

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: March 31, 2010 Meeting: Regular Monthly
Place: R. E. Stroud Building Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Scott Pritchett	Dave Coté
Fraser Carpenter	Kevin Stroud
Gil Stone	John Baird
Lisa Gosse	

Moved by Scott Pritchett Seconded by Gil Stone
Adopt the agenda as discussed. Carried

Moved by Dave Coté Seconded by Fraser Carpenter
Adopt the Minutes of Jan 24/10 and Feb 11/10 Carried

Business

Summer Student Applications

The federal student employment program has reduced the maximum work weeks per student to eight weeks from twelve. Assuming our applications for fishway assistants are successful, this means we will have to adjust their start-finish schedules to ensure the entire season gets covered.

The Provincial Student Employment Program recently was announced. It is similar to the federal program. Provides a \$10 per hour wage subsidy for up to 40 hours per week. Duration can be up to 8 weeks ending no later than September 5, 2010. Decided that FABEC will submit applications under this program as well. One application will be for a student to construct a website.

John Baird will submit the application.

Fish Sampling

Kevin talked to Chuck Bourgeois of DFO regarding fin samples. He indicated DFO already has 100 samples for Terra Nova River. He said fin clips are not necessary as scale samples kept in mucus from the fish can be preserved to provide genetic info.

DFO Financial Assistance

Kevin has submitted the paperwork to DFO related to our public awareness activities. It is hoped funding will be forthcoming in the near future.

FABEC Brochure

Correction to the February 24 minutes – Sheena Smith is working on a “brochure” not a “website.” Lisa provided a mock-up that Sheena prepared and got some feedback. We’re looking for some good photographs to reflect FABEC’s theme. Anyone who has any photos that might be appropriate for the brochure please email them to jdbaird@eastlink.ca or bring them to the next meeting.

George's Pond Road

Kevin Stroud, John Baird, and Fred Holloway met with Dave Poole, Tim Andrews, and Rebecca Parsons of DNR to discuss the proposed decommissioning of George's Pond Road. We informed them of FABEC's decision at the November 25, 2009 meeting to maintain our original position that the road be decommissioned as committed in Section 5.4 of the FMD 4,5,6, Forest Management Plan 2007-2011. That is that the entire road beginning at the intersection near Eight-Mile Bridge, including bridges, be removed.

They asked whether we would object to this occurring in two stages if not enough funds are available to do the entire road in one year. The first stage would be from George's Pond to the inside end of the road. It would remove the roadbed and ditches, restore natural drainage, re-spread available topsoil stockpiled along the ditches, and replant seedlings on the entire restored area.

We asked them to submit their proposal in writing so that it could be considered at a regular FABEC meeting.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Wednesday, April 28, 7:30 PM at the Glovertown Fire Hall. Proposed agenda is as follows:

- President's and Treasurer's reports
- DFO River Watch Program – Presentation and Q&A - Lisa Gosse, DFO
- Terra Nova Park's proposed moose control program – Presentation and Q&A - Kirby Tulk, TNNP
- New business
- Election of officers

Next meeting is the AGM. Wednesday, April 28th at the Glovertown Fire Hall. Starting at 7:30 PM.