

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: May 30, 2012 Meeting: Monthly
Place: Stroud Building, Glovertown Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	Scott Pritchett
John Baird	Alice Hollohan
John Hollohan	

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed

Moved by John Hollohan Seconded by Alice Hollohan
Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 28

Moved by Scott Pritchett Seconded by John Hollohan
Carried

Summer Program

- DFO has informed us that the contract has been approved for FABEC to operate the fishways on Terra Nova River, Middle Brook and Salmon Brook. However, the contracts have not yet arrived. The normal start-up date for fishway operations is the first Monday in June. This contract will pay for the costs of three fishway attendants, one for each river.
- Student employment funds have been approved for three fishway assistants, and two river monitors. In addition, the Development Association has received approval to employ one river monitor. These funds will cover the payroll costs for the students for 7 weeks.
- An application was also submitted to the new provincial program to employ two additional students. No word on this yet.
- It was recommended to provide extra funding from FABEC's own resources to hire a more experienced student to supervise the other student employees. The additional cost will be slightly over \$5,000 for the season.
- A car allowance of 28¢/km will be paid to students who are asked to use their own vehicle for FABEC activities.

Motion:

To use FABEC funds to help fund the cost of hiring a senior student to supervise other students and carry out specific tasks as directed. This student will be employed for 14 weeks (35 hours per week) at a rate of \$14 per hour.

Moved by Scott Pritchett. Seconded by John Hollohan

Motion:

To offer the supervisor position to Tiffany Cheeks of Glovertown.

Moved by Alice Hollohan Seconded by John Hollohan

- Recommendations were made on students to hire as fishway attendants on Terra Nova River and Middle Brook.

Motion:

To offer the position of fishway assistant for Terra Nova River to Jake Sweetapple of Glovertown.

Moved by Kevin Stroud.

Seconded by Scott Pritchett.

Gravel Pits

FABEC has long been concerned about the aesthetic and environmental effects of abandoned gravel pits. While it is recognized that pits and quarries are necessary, FABEC feels that progressive site restoration should be mandatory at regular intervals during the pit operation. Site restoration should include proper site grading, installing a groundcover of new or stockpiled topsoil, and replanting the site with appropriate vegetation. Since the person who asked that this be put on the agenda was not present, the issue has been tabled for further discussion at next month's meeting.

DFO Tour on Terra Nova River

FABEC has offered to go with Max Holwell and other DFO Fisheries Officers to the angling pools on Terra Nova River. Paul Stewart will arrange a convenient date with Max.

Impact of Salmon Farms

According to ASF (weekly online newsletter), Norway has ordered a moratorium on new salmon farms until the problem of sea lice affecting wild populations is resolved. An excess of sea lice will kill a wild salmon. Other environmental issues include manure build-up under cages and the effects of farmed salmon pharmaceuticals on wild salmon. According to ASF, governments in Atlantic Canada are ignoring these concerns.

Proposal to Fill in Shoreline in Stroud's Cove

FABEC has heard a rumour that a developer has applied to landfill some of the shoreline in Stroud's Cove next to Home Hardware. FABEC will contact the Glovertown Town Manager to request details.

Next regular meeting will be 7:30 PM, Wednesday, June 27th at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown.