

**Freshwater Bay Alexander Bay
Ecosystem Association**

Date: February 11, 1997

Location: R.E. Stroud Building

Time: 7:30 PM

Attending: Fred Holloway, John Baird, Austin Stewart, Gordon Stewart.

* John Baird informed members that our application for incorporation has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Justice, we are now Freshwater Bay Alexander Bay Ecosystem Corporation.

Purpose of Meeting: To consider and plan with some detail the three projects for funding.

(1) Landscape Rehabilitation Plan:

Four distinct problem areas were identified with suggestions for improvement:

I The immediate area of the Old Mill

Problems - (a) littering
(b) hazards - eg. broken glass
(c) crowding

Solutions - (a) garbage cans and pickup
(b) supervision

II Pit area - Old Mill to Forbes Adams Pit

Problems - (a) removal of tree screens and trees
(b) mass destruction of a once beautiful landscape
(c) a serious eye sore for the Town

Solutions - phased in over a time period to be specified
(a) re-route the road through the pit area this summer
(b) maintain a 100 meter buffer zone for non-destructive environmentally friendly activities

- (c) restore and replant this damaged area.

III Desert Zone - Forbes Adams Pit to Blackwood's Gully

- Problems -
- (a) all vegetation, with the exception of a narrow ribbon of trees adjacent to the river, has been removed. (1000' wide by 5000' long approx)
 - (b) most of the sand material has been removed leaving miniature craters in the same approximate area as in (a) above.
 - (c) much excavation has occurred within 100 feet of the Terra Nova River some even closer.
 - (d) woodcutters are still cutting the few trees on the river bank.

- Solutions -
- (a) maintain a 100 meter buffer zone to be used for environmentally friendly activities, camping, canoeing, etc.
 - (b) our Association in co-operation with the Town of Glovertown, Department of Forestry, ACOA or some other funding source, users of the area, should aim to prepare for seeding an area 100 m by 100 m commencing 50 meters above Pat's Shack - this area to be re-seeded summer 1998.

IV Backwood's Gully to Spencer's Bridge

- Problems -
- (a) excessive littering in the boat landing area 100 meters down river from Spencer's Bridge,
 - (b) litter, garbage and raw sewage dumping from motor homes and travel trailers in the immediate area of Spencer's Bridge.

- Solutions -
- (a) garbage cans and pick up be provided
 - (b) supervision of the area
 - (c) provide washroom facilities in designated areas and charge user fees for camping
 - (d) maintain a 100 meter buffer zone.

To ensure solutions to problem areas the following groups or agencies should be involved:

- (1) Freshwater Bay Alexander Bay Ecosystem Association
- (2) The Town of Glovertown

- (3) Department of Environment
- (4) Department of Forestry
- (5) Users of the area
- (6) ACOA and other funding agencies

(2) Implementation Plan for Watershed Management, John agreed to prepare an outline and define areas of work for a 3 year plan.

(3) Public Meetings - Glovertown, Gambo, Terra Nova and Clarenville

- Fred and John to present
- Maxine to help with preparation of presentations
- Meeting will take place after our sessions with DFO
- Buildings for meetings can be scheduled now

Corporate Seal - John to check

Meeting with Mayor, Lewis Rose to be held Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 PM

Purpose - to discuss mutual concerns and ways to resolve these concerns.

This meeting was held on February 18 with the Mayor, Mr. Lewis Rose and several members of the Ecosystem Association. Town plans as well as Association plans were discussed.