

Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy- Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Virtual via Zoom

Board Members Present: Tracy Westell, John Campbell, Nicole Heelan, Walter Payne, Marian Cameron, Gillian Trueman, Cameron Pulsifer, John Godfrey, Steve Shapiro

AGENDA/ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Welcome	<p>AGM participants were welcomed especially those who could not make it to Kingsburg due to Covid.</p> <p>The Board Members were introduced and thanks was given to Jay Muise who resigned due to work related circumstances.</p> <p>John introduced MacKenzie Day who facilitated the Zoom AGM.</p> <p>John recognized the volunteers who helped the KCC in the past year. (see attachment).</p>	
II. Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes		<p>Motion to Approve: Marion Cameron Seconded by: Steven Shapiro Motion carried</p> <p>*Quorum for meeting so all votes official</p>
III. Presentation of Director's Annual Report	<p>Please see attachment.</p>	
IV. Presentation of Financial Report	<p>Treasurer's summary and 2021 budget by Walter Payne (see attachment).</p> <p>Last year we closed the year \$1200 below projected income with expenses as projected.</p> <p>75% of revenue based on membership fees and donations.</p>	<p>Motion to approve budget: Marian Cameron</p> <p>Seconded: John Godfrey</p> <p>Motion carried</p>

<p>V. Appointment of Auditors for 2021</p>	<p>Larry Gaudet & Hubert St. Onge were proposed as auditors for coming year.</p>	<p>Motion to approve auditors by Marion Cameron</p> <p>Seconded by Steve Shapiro</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
<p>VI. Election of Directors for 2020-21</p>	<p>John Campbell thanked the directors for their work in the past year.</p> <p>Here is the slate of candidates for 2021:</p> <p>Tracy Westell (Vice-Chair) Nicole Heelan (Secretary) Walter Payne (Treasurer) John Campbell (Chair) Marion Cameron (Director) Steve Shapiro (Director) John Godfrey (Director) Cameron Pulsifer (Director) Gillian Trueman (Director)</p> <p>*If anyone knows of anyone who lives in Hells Point, Rose Head or Kingsburg village - we would like those areas represented. We have three vacancies on the board with much work to do.</p>	<p>Motion from Marion Cameron to approve</p> <p>Seconded by Steve Shapiro</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
<p>VII. Other</p>	<p>No other business was raised.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for attending.</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn: Marion Cameron</p> <p>Seconded by: Steve Shapiro</p> <p>Motion carried</p>



KINGSBURG COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Directors' Report 2020

The KCC Board of Directors continues to pursue our goals of acquiring and protecting lands on the Kingsburg Peninsula and thereby promoting access to our shoreline.

Community Outreach

The KCC was looking forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of our association this year but, unfortunately, Covid 19 put a stop to our preparations and we will now celebrate our quarter century of conservation and protection in 2021. However, Covid did not stop us from pursuing our ongoing engagement with our community, acquiring land and stewarding our properties.

We continue to collaborate with the Kingsburg Community Association and have formed a joint planning committee on the development of our View Lot at the corner of Kingsburg Road and Hirtle Beach Road. This property provides an iconic view of Kingsburg as you reach the crossroads leading to our two wonderful beaches: Kingsburg Beach and Hirtle Beach. Unfortunately, over a decade, it has become contaminated with Japanese Knotweed, a highly invasive plant. A joint committee was established to advise on addressing the management of Japanese Knotweed as well as potential uses for this property.

We have been exploring a broader use of our cabin on West Ironbound Island. The Nova Scotia Sea school continues to make use of the island but has suspended its activities this year because of Covid. We are now working with a group of artists in the area to consider the establishment of an Artist-in-Residence Program on the Island. For those that have visited the island, you will have experienced the panoramic beauty of Hartling Bay and the LaHave estuary as well as the rugged attractiveness of the island. We believe that a period of time on the island would be inspiring to artists of all kinds.

Our Properties

Last year we received two parcels of land of approximately 1.6 acres with water frontage bordering the Kingsburg Pond on Hirtle Beach Road. This year we were again successful in acquiring property on the Peninsula. In the late summer of last year, the Congdon and Papa families of Upper Kingsburg donated their half interest in two properties: one property intersecting the unused public road that originates from Lower LaHave to Upper Kingsburg (6.6 acres); and, a second property that adjoins an existing KCC property on the Shobac (2.4 acres). These properties support our longer-term goal of acquiring lands on the Shobac with the hope that the unused public road will someday become a hiking/biking trail across the western end of the peninsula.

In addition to the Congdon/Papa donation, we have received a further donation of land on Rose Head, bordering Middle Road and Rose Bay from Dee and Barb Hilburt. The property is approximately 20 acres, rectangular in form with approximately 500 feet of frontage on Rose Bay. The property was appraised at \$330,000 of which \$280,000 was donated with a cash exchange of \$50,000. With this addition we own approximately 69 acres on Rose Head with almost 1200 feet of frontage on Rose Bay and 125 feet of frontage on Kings Bay.

With these new additions to our portfolio, we now own or co-own 44 properties and steward 23 others. The total acreage is about 366. Because our mandate is the acquisition and protection of lands on the peninsula, our properties are now being linked to mapping software so that we can display maps as needed of the whole peninsula or specific sections of the peninsula. We are continuing our work of linking information about the natural features of the properties and their acquisition histories. Next summer we will introduce you to our interactive map, accessible through our website -- where a click on a property will display information for the public, KCC members, and the board.

