

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting**

**Thursday, October 3rd, 2024**

**4:00 PM- 6:00 PM via Zoom**

**Board Members: Dale McIsaac, Andrew Lush, Kris Hunter, Dawn McInnis, Sherry Pelkey, Jake Mackinnon, Virginia Everett**

**Staff Members: Nathan Lacroix, Charlotte Large, Heather Laiskonis**

**Observers: Hannah Maclean, Kelia Miller, Anna, Isaac Arsenault-Saunders**

**Knowlton Parkman, Lawrence Millar**

**1) Call to Order**

Meeting Started at 4:00 PM

**2) Approval of Agenda**

- Moved by Andrew Lush and seconded by Sherry Pelkey
- Passed unanimously

**3) Mike van den Heuvel - High Capacity Well study**

- [Video](#) - Passcode: J9R3w?r\$

**4) CQFW - Striped Bass**

- The Central Queens group is seeking support for the collection of striped bass data from retained bass above the head of tide in PEI rivers.
- The proposal aims to address gaps in data regarding the impact of striped bass on local salmonid populations.
- Collaboration with other watershed groups is encouraged to enhance data collection efforts and inform conservation decisions.
- Motion that The PEI Watershed Alliance support the collection of striped bass data from retained bass above the head of tide in PEI Rivers.
- Moved by Dawn McInnis seconded by Kris Hunter
- Passed Unanimously

**5) Approval of Minutes from September 5th, 2024**

- Moved by Andrew Lush and seconded by Sherry Pelkey
- Passed Unanimously

**6) Business arising from the minutes**

**a) *Discussing a possible forum on 'Where are we with the Water Act'***

- The board is considering hosting a forum to discuss the Water Act and related topics, aiming to engage various stakeholders.
- There is a proposal to involve the Institute of Island Studies in organizing and promoting the forum, leveraging their experience in hosting successful events.
- The forum is intended to be an informative session with a Q&A component, focusing on achieving measurable outcomes and addressing specific objectives.

**b) *Future funding for the nursery***

- The EOI that was submitted for future funding for the nursery was denied. They had over 100 applicants apply.
- Heather will continue looking for funding for the nursery.
  - c) *Financial Training for Watershed Groups (Nathan's spreadsheet)***
  - The spreadsheet is done and sent to groups. It has links to various resources (HR, Equipment banks, Insurance etc).
  - A link from quickbooks with 101 bookkeeping tips is also included in this spreadsheet. This is just a placeholder until individuals are available to provide the proper training.
    - d) *2 million Fund 2.0***
    - Heather has sent out documents engaging the 700k fund available to groups.
    - No responses have been received from groups due to groups being busy.
      - e) *Letter to Minister Myers (response?)***
      - There have been no responses to the letter as yet.

## 7) Discussion items:

### a) Staffing updates

- Charlotte's departure marks a significant transition for the alliance as she has been a key member.
- She has offered to assist with report writing during report writing season.
- It was decided not to look for a new Project manager at the moment until the needs of the Alliance are assessed and job duties are reallocated.

### b) Strategic Plan Review

- Board members are encouraged to review the draft strategic plan and provide their comments.
- Feedback is sought specifically on performance measures, timelines, and resource allocation.
- The goal is to achieve majority input before officially adopting the strategic plan sections.

## 8) Reports

### a) Project Manager/ED Update

- See folder for update.

### b) Equipment Manager Update

- See folder for update.

### c) 2BT Coordinator Update

- See folder for update.

### d) Review Forward Agenda

- See folder for update.

### e) Other

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:31 PM**