

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting
Thursday, November 7th, 2024**

4:00 PM- 6:00 PM via Zoom

Board Members: Dale McIsaac, Andrew Lush, Kris Hunter, Sherry Pelkey, Jake Mackinnon, Virginia Everett, Juliana Fernandes Granzoti, Anna Doran

Staff Members: Nathan Lacroix, Heather Laiskonis

Observers: Lawrence Millar

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:11 PM

2) Approval of Agenda

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

3) Approval of Minutes from October 3rd, 2024

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

4) Business arising from the minutes

a) Water Act Forum update

- Letter supporting Water Act governance implementation approved to be sent to Premier
- The letter aims to support the resumption of governance implementation under the Water Act.
- The letter will be sent as an open letter, allowing for wider distribution to interested parties
- Motion to put forward the motion that the PEIWA send the attached letter to the Premier and that it be an open letter as well.
- Moved by Andrew Lush seconded by Sherry Pelkey
- Passed unanimously
- The audience for this forum is the public; groups who presented at the Water Act public consultations in 2017; and environmental groups. The aim is to review what has been done since the Water Act was proclaimed in 2021, and the outcome is what actions can be taken to help the government complete the work of implementing the Act.
- Motion that the Watershed Alliance supports having a forum on the water act and that it won't take place until next year the earliest.
- Moved by Andrew Lush seconded by Kris Hunter
- Passed Unanimously

5) Discussion items:

a) Western Board member-Welcome Anna

- Motion to accept Anna Doran as the new Board member representing the Western watershed Groups.
- Moved by Kris Hunter seconded by Andrew Lush
- Passed Unanimously
- The board expressed unanimous support for her appointment

b) Invasive Species - Nursery Selling Non Natives

- The PEI Invasive Species Council is conducting a survey to catalog nurseries selling non-native plants.
- They aim to develop a strategic approach to engage with the government regarding the sale of these plants.
- The Council is considering the economic implications for local nurseries while advocating for environmental protection.

c) ASF Headwater program

- The Atlantic Salmon Federation program aims to address issues of fish passage and cold water refugia in PEI.
- Funding of up to \$50,000 is available for projects that benefit salmon populations.
- The program encourages collaboration and hands-on involvement between applicant and ASF
- The application process consists of a one to two-page submission to streamline requests.
- Reporting requirements are minimized to one to two pages to reduce administrative burden.
- **Talk to Kris to discuss your project before applying**

d) Headwater Deliverables PEI

- The 2014 headwater protocol was presented by Kensington North and other partners to document headwaters on PEI.
- The PEIWA was tasked with acting as a repository for the collected data.
- The government has created a GIS layer for headwaters, which is accessible to watershed groups.
- Some watershed groups are actively collecting headwater data to monitor environmental changes.
- These groups utilize specific protocols to ensure consistent and accurate data collection during headwater surveys.
- Suggestion to draft email to groups about protocol and data availability
- Draft an email to all groups to inform them about the headwater protocol and data availability.
- Include a reminder about the importance of following the established headwater protocol for data collection.

- We should add the 'Proposed Methodology for Surveying PEI Headwater Streams' document to our protocols folder.
- e) January Board Meeting**
 - No meeting in January
- f) Christmas week**
 - Motion that the PEIWA office be closed from December 23-31st and that closer does not include vacation days and banked hours (time in lieu)
 - Moved by Kris Hunter and seconded by Andrew Iush
 - Passed Unanimously
 - Heather to pass this information onto staff and create a proper proposal for staff time off in December for future years.
- g) Hockey game**
 - The hockey event is scheduled with 40 confirmed attendees and an additional 14 on a waitlist, ensuring representation from various groups.
 - The event includes a special rate for extra tickets, promoting broader participation from stakeholders.
- h) Watershed Group Fall Meeting-Dec 3rd 3 pm**
 - The fall meeting is set for December 3rd, featuring guest speakers on living shorelines (CBWES - Kirsetn Ellis) and coastal law(Mike Kofal), aimed at providing valuable information to watershed groups and landowners
- i) Strategic plan section approval**
 - See Document for changes made.
 - Motion to adopt the section of the strategic plan presented in today's (Nov 7th) board meeting.
 - Moved by Dale Macissac and Seconded by Kris hunter
 - Passed unanimously

6) Reports

- a) Financial Update
 - See folder for update.
- b) ED Update
 - See folder for update.
- c) Equipment Manager Update
 - See folder for update.
- d) 2BT Coordinator Update
 - See folder for update.
- e) Review Forward Agenda
 - See folder for update.
- f) Staffing updates
 - See folder for update.
- g) Other

