

Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



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Date: March 30, 2016 Meeting: Regular Monthly
Place: Development Association Building Time: 7:00 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	John Baird	Chris Warford	Sandy Feltham
Max Feltham	Paul Stewart	Gil Stone	Harvey Garrett

Agenda:

- Mollyguajeck Falls 2016 Project.
- FABEC 22nd AGM April 27, 2016.
- CBPPL/ Kruger / Barry Elkins meeting.
- Mollyguajeck Falls ATV trail repairs.
- DFO 2016 Fishway contracts.
- FABEC letter to Minister of Environment and Conservation on the proposed Placentia Bay Atlantic salmon Aquaculture Project.
- CBPPL/Kruger- Public Advisory committee meeting Corner Brook.
- Cabin development on 2nd Burnt Pond in the Middle Brook watershed.

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed
Moved by John Baird
Seconded by Max Feltham
Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of February 24, 2016
Moved by Chris Warford
Seconded by Max Feltham
Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of special meeting of March 3, 2016
Moved by John Baird
Seconded by Chris Warford
Carried

Mollyguajeck Falls 2016 Project:

On March 30, 2016 FABEC received confirmation from the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation that a funding application was approved in the amount of \$23,000.00. This funding grant from ASCF is to support the FABEC 2016 Mollyguajeck Falls Fishway project to monitor Atlantic salmon migration through the Mollyguajeck Falls Fishway and to monitor water levels and environmental conditions in the fishway.

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CBPPL /Kruger/Barry Elkins meeting:

On March 3, 2016 Mr. Barry Elkins met with FABEC and gave an update on Kruger's Pussel's Pond operations and presented a new 5 year operating plan covering the period 2017 to 2021 for district 5. The outline for Kruger's new 5 year plan is contained in FABEC special meeting minutes dated March 3, 2016.

DFO 2016 Fishway Contracts:

FABEC has signed contracts with DFO for 2016 to operate the fishway on Middle Brook in Gambo and the fishway at Grant Falls on the lower Terra Nova River. The start date for both fishways will be June 6, 2016.

FABEC letter to the Minister of Environment and Conservation on the proposed Placentia Bay Atlantic salmon Aquaculture Project:

FABEC registered concerns with the Provincial Department of Environment and Conservation requesting the Minister to conduct a full environmental assessment on the project to ensure the project does not threaten the local ecosystem in Placentia Bay and the rivers that drain into the bay.

CBPPL/Kruger- Public Advisory Committee meeting Corner Brook:

On March 16, 2016 John Baird and Harvey Garrett attended CBPPL/Kruger Public Advisory Committee meeting in Corner Brook. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and then various indicator reports were reviewed for accuracy as follows:

- ✓ Indicator 6.2.1 Aboriginal Knowledge- Representation of Aboriginal People.
- ✓ Indicator 1.2.1 Species Diversity- Caribou Habitat.
- ✓ Indicator 1.1.1 Ecosystem Diversity- Ecosystem Area by Type.

Additionally, there was a review of discussion items/ speakers covering numerous previous meetings for all category criteria as follows:

- ✓ Criterion 1: Biological Diversity.
- ✓ Criterion 2: Ecosystem Condition & Productivity.
- ✓ Criterion 3: Soil & Water.
- ✓ Criterion 4: Role in Global Ecological Cycles.
- ✓ Criterion 5: Economic /Social Benefits.
- ✓ Criterion 6: Society's Responsibility.

Finally, there was a presentation – Forest Pest Update by Dan Lavigne from the NL Forestry services Branch. This was an excellent presentation covering for the most part the impending threat of another outbreak of the Spruce Bud Worm similar to the outbreak in the mid 1970's. There is currently an outbreak of the spruce bud worm on the Quebec North shore and with the right environmental conditions the pest could easily infest the Northern Peninsula and the West coast of NL. Government is monitoring the situation very closely.

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Cabin Development on 2nd Burnt Pond in the middle Brook Watershed:

FABEC and the Gambo Forestry Branch entered into an agreement several years ago to exclude 1st and 2nd Burnt Ponds in the Middle Brook watershed from cabin development to protect the trout population in the area. There were a total of 5 applications registered with Crown Lands for cabin lots on 2nd Burnt and 2 have received approval. The first cabin lot approval was granted before the agreement between FABEC and Gambo Forestry Branch. The second application appears to have been approved in 2015. Thus FABEC will request a meeting with the Gambo Forestry Branch to discuss the status of cabin development on 2nd Burnt Pond.

The **next** monthly meeting will be **FABEC's 22nd AGM at 7:00 PM, Wednesday April 27, 2016** at the Glovertown Lions Club Building in Glovertown. The general public is welcomed to attend.

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