



Ellen's Creek Watershed Group Inc (ECWG)
Regular Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm, January 11, 2018,
Committee Room, West Royalty Community Centre

Present: Doug Miller (Treasurer), Barry Maze (Webmaster), Norman Dewar (Watershed Coordinator), David Kidd

- 1) **Call to Order** – In the absence of Chairperson Darragh Mogan, B. Maze agreed to chair the meeting. He 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 December 07, 2017** - The Minutes were approved as presented.
- 4) **Business arising from the Minutes** – Coordinator N. Dewar reported on the meeting held with the City on January 09, 2018. He and D. Mogan attended on behalf of ECWG. In attendance from the City were Ramona Doyle (Sustainability Officer), Betty Pryor (Utility Projects Officer), Alex Forbes (Manager of Planning and Heritage), and Scott Adams (Manger of Public Works). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible actions to minimize the impact of development on the environment. There are limitations on what the City can do as a municipality under existing planning bylaws, and it was questioned on whether changing the bylaws would be effective. One suggestion coming from the meeting was for ECWG to make a presentation at PEI Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association meeting on what we see as a watershed group and ask its members for possible solutions. The reason for targeting this association was it widely represents the contractors who are doing the development work in the City. A second suggestion was to develop a written process for reporting of possible environmental concerns.
- 5) **Financial Report;**
Treasurer Miller reported that all accounts were in order. Coordinator N. Dewar was asked to prepare a budget to the end of the fiscal year.
- 6) **Watershed Coordinator's Report;**
N. Dewar reported that funding was received from the City for work ECWG completed in 2017 in support of the Charlottetown Brook Trout Conservation Plan. He has organized and shared the files the UPEI intern need to compile and analysis the garbage data we have been collecting since 2014. A brook trout redd survey with Derek Ellis, Provincial Watershed Ecologist, was very promising. He has finished the final edits on the Ecological Pond Health Project Report, and it is ready for publication. Our 2017 report to the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund was submitted on time. Items still pending are 2018 Brook Trout Conservation Plan Funding Request to the City, release of the Buffer Zone Fact Sheet, the Brookie Award, PEI WMF Report and funding application, T4's and T4A to CRA, WCB report, and compile sediment data (it was originally hoped to assign this to a student intern).

7) **Other Business;**

There was no other business.

8) **Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Time** – Our next monthly meeting will be on February 08, 2018.

9) **Meeting Adjourned**- Acting Chairperson Maze adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, N. Dewar, Acting Secretary