

Frontenac Arch Biosphere

Species at Risk

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 26 May, 2005 at Donald Gordon Centre, Queen's University

Participants: Gord Giffin, Jim McCready, Don Ross, Jeff Leggo, Silvia Strobl, Bill Crins, Chris Bellemore, Kevin Robinson, Henry Lickers, Dave Warner, Leah de Forest, Lindsay Rodger, Donald McLennan, Tim Truesdell, Greg Saunders, Angus McLeod, Dave Walker, Hillary Knack, Melissa Thompson, Paul Zorn, Leif Olson, Valeri Blazeski, Richard David, Shaun Thompson, Todd Norris, Hillary Knack, Gary Nielsen, Andy Smith, Dale Scale, Sue Grigg, Paul Zorn, Tom Beaubiah,
Louise Mantha (Facilitator)

1. **9:40 AM Don Ross** welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Don explained that this was the third meeting of the group and that a draft vision had been developed at the last meeting.
2. **Gord Giffin** talked about the objective of the project and how it cannot be achieved without the understanding the role of the community within the Biosphere. Today's outcome will be building the foundation for the project, with three specific outcomes; 1. Informing; We'll hear from Jeff and Silvia about their progress to date. 2. Sharing: We'll share with the government and the community and develop a set of guiding principles. 3. Involvement: We'll begin to involve the community through empowerment.
3. **Louise Mantha** explained that her job at today's meeting was simply to guide the process. She began with a review of the programme's guiding principles;
 - FAB would create a free standing committee to deal with the SAR project
 - FAB can establish a discrete budget item to track activities
 - A terms of reference and letter of agreement needs to be developed between Parks Canada, OMNR, Queens and the Akwesasne
 - The science involved needs to be linked with public involvement and decision making.
 - emphasize the need to work together (The headings were easy to get consensus on)
 - Recognise the role of private land owners
 - Overall tone should be neutral and friendly
 - A recognition that we need to work with existing structures

Some additional suggestions for guiding principles were made:

- "Integration: and "Linkages" are the same
 - Respect should come first, then knowledge (2 way street)
 - Our guiding principles should last longer than the project and be the way we work together in the future.
 - This is a "programme" not a project.
4. **Jeff Leggo** Provided an update on the work done so far as well as a budget breakdown:

\$510K over 3 years with 200K in year one for salaries and survey,
200K for year 2 for Salaries of 145K, Academics 10K, modelling 10K and O&M 18K
and 110K in Year 3 for Salaries of 84K, academics 10K and O&M 18K

5. **Governance:** Gord Giffin suggested that the Frontenac Arch Biosphere, as a neutral non-government organisation with an extensive number of stakeholder groups in the TIE land mass, could act as the coordinating body, or Secretariat, for the programme. Parks Canada could provide some seed money as well as some delivery capability.
6. **Through the Facilitator,** the following activity categories and participating organisations/individuals were solicited and identified:
- 6.1 **SCIENCE** (Research, data management and monitoring):
 SLINP
 MNR Peterborough
 Fisheries and Oceans (Andy Smith)
 Charleston Lake PP (staff)
 Ontario Parks (South Eastern Zone staff)
 OMNR Kemptville (Dale Scale)
 The Frontenac Arch Biosphere (Staff)
 OMNR (Bill Crins)
 OMNR (Shaun Thompson)
 Parks Research Forum of Ontario (Paul Zorn)
 PCA-NO (Donald McLennan)
 CRCA (Tom Beaubiah)
 MCA Environment
- 6.2 **HABITAT PROTECTION** (Purchases, easements, land use plan influence):
 Canadian Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy Land Trust
 Fisheries and Oceans
 Rideau Waterway Land Trust
 Charleston Lake PP
 Ontario Parks (Sue Grigg)
 TIARA
 OMNR (Bill Crins, Shaun Thompson)
 CRCA (Tom Beaubiah)
 OMNR (Hillary Knack)
 MCA Environment
- 6.3 **OUTREACH:**
 EOMF
 OMNR
 TIARA
 Canadian Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy Land Trust
 Frontenac Arch Biosphere
 OMNR Kemptville
 Leeds Stewardship Council (Gary Nielsen)
 MCA Environment
- 6.4 **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 Leif Olseon (GLEL Carleton University)
 Rideau Waterway Land Trust
 Ontario Parks (Sue Grigg)
 Frontenac Arch Biosphere
 Charleston Lake PP
 TIARA
 EOMF
 OMNR Kemptville with MMAH PPS Principals
 Leeds Stewardship Council (Gary Nielsen)
 MCA Environment

- 6.5 **STEWARDSHIP ON THE LAND:**
 Canadian Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy Land Trust
 EOMF
 Charleston Lake PP
 OMNR Kemptville
 Leeds Stewardship Council (Gary Nielsen)
 CRCA (Tom Beaubiah)
- 6.6 **TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE:**
 Parks Canada (Angus McLeod)
 Ontario Parks (Sue Grigg)
 OMNR (Gary McLaren)
 OMNR Kemptville
 PCA NO (Donald McLennan)
 PC-OSC (Paul Zorn)
 MCA Environment
- 6.7 **FINE SCALE VEGITATION COMMUNITY LAYER:**
 PCA-NO (CNVC)
 MCA Environment
- 6.8 **COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:**
 EOMF
 MCA Environment
- 6.9 **MAPPING FOR SAR:**
 Charleston Lake PP
 EOMF
 OMNR (Bill Cris)
 PC-OSC (Paul Zorn)
 MCA Environment
- 6.10 **TIE ATTITUDES AND VALUES SURVEY: None**
- 6.11 **IMPROVED UNDERSTANING OF THE ECOLOGY:**
 MCA Environment
- 6.12 **INFORMED AND PARTICIPATIVE SAR RECOVERY EFFORT:**
 ON Parks (SE Zone)
 OMNR Kemptville
 Fisheries and Oceans (Andy Smith)
 OMNR (Peterborough)
 Charleston Lake PP
 MCA Environment
- 6.13 **INFORMED LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION MAKING:**
 Charleston Lake PP
 Leif Olsen (Carleton University)
 EOMF
 PC-OSC (Paul Zorn)
 MCA Environment

- 6.14 **EQUITY (Existing Programmes to tap and partner with):**
CLEL (Carleton U)
Canadian Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy Land Trust
Ontario Parks (Sue Grigg)
OMNR Kemptville
Charleston Lake PP
EOMF
Parks Canada (Federal Funding opportunities)
Rideau Waterway Land Trust
TIARA
Frontenac Arch Biosphere
PCA-NO (Donald McLennan)
OMNR SAR Unit
ON Parks/Parks Canada (Bill Cris, Paul Zorn)
MCA Environment

7. Next Steps:

- 7.1 **Write a proposal** with terms of reference (Gord G, Gary N, Henry L, Don Ross, by 23 June)
- 7.2 **Brief this to the FAB Board** (Don Ross, by 23 June)
- 7.3 **Continue programme work** as planned (Silvia and Jeff)
- 7.4 **Go back to respective organisations for approvals** (whomever, as needed after 23 June)
- 7.5 **Contact the groups** that did not attend today's meeting (All of us plus the FAB)
- 7.6 **Send out Minutes** of this meeting (FAB)
- 7.7 **Send out the decision** of the FAB Board
- 7.8 **Schedule another meeting** of this group to review accomplishments, in time for fundraising submissions.

8. Adjournment: 4:20 PM