

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 5th, 2025**  
**4:00 PM- 6:00 PM via Zoom**

**Board Members:** Kris Hunter, Andrew Lush, Juliana Fernandes Granzoti, Dale McIsaac,  
**Kim Curran, Sarah Wray, Dawn McInnis, Virginia Everett**  
**Staff:** Heather Laiskonis, Nathan Lacroix

**1) Call to Order**

Meeting Called to order at 5:03 PM

**2) Approval of Agenda**

- Addition to agenda for EAC discussion
- Moved by Kim, Seconded by Andrew Lush
- Passed Unanimously

**3) Approval of minutes from [April 3rd](#)**

- Moved by Juliana and seconded by Dawn
- Passed unanimously

**4) Business arising from the minutes**

a)

**5) Discussion items:**

**a) Election of new executives**

- Dale McIsaac re-elected as Chair for 2025-26 fiscal year
- Kris Hunter elected as Vice Chair
- Andrew Lush re-elected as Treasurer
- Juliana Fernandes Granzoti elected as Secretary
- Motion that for the P.E.I. Watershed Alliance executive for 2025 - 2026 year will be Dale McIsaac as chair, Kris Hunter as vice chair, Andrew Lush as treasurer, and Juliana Fernandes Granzot as secretary made by Dale McIsaac.
- Seconded by Juliana Fernandes Granzot
- Passed Unanimously
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**b) WMF funding increase**

- Current administrative allowance is \$45,000 - deemed insufficient for work being done
- WMF overall fund has grown to \$2.185 million (nearly doubled in recent years)

- Board members support a proposed increase to \$65,000 to better reflect the value and impact of the Alliance's work.
- Dale and Heather to meet with Brad Potter to discuss request
- Dale moved that the watershed alliance request from the watershed management fund, \$65,000 per year as of April 1, 2025.
- Seconded by Virginia Everett
- Passed Unanimously

**c) Span bridge permitting requirements**

- Kim identified gap in standardized bridge designs and specifications
- The need for standardized bridge designs to ensure safety and compliance with current regulations
- Current process requires individual engineering drawings for each bridge project
- Need for standardized designs with load capacity specifications (2-axle, 3-axle trucks)
- Tyler Wright is an engineer who has experience designing bridges and has been consulted regarding standardized designs for span bridges.
- Paul is another contact who may have insights or resources related to bridge design and engineering standards.
- Department of Transportation may be appropriate department to develop standards
- Goal is to reduce costs and liability issues for watershed groups

**d) Approval of financials for 2024**

- Final figures presented at the AGM were not the final numbers, leading to discrepancies in retained earnings.
- The accountants recommended moving the AGM to a later date to ensure accurate financial reporting.
- Sarah has been working diligently on the updated financial statements.
- The financial statements are now finalized and available in the board folder for review.
- Andrew, Emma, Heather, and Dale will discuss the finalized financial statements for the Watershed Alliance.
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**e) October presentation from the board**

- Heather aims to present a formal request to increase the Watershed Management Fund (WMF) funding based on the value provided by nonprofit organizations.
- The request will emphasize the cost-effectiveness of funding the Watershed Alliance compared to government-managed projects, highlighting the multiplier effect of nonprofit contributions.
- Research needed on "1 nonprofit dollar = 10 government dollars" concept
- Need concrete numbers showing value of watershed work vs. government in-house costs
- Board members are encouraged to gather historical data on the financial leveraging achieved by the Watershed Alliance and its member groups.
- This data should include specific examples of how funding from the Watershed Management Fund has been utilized to generate additional resources or partnerships.
- Sarah suggested using historic WMF reports showing group leveraging

**f) Envir. Advisory Council-Andrew**

- Andrew applied to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) in 2023.
- He has not received any communication regarding the status of his application.
- EAC hasn't published annual report in 8 years
- Andrew has been waiting for a response regarding his application to join the Environmental Advisory Council since 2023.
- He has not received any communication about the status of his application, including a denial.
- Due to time constraints and lack of follow-up from the council, he is no longer interested in pursuing this opportunity.
- Heather and Dale to investigate current EAC status

**g) In camera session request, see below**

**6) Reports**

- a) Financial Update (audit status)
  - See folder for Update
- b) ED Update -verbal
- c) Monitoring Specialist Update
  - See folder for Update
- d) 2BT Coordinator Update
  - See folder for Update
- e) [Review Forward Agenda](#)
- See folder for Update
- f) Staffing updates
- g) Other
- h) [Media](#)

In camera session with Heather and the Executive Board

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:08 PM**