

## **COCO Meeting Minutes from November 22,2007**

The November meeting was held at the Lakeside Community Centre.  
Host group: Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust

### Topics Discussed:

\*2008 Calendar from the NS Trails Association is now available for sale and as a fundraiser for member groups

\*Long Lake Provincial Park Management plan is expected to be ready for public consultation early 2008

\*Wooden's River Watershed Environmental Organization is refocusing its energies now that the Bluff Trail Work has been completed. The designation of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes area was applauded

\*Canoe Kayak NS updated on the October 14 monthly canoe trip –Terence Bay Wilderness Area. Work on a map with canoe routes and portages of the Chebucto Peninsula continues. CKNS Members have done a lot of work on the maintenance of portages on the Chebucto Peninsula. Concern was expressed that the boat access at Long Lake Provincial Park has been lost.

\*The Resources Opportunity Centre in Terence Bay helps to foster a sense of community from Goodwood through to East Dover. The work of the Steering Committee for the Prospect Community Centre was outlined. The site of the new centre is on HRM lands between the Fire Hall and the Prospect Public School. The driveway in front of the building is designed to accommodate public transit.

\*St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship member reviewed the development project in Tantallon. Known occupants of the new mall within the development are a credit union, and a coffee shop. Concerns were raised and hopes were expressed that building types, lighting will create a sense of community. The Whynact's Cove Association is watchful about water runoff from the project running into Whynact's Cove on St.Margaret's Bay. William Ferriss is the architect .It is felt that this development will set the standard for future developments.

Lots of discussion ensued about septic systems and their impact on the waters of St. Margaret's Bay.

\*Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Rails to Trails representatives are involved in ongoing discussions with HRM over ATV use on their trail. Maintenance work continues on the trail. HRM is developing an Active Transportation policy which if enacted would see rails to trails in HRM become non motorized.

? Discussion about ATV issues. Review of what is happening locally as well as at the provincial level.

\*St. Margaret's Bay Chamber of Commerce representative outlined the role of the Chamber is to help maintain a sense of community in the St. Margaret's Bay area, they looking to folks to support local business by shopping locally. The Chamber will be hosting a Summer Job expo, they hope to develop fund raising for non profit groups. There is a plan to have a music of faith gathering by getting the area churches together.

\*Canoe KayakNS representative spoke about the Wind Energy Plan. Outlined suitable sites for wind energy. Concern was expressed about locating turbines in conservation and wilderness areas.

\*The Co- Chair of the Western Common Citizens Wilderness Advisory Committee gave an overview of the 6 meetings held to date. Members have been reviewing the history of the 5000 A area. Terms of Reference are to be developed to create a Management Plan. All 13 persons who applied for membership on the committee were appointed to serve on the Committee.

\*Relay for Life was presented with areas to be covered by teams from Terence Bay to Bedford, Peggy's Cove-Tantallon and environs. Keith Ayling is the area contact person tel, 826-1808

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Next Meeting slated for January 17,2008  
Host: Safety Minded ATV Club