

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Committee Meeting - Covehead and Tracadie Bay Enhancement **Thursday, April 29, 2021** **Grand Tracadie School Centre**

PRESENT:

Committee Co-Chair Mayor Gerard Watts, Committee Members, Wanson Hemphill, Richard Ablett, Rollin Andrews, Rob Moore, Derek Cook, Peter Vriends, Kathy Martin, Meghan Senechal, phone-in Dr. Sarah Stewart-Clark and CAO Stephanie Moase
 4 Members of the Public

Regrets: Wade MacMillan, Krista Shaw, Bob Doyle, Nancy MacKinnon

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:08 pm by Committee Chair Mayor Gerard Watts.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Rollin Andrews seconded by Derek Cook

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary (Financial) or Other Conflicts of Interest

Division 4, Section 96 of the *Municipal Government Act*

Declarations: There were none.

1 member of the public and CAO are taping the meeting.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the January 6, 2020 be approved.

Moved by Wanson Hemphill seconded by Richard Ablett

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

3.1 Business arising from the minutes

Wanson Hemphill said the Green Crab project will go ahead this year. Watershed will be trapping this year.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

4.1 Code of Conduct for Committee Members

As a committee member, members are expected to follow 19.2 of the Procedural Bylaw with regards to the Code of Conduct.

4.2 Comments from Sarah Stewart Clark presentation on Possible Next Steps

Identified two main items that we would like to move forward with and do research on.

1. Biological organisms living in the Bay - monitor , mapping the eel grass, green crab trapping project, underwater drone to map estuaries, soft shell crab population, dissolved oxygen monitoring.
2. The physical impacts of climate change - mapping where the Municipality is vulnerable and protect them. Funding available – Climate Change Action Fund for major projects for Municipalities.

Projects depend on if Sarah will be able to get to PEI this summer.

4.3 DFO Update of Bay Development

Waiting for Update from Lori Cuddy. No update.

4.4 Discuss Potential Research Projects

4.4.1. Physical Changes to the Bay

Area on opposite side of Covehead Bridge where a pond existed until a storm surge and now it is open to the ocean. Adam Fenech should be invited to next meeting for a presentation regarding risk assessment and suggested mitigation strategies

4.4.2 Biological Changes to the Bay

Several Fishermen in the area would be licensed for green crab trapping.

4.5 Collaboration with Friends of Covehead and Brackley Bay and Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association.

This Committee will work together on these projects with these committees. Sarah Stewart-Clark will touch base with these Committees to let them know what equipment she has available.

4.6 Bay Issues

Research Project on willows 10-12 years ago at Cass's Pond was low cost and provided big benefits to plug siltation. Agriculture Canada has new funding program called Living Labs moving research out of institutions and into the space where research is done.

5. **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 - Adam Fenech to be invited to present, Watershed groups and Parks Canada as guests.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** 7:47 pm.
It was duly moved and seconded the meeting was adjourned.
Moved by Wanson Hemphill, seconded by Meghan Senechal.