

Coast of Bays Coastal Planning Committee Meeting
Vancor Motel
Head of Bay D'Espoir
Oct. 19th, 2007

Attendance:

Conrad Collier – Coast of Bays Corporation
Herb Dunphy – Municipalities
Frank Meade – Tourism
Max Taylor – Rec. Boaters & Cabin Owners
Ross Hinks – Conne River
Kevin Lawrence – FFAW – Inshore Fishers
Roberta Collier – Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association
Bret Pilgrim – Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Blair Thorn – Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Regrets:

Jeff Roberts – Fisheries Committee
Steward May – Harbour Authorities
Craig Mercer – Aquaculture
Eric Day - Processors

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with four (4) items added to the agenda – 1. Selection of Committee chair, 2. Selection of Committee secretary, 3. Revising the Committee structure, 4. Presentations for next meeting

Motion to adopt Meeting Agenda – Kevin
Second – Ross

1. Introductions and Coastal Planning Overview

The meeting commenced with the introduction of Frank Meade (replacing Baxter House), Max Taylor (replacing Pius Howse), and Roberta Collier (NAIA) followed by a roundtable introduction of the Coastal Planning Committee. As an introduction to Coastal Planning for new committee members, Conrad provided a brief overview highlighting the aim of the initiative and the premise of the workshop.

2. Review of Meeting Minutes

After reviewing the minutes of the last committee meeting (February 27th, 2007) no amendment was necessary.

Motion to adopt minutes – Herb
Second - Conrad

3. Business Arising

- Funding has been secured to hire a new Coastal Planning Coordinator until March 2008. In the up-coming weeks the position will be advertised, and hiring will take place in mid-November, 2007.
- In March, 2007, Marie Bungay (Community Youth Network (CYN)) requested that the Coastal Planning Committee provide a presentation to the CYN on the impacts of marine debris in the Coast of Bays. The committee agreed that this should be pursued by the Coastal Planning Coordinator before March 2008. Furthermore, the coordinator will work with community channels to air the Coast of Bays Marine Debris “Video”

- The committee recognised the importance of informing the region/public of the Coastal Planning Initiative, especially as the committee moves closer to endorsing a Coastal Management Plan. As a result the committee will develop an article on Coastal Planning and what has been accomplished to date. It was suggested that good avenues would be the Cold Harvester and the local newspaper (The Coaster).

ACTION ITEM:

Conrad to write an article on the Coastal Planning Initiative for The Coaster and the Cold Harvester.

4. Issues and Concerns Identification Exercise

The principle task of the workshop was to review the issues and concerns identified in previous coastal planning documents, compiled during all Coastal Planning Committee meetings, and to up-date/identify any new issues that had yet to be identified.

Blair started by providing a brief overview of the work that had been complete to date, and introduced a set of questions to assist in the issue identification process. The issues identified previously were grouped under various headings (e.g., aquaculture, fishery, environmental health...etc.). During the process of confirming previously identified issues and identifying new issues the headings remained the same and each committee member was provided with an opportunity to comment on each concern/issue previously identified and/or to identify new issues/concerns.

**The results of the exercise are appended to the end of the meeting minutes.*

5. Coastal Management Plan

As a lead into the Issues/Concerns exercise, Bret provided committee members with a DRAFT copy of the Coast of Bays Coastal Management Plan, and provided a brief “walk-through” of the plan, highlighting how/where work accomplished at previous committee meetings are integrated into the plan. Committee members were asked to review the plan before the next meeting (Dec. 5th) in preparation for discussions of the plan, and strategies there-in.

6. Stakeholder Issues/Concerns

Committee members had nothing to add to the stakeholder issues/concerns sections since all issues and concerns were brought out and recorded during the issues/concerns identification exercise.

7. Other

Selection of Committee Chair

Conrad informed the committee that due to changes in staffing at the Coast of Bays Corporation, he will be acting as Executive Director and currently performing the duties as Executive Director and Economic Development Officer until the EDO position is filled. Considering his work load, Conrad felt that it is in the best interest of the committee that he step down as the Chair at this time. However, Conrad will remain as a member of the committee.

Steward is the current vice chair and will assume the position of Chair for the next meeting, at which time the committee will decide whether to hold elections or seek volunteer assignment.

Committee Secretary

Roberta has volunteered to be the Committees Secretary.

8. Committee Structure

Mr. Eric Day was initially appointed to the committee's seat designated to represent the interests of the Processing Industry. In accordance with the committee's Terms of Reference, the committee elected to remove Mr. Day from the committee as a result of non-attendance.

Discussions regarding whether to keep the seat to represent processors or to reassign the seat to suit the needs and interests of the committee will be discussed at a later date.

Motion to remove Mr. Day from the Committee – Kevin

Second - Herb

When the new Coordinator is hired, he/she will be tasked with contacting each committee member to discuss if they would like to remain on the committee, or if they prefer to be replaced. The committee has to be solidified (by March) before the Management Plan can be endorsed by the committee and before the plan is brought to the public for regional endorsement.

Committee Presentations

MAMKA

Ross provided the committee with an overview of MAMKA and the various projects the group has been involved with in the Coast of Bays region.

ACTION ITEM:

Ross will organize for a representative from MAMKA to present at the next Committee meeting.

Bill Barry

At the meeting on Feb. 27th, 2007, Laura Park (DFO) informed the committee that Bill Barry was interested in presenting to the Committee on the various operations his company is involved with.

ACTION ITEM:

DFO/Coastal Planning Coordinator will pursue this for the up-coming Coastal Planning Meeting.

St. Alban's Barasway/Milltown MEQ and Processing Plant Audit

Bret was speaking with Lee Jamison (Jacques Whitford) in October 2007. Discussions centred around the possibility of bringing Mr. Jamison to the Coast of Bays to present his report on an assessment of the St. Albans Barasway and Morrisville shoreline. The audience would include the Coastal Planning Committee and municipal councils of St. Albans and Morrisville.

ACTION ITEM:

DFO will contact Mr Jamison's to confirm his availability for Dec. 5th, 2007.

9. Scheduling Next Meeting

Next meeting will be scheduled for December 5th, 2007 in Head of the Bay @ 7:00 p.m. Time and date will be confirmed at a later date.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. on a motion by Herb Dunphy.

Second by Max Taylor.