

PEI Watershed Alliance Annual General Meeting 2025 Meeting Minutes

Date: June 20, 2025

Time: 2:35 PM – 4:59 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **2:35 PM**.

Welcome and Introductions

- Dale M provided the welcome and opening remarks.
- Rebecca delivered the Land Acknowledgement.
- Nathan introduced guest speaker Kathy Martin.

2. Guest Presentation

Kathy Martin Presentation

Kathy Martin delivered a presentation to attendees.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the AGM agenda.

- Moved by: John Lane
- Seconded by: Lawrence Millar

Motion Carried.

4. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes

Motion: To approve the 2024 AGM Minutes.

- Moved by: John Lane
- Seconded by: Sherry Pelkey

Motion Carried.

5. Board Elections

Eastern Region

- Sarah Wray* (Elected)
- Dale
- Sherry

Central Region

- Juliana

- Andrew
- Virginia

Western Region

- Kim Curran* (Elected)
- Kris
- Dawn

* Indicates new board members elected at the AGM.

6. Financial Review

Presented by Andrew Lush

Questions and Discussion

Dan M: Asked whether credit cards are issued to staff or board members.

Dale M: Explained that credit cards are issued to staff members:

- Five (5) cards with a \$1,000 limit
- One (1) card with a \$5,000 limit

This system helps streamline financial management and expense reporting.

John Lane: Suggested that financial reports include a list outlining major projects and their associated funding sources.

Heather: Confirmed that this information is available to watershed groups and is reflected in presentations. Due to the level of detail, it was not included in the AGM financial review or booklet.

7. PEI Watershed Alliance Report

Sarah

Provided an update on her new role and discussed Nature Smart and eco-restoration initiatives.

Gwen

Presented on the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Watershed Program (AWP).

Heather noted that Gwen would be accompanying her on a visit to a farm in Piusville that is not currently involved with AWP, highlighting Gwen's dedication to supporting environmentally friendly farming practices.

8. Special Projects Updates

Heather

Presented updates on PEIWA special projects.

Rebecca

Provided updates on:

- Bat projects
- Otter projects
- Salmon projects

Kassidy and Melissa

Presented on the 2 Billion Trees Program.

Species Currently Being Grown at the Nursery

- Red Oak
- Ironwood
- Sugar Maple
- White Ash
- Black Ash
- White Cedar
- Serviceberry
- American Elm
- Eastern Hemlock
- Butternut

Questions and Discussion

Dan: Asked whether Butternut is native to Prince Edward Island.

Kassidy: Explained that there are differing opinions on the matter and welcomed further discussion. Seed collection for Butternut had not yet begun.

Staffing Update: Four seasonal staff were being hired to support tree planting efforts, with recruitment underway.

9. PEOPLE Program Update

Heather

Presented updates on:

- ECCO
- Story Maps
- Knowledge Management Initiatives

Highlights

- There are no longer any "unassigned" watershed areas on PEI.
- One hundred percent (100%) of PEI's land area is now represented by watershed groups.

Questions and Discussion

Sherry: Suggested that locations of projects on private land should remain confidential or only be posted with landowner permission.

Heather: Confirmed that PEIWA can obscure GPS coordinates on Story Maps to protect privacy.

Dan: Asked about the purpose of Story Maps.

Heather: Explained that Story Maps are intended to support knowledge management and information sharing.

Dan: Noted that creating Story Map layers could increase workload for watershed groups.

Heather: Indicated that PEIWA's part-time employee, Valann, is available to assist groups with this work.

10. TUPCC Presentation

Heather

Presented on the MacAusland's Pond Basin Restoration Project.

Note: Members with questions regarding floodplain restoration were encouraged to contact Dale C.

11. Watershed Group Project Presentations

Kim Curran

Presented on the Lot 11 Stream Crossing Projects.

Nic

Presented on PREP/HRA Major Project Review activities.

Sherry

Presented on the BAWG FLPP "Flight to the Future" Project.

Project Outcomes

- The project was successful.
- Numerous landowners expressed interest in participating.
- BAWG has developed a list of interested landowners who would like the project expanded to their properties.
- The initiative proved to be an effective community engagement tool.

Romy

Presented on the SSWA Nature Smart Project in DeSable.

Shayla

Presented on TREC's Tree Swallow Monitoring Project.

12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

- Moved by: Jackie
- Seconded by: Dan

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at **4:59 PM.**