

Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



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Date: June 1, 2016 Meeting: Regular monthly

Place: Development Association Building Time: 7:00 PM

Present:

John Baird	Kevin Stroud	Max Feltham	Chris Warford
Rod Cox	Mark Parsons	Dennis Lilly	Harvey Garrett

Agenda:

- Mollyguajeck Falls 2016 Project.
- CBPPL /FABEC MOU on 5 year operating plan at Butt's Pond.
- CBPPL /Kruger- PAC web site showing a write up on Middle Brook watershed.
- Service Canada student employment 2016 with FABEC.
- Crown Lands meeting St. John's.

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed
Moved by Kevin Stroud
Seconded by Chris Warford
Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of March 30, 2016
Moved by Max Feltham
Seconded by Dennis Lilly
Carried

Mollyguajeck Falls 2016 Project:

- ✓ Funding for the 2016 project is substantially confirmed and the final funding component is from section 79.2 of the finds division of DFO and it is forwarded to the Ottawa branch for approval.
- ✓ The 2015 project was disrupted due to low water levels in the Mollyguajeck Fish way and in 2016 this will be addressed by placing the count fence/fish trap in deeper water and secondly by using sand bags to direct more water flow into the fish way from the main stem of the river. FABEC has to apply to DFO for permission to use sand bags to construct a temporary deflector wall to divert more water into the fish way.
- ✓ FABEC has to apply to DFO for a trap license to operate a count fence and trap in the Mollyguajeck Falls Fish way.
- ✓ FABEC has to confirm with ASCF the 2016 project will operate as planned.
- ✓ FABEC will not apply for an ATV trail permit for the 2016 project to use ATVs on the section of trail from the old AND Co forestry road to the Mollyguajeck Falls fish way. ATVs are not required for the 2016 project.
- ✓ FABEC to provide Parks Canada with a list of required loan equipment for the project.

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Motion: To approve the 2016 Mollyguajeck Falls fish way project and to sign a contract with the Atlantic salmon Conservation Foundation (ASCF)
Moved by Chris Warford
Seconded by Kevin Stroud
Carried

MOU between CBPPL/ Kruger and FABEC for a new 5 year management plan covering Square Pond/ Butt's Pond harvest blocks:

A new five year operating plan for Corner Brook Pulp & Paper Ltd timber license areas in Forest Management District 5 (for the period 2017 – 2021) was negotiated. The basic components of the new 5 year plan are:

- CBPPL/Kruger will honor all action items included in the revised access management plan identified in the 2015 Pussel's Pond MOU Amendment and agreed upon by both parties.
- A 100 meter no cut buffer will be maintained around Butt's Pond and area cottages.

Motion: To approve a new MOU between CBPPL/Kruger and FABEC covering a new 5 year Management plan for Square Pond/ Butt's Pond harvest blocks
Moved by Kevin Stroud
Seconded by Max Feltham
Carried

CBPPL/Kruger- PAC web site showing a write up on Middle Brook Watershed:

Corner Brook Pulp & Paper Ltd maintains a web site focused on its Public Advisory Committee (PAC) to demonstrate the company's commitment to the environment and responsible logging operations within the province. CBPPL requested FABEC to grant permission to CBPPL to publish a write up on the Middle Brook watershed on its PAC web site describing the watershed as a very special place and to demonstrate the working relationship that has evolved between CBPPL and FABEC to produce an environmental sustainable development.

Motion: To approve CBPPL request to include the Middle Brook article on its PAC web site
Moved by Kevin Stroud
Seconded by Chris Warford
Carried

Service Canada student employment 2016 with FABEC:

FABEC received approval from Service Canada to hire 7 students for its summer student program. The students will be hired for the following positions:

- ✓ Mid section of the Terra Nova River (River monitor) 2
- ✓ Middle Brook (River monitor) 1
- ✓ Lower Terra Nova River (River monitor) 2
- ✓ Lower Terra Nova River (Fish way attendant) 1
- ✓ Middle Brook (Fish way attendant) 1

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During the last several years FABEC assigned river monitors to Maccle's Brook to interview fishers on their experience on the brook and to gather statistics on catch and release and to collect scale samples on retained salmon. The surveys collected by the students are inconclusive and for 2016 FABEC will monitor the lower section of the TNR below Grant Falls.

Motion: To approve river monitors for the Lower Terra Nova River below Grant Falls versus Maccle's Brook
Moved by Max Feltham
Seconded by Chris Warford
Carried

Crown Lands/FABEC meeting St. John's:

On May 12 John Baird, Kevin Stroud and Harvey Garrett met with Crown Lands- Darren Moore, Geoff Nickerson and John Howley in their St. John's office. The items covered in the meeting were as follows:

- ✓ A review of the Middle Brook watershed catchment basin.
- ✓ FABEC reviewed the historical salmon/trout production in the Middle Brook watershed.
- ✓ FABEC has promoted a freeze on cabin development above Square Pond in the Middle Brook watershed for several years with the Gambo Forestry Branch.
- ✓ Crown Lands indicated they would look at the possibility of amending the Port Blandford /Gambo Cottage Development plan to accommodate FABEC's concerns.
- ✓ In 2015 Crown Lands approved a new cabin lot on 2nd Burnt pond and FABEC wants this approval rescinded and no further lots approved above Square Pond.
- ✓ Crown Lands indicated it will do a presentation to FABEC on future options to protect the Middle Brook watershed above Square Pond and seek approval from the various government Departments and agencies. Gambo Forestry Branch will be copied on the presentation.

The **next** regular monthly meeting will take place at **7:00 PM, Wednesday June 29, 2016** at the Development Association Building in Glovertown.

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