

Meeting Minutes April 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 Cornwall and Area Watershed Group at Cornwall Town Hall 7-8pm

Attendance: Ryan Mahoney, Ron Bourdon, Bruce Bennett, Matthew McIver, Tamsyn Cosh-MacKenzie, Peter Meggs, Fenny Vanderleeuw, Karalee McAskill, Nathan Ford

#### Reading of last meeting minutes and updates

Karalee to speak to Kevin Coady, Town of Cornwall's Operations Manager, about gaining vehicle insurance under their blanket/fleet permit

Karalee to check into CAWG bylaws and discuss options with Watershed Alliance because other watershed groups have been able to purchase a truck.

Tamsyn looked into inflation rates for wages, concerning the coordinator's request for a wage increase, she found the standard .25 to .50 cent annual raise rate. The board discussed their preference to approach this with the budget and financial report in place before making any decision. They mention they prefer a nominal/inflation rate.

#### AGM Preparation for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Confirmed attendance and showing for documentary by Millefiore Clarkes, titled 'Island Green'.

Karalee/Matt to contact Rosemary Curley/Bob Harding for a 20-minute presentation summarizing the bioblitz.

Matt to send 'urban watercourse alteration' presentation to board members of interest

Karalee to send 'Island Green' to board beforehand.

Bruce will pick up food and beverages from Pizza Delight and Mary's Cornwall Bakery @ 5:45pm

Karalee will present a progress report, using powerpoint to show maps of areas work has been completed, and proposed work for the year.

Karalee will promote donations and provide donation jar.

#### CAWG Elections at AGM

We discussed roles of executives and board members during the elections, and how we will likely proceed.

Karalee to send Matt the agenda and plan for AGM elections.

Tamsyn and Bruce will be motion/second. Peter suggested we create a slate of candidates, call for further nominations three times, and then make one big acclamation of the whole slate at once.

Karalee to create new binders, update calendar, budget, amend bylaws. Amendments will be voted in at the AGM. The entire board has made amendments and is already in agreement with the changes.

#### Fundraising Ideas proposed for future AGM/events

Ryan has Advanced Food Safety Certification, allows him to supervise food production and process during a pancake breakfast fundraiser. Potential location Civic Center. Considerations made for Cost/person, 100-300ppl max, volunteers available (cadets, youth group, etc).

Matt's idea for a 'Tree Auction' fundraiser. A special native tree species (ironwood, basswood, rare/beautiful species), large in size (6-12ft). Possibly be donated to use by a nursery. Macphail woods involvement/partnership fundraiser.

#### Conflict of Interest-low potential expressed by board

Matt spoke about his new business 'Maritime Forestry'. As chair, he cannot be paid by CAWG or it would be a conflict of interest. His business works with multiple landowners in the Riparian zone, to manage the wood in the riparian and plant in the riparian. With partnership with CAWG to subsidize (pay for) nursery trees at .10cents/each, so the landowner won't have to (they get a deal).

Board mentions it could be positive for local partnership, landowner outreach, the watershed ecology. They did not see a conflict of interest, but suggested if they were to make a formal decision about whether to approve a project, that partners with his business, they would need to ask him to leave the room.

### **Upcoming Event- Fishing Derby**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 11-2pm we will have weigh stations set up to measure the fish. Pictures will be taken of the largest catches; prizes will be given for the best catch. Catch Limits are defined in the 2019 Angling Summary.

Ryan, Tamsyn, and Matt suggested we support our youngest community members by obtaining rubber ducks (WRIG), or cut-out ducks (Ducks unlimited), attaching a paper clip to them. Purchasing magnets from the dollar store and attaching them to the child's fishing rod, so they can enjoy learning how to fish out of the pond.

Karalee to ask Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to bring wildlife mounts, and let us borrow their scale and measuring equipment for the derby.

Matt will be there as a fly-fishing expert to teach the basics of fly fishing.

Jamie Stride and Peter last name, with Island Falconry Services, will be there with the hawks providing demonstrations.

Karalee to inquire about having a drum circle to kick off the event at 11am

Ceremony of Gratitude will take place honouring the Queen Charlotte Naval Unit, and other contributors to the platforms and signage.

Karalee is advertising the event in the Buzz, Coffee News, Municipal newsletters in both watersheds, on our website, social media, and CBC radio.

Karalee to write letter requesting donations from Canadian Tire and Gone Fishing by April 17<sup>th</sup> delivery.

Canadian Tire donations requested

10 cheap spin-rod kits

2 fly-fishing rod kits

Gone fishing donations requested

Power bait (synthetic)

Worms

Matt to bring pliers to event to remove barbs from hooks.

Karalee to promote barbless hooks through advertising, while touching on the education around the use of barbless hooks.

### Other projects proposed

Bruce proposed a living shorelines project, he sees coastal erosion of 10+ft/year

Matt suggests he may qualify for Forest Enhancement Program (FEP), will inquire to province.

Matt suggested we tally all the garbage from the previous stream clean up and see if there is a trend/pattern.

Are we seeing less garbage in Hyde creek?

Karalee has pictures of bags of garbage we can count to tally.

Ryan and Bruce expressed interest in the June 15<sup>th</sup> Stream clean up event 2019.

Ryan spoke to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL, nutrient loading, suspended solids) and how to address those based on the federal government's mandate. Karalee and Tamsyn see similar issues with enforcing regulation for 1 violation across multiple violators.

Meeting Adjourned