

o 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.

o Blair met with Ellen=s Creek Treasurer to share information.

o Question asked around 2009 funds, and responsibility of losing them if not spent. It is our understanding that this is not the case however the project plans are to make use of all monies, of which they are spoken for and re-apply for funding for 2010 projects. Blair will check with Provincial Coordinator, Candy MacDonald.

o Funding application deadline is due at the end of February as are the reports for the 2009 year. Work to be done on application next meeting of group.

#### **Report Meeting with Ellen=s Creek Watershed Group on November 5, 2009(Peter Meggs and Norman Dewar)**

Ellen=s Creek is a separate group as we are however, Norman Dewar is now the Coordinator for Ellen=s Creek and has graciously indicated that he will also stay as a volunteer with CAWG.

Collaboration with neighbouring Watershed Groups is a goal we hope to continue in an ever widening circle.

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**Report Meeting with Ellen=s Creek Watershed Group on November 5, 2009(Peter Meggs and Norman Dewar)-continued**

Ellen=s Creek Watershed Group meet monthly, they have a newsletter they hope to put into all mailboxes in their watershed area. This is something we could plan to do for 2010. They have also drawn up their Terms of Reference as well as getting their structure in place. Peter and Norman invited them to join our meetings anytime.

**Executive Meeting**

The Executive met January 4, 2010 to look back at the CAWG=s accomplishments of 2009 and to look forward to some items already known to the group as go forward items. Discussion was deferred to another meeting of the Group due to time constraints.

**Central Queens Watershed Alliance Group**

This group met in Kensington, January 6, 2010. Dawn Watson and Norman Dewar attended representing CAWG and Ellen=s Creek, respectively. It was a very informative meeting with presentations given, one on the new Act around buffer zones was extremely helpful. With the Government Plan for 12 coordinators taken out of the picture for the time being it was a more relaxed meeting. A reminder was mentioned of the AGM of the Watershed Alliance to be held in New London at the Community Centre on Saturday January 16 from 9:30 to 4:00. Hoping for a turn out of each Watershed Group as the By-laws were the major part of the work to be finalized for going forward with incorporation.

Bedeque ABEAM@ mentioned that there was an excellent >Adopt a Stream= program by schools in each area. This is a program for grades 8-12 and they gather information on the watersheds which supplies the group of that area with helpful and free Watershed data.

**Province Wide PEI Watershed Alliance AGM**

The group was informed of the Alliance Annual General Meeting to be held January 16 in New London. Norman Dewar will attend on behalf of Ellen=s Creek, Dawn Watson and Peter Meggs will attend on behalf of CAWG. The morning agenda is the AGM with discussion on By-laws and voting for final document and the afternoon agenda will be conducted by HRA Consultants regarding the Government Plan regarding Watershed Groups and DEEF. With the Governments= 12 Coordinator Plan off the table the Alliance will have input as to some of the areas of concern as Government rethinks their Plan.

**Watershed Coordinator=s Report**

Norman presented some of the priorities discussed at the Executive Meeting. He has incorporated this into his presentation.

Mayor MacFadyen was impressed with the presentation and information included and invited Norman and the group to the next Town Council Meeting, January 20, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

**Mayor Patrick MacFadven**

Mayor Patrick requested Council have Norman make presentation. The Mayor also discussed the possibilities of funding through the 1.7 million over 4 years for things like Hyde Pond Dam replacement.

Discussion around how this work could not only help the Watershed Group but also the Town and be linked to such things as the Trails, the Town's Storm Water Master Plan, and the much needed Hyde Pond Dam reconstruction including a working fish ladder, with a possible plan to renew the sustainability and area of the Pond itself.

Norman will present at the next Council meeting and forward some information for Councillor Marlene to put before the Council as an area for consideration under the 1.7 million funding.

Discussion that members should email Council expressing their support for funding for the Hyde Creek Pond Project would also help the cause of getting on the table. There is definite support from this Council but with an election looming not certain of the status with new Council. Patrick will check with Kim on the eligibility of this as a project under the funding.

The Mayor was asked how much town own land if any was around the Creek and the Mayor mentioned that with each developer the Town has requested that a space of land along the creek was deeded to the town for future pathways and green space and this has been accomplished.

Peter Meggs and the Group thanked the Mayor for attending our meeting.

**Other Business**

Plans for Open House, Kim with Town will be able to help in choosing a good night for maximum exposure of Town citizens. Also important to make press aware of CAWG Open House.

Application for funding will be a priority for the February Meeting.

Norman to prepare document for Councillor Marlene to present to Council, suggest \$350,000 be put on the table as wish list funding. Norman will also make Presentation to Council at next meeting. Mayor Patrick will have his added to Agenda.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2010,**

**List of Proposed Meetings:**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

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