

April 11, 2024

Attendance: see sign in sheet

Meeting start 4:58PM

Dale - welcome everyone

Rebecca - land acknowledgement

Nathan - introduces Adam

ADAMS PRESENTATION (see attached)

Q/A- sites shown on the slideshow map are from before the program was redeveloped
Kassidy thanks Adam, and introduces Carla and Bryan

CARLA AND BRYANS PRESENTATION (see attached)

Q/A- Clarence: describe engagement that has already been carried out?

Carla: Restoration priorities initiative, meeting organized with PEIWA last spring, (virtual engagement meeting) with Carla and Lita
Now they are working internally and waiting for approval then will start 2nd stage of engagement.

Bryan: we're just in the early steps, change the narrative and get face to the public, do what we can to help

Heather: Can you speak about the "shovel ready" or "punch list" of projects that you are looking for from our groups?

Bryan: issues you want to tackle in watersheds, looking for larger elements that might be financially restrictive. DFO could help link you with someone who could assist with capacity (money, materials, etc) someone that is looking for advice from knowledgeable people like watershed workers. Maybe there's funding opportunities you're not aware of, and we can help bring those projects/partners together.

Heather: best way to submit the list?

Bryan: come directly to us. You can use Carla's contact information, or the generic DFO email.

Maggie: Certain criteria you need to meet?

Bryan: not really, could be beaver dam, old mill dam. Trying to educate ourselves (DFO staff) on issues in PEI.

Clarence: working relationship, building confidence.. that's all overdue. Recommended we pull all impoundments. For example: Macleans Pond, issues with Dept of Transportation doesn't want it pulled. If left alone, it would eventually overfill and blow-out on its own, so we have to dredge (even though DFO doesn't recommend dredging). What is the right answer?

Bryan: DFO recognizes this. Macleans is almost the "perfect model" for this type of issue. Asking ourselves why aren't we doing more winter dredging - while things are frozen? Dredging later in the season can be detrimental to juvenile fish populations.
Dale thanks Carla and Bryan:

Approval of Agenda: Jackie and Keila
Approval of 2023 Minutes: Juliana and Sherry

ELECTIONS announced by Dale:
East: no elections due - Dale, Sherry, Jake
Central: reelected Andrew, Juliana, Ginny
West: one vacancy in the West - Kris and Dawn

FINANCIALS presented by Andrew: (see attached)

Dale announcement on 2 Million fund: aiming for the next call for proposals announced in November

PEIWA presentation (see attached)

HRA presentation by Dan McAskill (see attached)

Meeting adjourned: 7:09