West Ironbound Island

The public mooring is back in use and is available to access the island for ourselves as well as the recreational boating community. Bald eagles continue to nest on the island as are Canada Geese. We now have Barred Owls and a variety of Hawks also nesting. There were 16 lambs born this spring with 22 mature sheep in residence. The sheep maintain the numerous meadows on the island and, not for them, we would have an island of spruce!

As mentioned in last year's Director's Report, significant renovations had been planned and are now underway on the cabin. As many may know, we inherited a well-built cabin as part of the acquisition of the island. We view the cabin as a valuable resource but a resource that has been underutilized. It has fallen into some disrepair and required a new roof, windows, etc. We are now looking at options to make the most use of the cabin and, for instance, the feasibility of an Artist-in-Residence program with artists spending upwards of a week at a time on the island. The cost of the renovations is expected to be close to \$40,000 and we are looking for any donations that will help to offset those costs. Already we have received a donation of 4 new solar panels to add electricity to power the necessary appliances as well as a tender to transport visitors from our mooring to the island.

Gaff Point

Once the Covid related shut down of Gaff Point ended in late May, the group of Monitors quickly stepped up once again to walk the headland's trails to ensure the safety of those visitors who enjoy the beauty of this rugged part of our peninsula. Once opened, Gaff Monitor Nathan Bald and his family volunteered to spend time cutting trees and branches that had blocked a good portion of the trails after last winter's storms. Throughout the summer months, Gaff has seen a burst in new visitors, perhaps because of the province's encouragement for Nova Scotia

to better get to know special areas of their province. Due to Covid, we were unable to do our annual July workday to maintain and improve the trails. However, according to our Monitors, all trails are in fine shape. We want to again thank our monitors for their vigilance, care, time and appreciation they bring to their work in monitoring Gaff's trails. Our core group of a dozen members serve as monitors throughout the year. If you are interested in being a Gaff Monitor or helping with next summer's July workday, please contact us or Bob Buckley.

In summary, the KCC succeeds because of its committed membership and those individuals who offer to serve on our board and on our committees. Please consider serving on our Board! We would like to see representation from Rose Head and Hell's Point! And, if you know someone who lives in our area or enjoys our environs, please encourage them to join the KCC!

Goals

The KCC Board of Directors offers the following goals for the year ahead and for the next three years:

One year (2020 – 2021)

- Expand the number of Board members;
- continue to seek ways to preserve land in the Shobac as well as Kingsburg Peninsula;
- raise the public's awareness of and investment in the work of the KCC in preserving coastal lands and maintaining public access through our acquisitions.

Three year (2020 -2023)

- Promote the preservation of and access to the Shobac and to West Ironbound Island;
- identify further uses for the cabin on West Ironbound Island to support community outreach;
- document, clearly define, and visually display the KCC properties.

Submitted by the KCC Board of Directors, 01 September 2020



KCC Recognition of Volunteers | 2020

The Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy would not be able to fulfill its mandate without the commitment and dedication of our volunteers. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the following groups and individuals who are committed to the success of our organization:

Nathan Bald (and family) – who help to clear our paths from deadfall each spring

Bob Buckley – all things Gaff Point, advisor to the Board and one of our auditors

Noreen Channels – bookkeeper, membership coordinator and archivist

Seth Congdon – one of our West Ironbound Island advisors and stewards

Gaff Point Stewards

Larry Glenwright of Lunenburg Seaport – who assists us with our boat in accessing the island

Janna Graham – special events, outreach, and communications

Piotr Luczak (Burke MacDonald Luczak) – our lawyer who provides his services pro bono

Alex MacDonald – auditor to the Board

Gerald Mossman – who ensures that our mooring on the island is safe and secure and provides water transportation as needed

Jay Muise – one of our West Ironbound Island advisors and stewards

Wendy Muise – our ‘on the ground’ courier, runner, problem solver, etc.

Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and volunteers

Jake Wentzell – our West Ironbound Island shepherd

All those volunteers who assist our community coordinator in social activities.

Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy
Treasurer's Summary
Year Ending April 30, 2020

	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$14,700	\$13,500
Expenses	\$19,100	\$19,000
Project Initiatives	\$22,000	\$14,700

KINGSBURG COASTAL CONSERVANCY		
APPROVED SUMMARY BUDGET FOR 2020-2021		
		Approved Budget 2020-2021
GENERAL OPERATING INCOME		
Donations and Membership		
1. Membership Fees		3,800.00
2. General Donations w Membship		3,800.00
3. General Dona Direct-Member		2,500.00
4. General Dona Direct-NonMemb		1,200.00
Property Mainten/Develop Donations		
Total		11,300.00
Other Income-Sales & Boat Tours		1,200.00
Rebates, \$ transfer, InsurReimb		1,300.00
TOTAL INCOME		13,800.00
Move funds from Nesbit-Burns		55,000.00
		Approved Budget 2020-2021
GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES		
1. Board/Organization Related Expenses		4,330.00
2. Member-Donor-Community Expenses		1,700.00
3. Current Property Related Expenses		4,200.00
4. Land Transaction Expenses this FY		2,650.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl HST)		12,880.00
		Approved Budget 2020-2021
PROJECT INITIATIVES (Funded from existing assets)		
5. Future Land Acquisition		30,000.00
6. Property Development Projects		25,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVES EXPENSES		55,000.00
Prepared by Walter Payne, Treasurer, and Noreen Channels May 27 2020		