



Ellen's Creek Watershed Group Inc (ECWG)
Regular Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm, May 11, 2017, the
Committee Room, West Royalty Community Centre

Present: Darragh Mogan (Chairperson), Doug Miller (Treasurer), Barry Maze (Webmaster), Norman Dewar (Watershed Coordinator), Hannah Morrison

1) **Call to Order** – Chairperson Mogan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

2) **Approval of Agenda** - The Agenda was approved as presented.

3) **Approvals of the Minutes from March 09, 2017** - The Minutes were approved as presented.

4) **Business arising from the Minutes** – It was decided to put off the election of officers until the AGM in the fall.

5) **Financial Report;**

Treasurer Miller reported that all accounts were in order. The 80% advance for our 2017 PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund Project has been received. N. Dewar was asked to circulate the new PEI Watershed Management Fund funding criteria to the group.

6) **Watershed Coordinator's Report;**

a) Funding 2017; N. Dewar reported our 2017-18 PEI WMF contract was signed on April 24 and would trigger an advance matching past funding with possible additional funding pending review of our final WMF report. Canada Summer Jobs funding was in place to rehire Hannah Morrison. Funding for a second student through the provincial Jobs for Youth Program is anticipated.

b) Work Plan 2017; A work plan was created under the new PEI WMF reporting criteria which focuses on goals and measurable actions. It was agreed to share the workplan on our website.

c) HSP Living by the Creek Project; A final report was submitted April 30. This will, after review by Environment Canada, trigger a final payment.

d) PEI Watershed Alliance AGM; N. Dewar and Doug Miller attended. The main item debated was the long-term implications of the new WMF grant criteria.

e) Other; The Ellen's Creek smelt run was the shortest in several years and reflects observations from other watersheds. The Province's watershed ecologist, Mary Finch conducted a field visit on Hermitage Creek with N. Dewar and H. Morrison to provide advice on possible rehabilitation efforts this summer. N. Dewar is in discussions with Bryan Grimmelt from the Holland College Environmental Technology Program regarding a project to examine the ecological health of the City's ponds. N. Dewar, Doug Miller and H. Morrison attended a water quality workshop in Hunter River hosted by the PEI Watershed Alliance.

7) **Other Business;**

There was no other business.

8) **Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Time** – Our next monthly meeting will be on June 08, 2017.

9) **Meeting Adjourned**- Chairperson Mogan adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, N. Dewar, Acting Secretary