



BAWG will seek funding for the development of a new dam, a natural fishway, and fish monitoring studies. The project will restore the dam at MacPherson's Mill Pond, incorporating a water control structure along with a fishway to allow salmon, trout and other species, which travel between fresh and saltwater, to breed.

The PEI Watershed Alliance will be submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI) valued at approximately \$750,000 to the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Coastal Restoration Fund to facilitate PEI watershed group projects over the next three years. BAWG is in the process of developing a proposal to give to the Watershed Alliance, who will include BAWG's proposal in their LOI.

Engineering surveys have been completed and tender ready construction documents have been prepared. Holland College's heritage carpentry class has shown interest in the restoration of MacPherson's Mill, one of the first sawmills in PEI. BAWG stands a very good chance of receiving the funds requested.

BAWG will be seeking letters of support from stakeholder organizations in the community.

BAWG recognizes the significant historical and cultural aspects of the MacPherson's mill building but does not have the expertise nor a mandate to explore the restoration possibilities. BAWG hopes to encourage appropriate community groups to pursue the potential for restoring the mill.

Residents Kelly Clements-Gennis mentioned the Native Council of PEI who have a conservation to embrace nature and Jim Kinnee mentioned Ducks Unlimited. Ian Petrie made a point that it has been 30 years since people paid attention and encouraged the South East Watershed group. Ian also stated what a wonderful job Scott Roloson has been doing. Mayor Walsh thanked Andy for his presentation.

**BELFAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BCDC)** – Jim Kinnee, Mark Booth and Ian Petrie asked to speak about the new round of Gas Tax Funding. There are connections between Lord Selkirk Park and Belfast Highland Greens and the Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation – Tourist Bureau and the Wood Islands Lighthouse. Between the 2 areas they have borrowed close to \$1,000,000, have credibility and are successful. They have their debt paid off. Mark talked about planning sessions for development for Belfast over the next number of years, programs that could be cost shared and policies to deal with these leads. They would like to make a submission of interest. Possibilities could be sewage disposal for the park/recreation, Historical Society needs a place to store and show Eleanor Gillis' art collection, Pinette Raceway, Community Hall and rink, environmental quality streams, etc. Billy talked about solar systems and how our broadband is very poor.

It was moved by Garth Gillis, seconded by Joanne Vessey, that we write a letter expressing our interest in the Canada/PEI Infrastructure Program. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Bank balance to date is \$20,449.96. It was moved by Joanne Vessey, seconded by Billy Gamble, the cheque for Belfast Recreation Centre for \$13,125 be issued. Motion carried. It was their last allotment from the 2018/19 budget. They are still waiting for the \$8500 provincial rink grant. Belfast Gas Tax Fund has a balance of \$21,854.57. There will be an installment of \$21,547.00 issued later this month.

**MEETING SCHEDULE** – It was moved by Joanne Vessey, seconded by Andy Henry, that the meeting schedule (3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month) would be the following: January 16, February 20, March 20, May 15, September 18, October 16 and December 18 at 7 p.m. Motion carried.

**CLOSED MEETING** – It was moved by Virginia Cook, seconded by Garth Gillis, that the meeting be closed. Motion carried. A discussion was held on hiring Bob Brooks from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 31, 2019 for a base salary of \$5000 and a travel allowance of \$300. Our new civic address would be at the Belfast Fire Hall 3410 Trans Canada HWY – Rte 1, South Pinette.

**OPEN SESSION** – It was moved by Garth Gillis, seconded by Andy Henry, the meeting be opened. Motion carried.

**CAO CONTRACT** - It was moved by Joanne Vessey, seconded by Billy Gamble, that we offer Bob Brooks a contract to be our new CAO from Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019. Motion carried.

**SIGNING AUTHORITIES** – It was moved by Andy Henry, seconded by Virginia Cooke, that our new signing authorities would be any two of: Mayor Jill Walsh, CAO Bob Brooks and Deputy Mayor Garth Gillis. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Andy Henry moved the meeting be adjourned. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at Belfast Fire Hall. Motion carried.

Approved January 16, 2019

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Mayor - Jill Walsh

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Administrator - Janice MacDonald