

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**4- 6pm via Zoom**

**In Attendance:**

Board: Dale McIsaac, Kris Hunter, Andrew Lush, Juliana Granzoti, Nic Bergeron, Sherry Pelkey  
Staff: Charlotte Large, Heather Laiskonis, Simon Wilmot, Mary Finch, Rebecca Ramos-Armstrong

**1) Call to Order**

*Called to order at 4:05pm*

**2) Approval of Agenda**

*Motion of approval via Juliana and seconded by Sherry*

**3) Approval of Minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

*Motion of approval via Sherry and seconded by Nic*

**4) Discussion items:**

**a) Welcome to ED: Heather Laiskonis**

*The Alliance is pleased to welcome Heather on board as our first executive director. Heather will be meeting staff and begin initial onboarding on Thursday the 6th.*

**b) Election of new executive**

*Nominations for chairperson:*

*Dale nominated by Juliana and seconded by Andrew. Position accepted.*

*Nominations for vice chairperson:*

*Nic nominated by Andrew and seconded by Sherry. Position accepted.*

*Nominations for secretary:*

*Julianna self-nominates, seconded by Kris. Position accepted.*

*Nominations for treasurer:*

*Andrew self-nominates, seconded by Sherry. Position accepted.*

**c) Motion for RBC to ID new signing officers**

**d) RBC FOB distribution**

- *Each member of the executive will have an RBC FOB for banking purposes. Approval of a fifth FOB for a staff member (the admin or ED) will be discussed at a later time and approved at the next board meeting.*
- *The executive will have an in-person meeting to discuss new responsibilities shortly.*
- *Motion to approve the new executive as a group moved by Dale and seconded by Juliana.*

**e) Supplemental WMF (2M Project Funding): Update**

- *Prior to the hurricane last week, further conversations regarding four applications needed to be held. Currently, only one of these conversations was had due to delays. Hoping to have remaining three conversations next week.*
- *We have overall been delayed a couple of weeks. Money should be going out end of October.*

**f) Arbor nursery tree donation (Simon)**

- *Arbor nursery has made an informal offer to donate trees as part of post-hurricane restoration in exchange for social media publicity regarding their donation.*
- *Approval for social media posts granted – Simon will oversee this task. Consensus is that Arbor nursery is a good company to continue to support.*
- *Larger donations or activities should have some form of written documentation and a strict Alliance policy to guide decisions. Alliance needs to develop a policy regarding endorsements of businesses – this will be an activity for the ED.*

**g) Forestry Committee:**

**- Motion to approve request letter for ACCDC**

- *See folder for draft letter to send to Kate on behalf of the Alliance officially asking to use the statistics and information from the ACCDC report in our outreach – essentially making the report public.*
- *Discussions so far with FFW have been informal with no results*
- *Accessible forestry data is approx. 14 years old, with most current data contained in this report that has been published but kept under wraps for approx. six months despite prompting.*
- *Motion to send this letter to Kate or the Minister put forward by Andrew and seconded by Nic.*
- *Letter will be sent to Kate first, with the option of sending to the Minister at a later date*
- *Signatures on the letter will from Dale as chairperson and Andrew as rep on forestry sub-committee*

**- Discussion: list of questions for feedback from watershed groups**

- *See folder for draft questions to prompt feedback from select organizations on PEI forestry activities.*
- *Requesting board feedback on whether these questions are appropriate and cover all necessary areas by Wednesday of next week.*
- *Staff will also read and provide feedback. Charlotte will share with rest of the staff.*

**- Motion to invite Indigenous representation onto the committee**

- *Andrew puts forward motion to recruit Indigenous representation for the subcommittee. Juliana seconds. Motion approved without further question.*
- *Nic: has a close relationship with Mi'kmaq elder John Joe Sark and will bring up Indigenous representation on the Forestry Committee with him at the earliest opportunity.*

**5) Financial Update**

**a) Financial review: update (Charlotte)**

- *Balance sheet uploaded to the shared folder with any further comments to be sent to Charlotte.*
- *Financial review is well underway. Next steps are collecting all claim forms from 2020-2022.*

**6) Project Manager Update**

- *See folder for full update*
- *Approval to write AERF grant application in collaboration with ED.*
- *Approval to disburse funds to groups for NSCSF*

**7) Equipment Manager Update**

- *See folder for full update*

**8) Watershed Ecologist Update**

- *Watershed blanket permits were extended to Oct 14<sup>th</sup> because of hurricane Fiona.*
- *Groups have additional time to address blockages in streams but should know that fish passage is not a major concern.*
- *Despite the funding by gov, groups do not have the people to start post-hurricane cleanup now. It is possible to do effective cleanup next spring when crews usually start.*
- *Electrofishing is being done in priority sites.*
- *Solar boat proposal has received no response to our tentative agreement, so we can assume that has been disrupted by the hurricane and no longer going forward. Reiterate that we need policies to address business collaborations.*

**9) Review Forward Agenda**

- *Nothing to address this month.*

**10) Other**

- *Heather should sit in on the executive meeting.*
- *Pending: hiring of a new admin assistant and getting a credit card for the ED.*

*Meeting closed 4:52pm*