

North Colchester River Restoration 2016 Annual Report





Chairmans Report

Doug Bastow

As I sit here in late December looking out over the gray cold waters of Tatamagouche Bay the summer of 2016 is well behind us.

The river project of this past year was one of challenges for us all. We started out with a problem finding a suitable supervisor for our team and weren't able to complete this task till late spring. Eventually we were happy to hire Miss Dana Hingley of Kemptown. Dana came to us with an environmental law background which certainly comes in handy with our scope of work. This year as in 2015 we concentrated our work around two areas of the Waugh river, one area just below Earltown and the second off the MacDonald Rd below Sugar Moon farm.

Again in 2016 I was very fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who make up our board. Trudy Rice, our secretary keeps track of all our minutes and makes sure we are all on track. Catherine Gil our treasurer pays the bills and the summer salaries to our crew as well as keeping track off all government administration. Frank Tooton is my right hand man and is tasked with everything I can throw at him which includes project audits, grant applications and student and supervisor interviews and hiring. And of course Perry Swan and Tom Ennis, my experienced river folks.

During the 2017 summer season we plan on concentrating our work on the French river around New Annan repairing in river structures that we installed many years ago along with some much need rocking to stop erosion.

2016 PROJECT



A digger Log before repair. Water should flow over not through.



Debris in the river before cleanup.

The cleanup begins.



This is a section of the stream just below Earltown that was totally filled with debris causing the river to spread out in all directions. After removing many fallen trees the river is again finding its natural path.



Summer Crew 2016

Jack Langille Kaleb Buckler Dana Hingley Andee Weatherby



Fish Ladder at The falls

During this season we were happy to have the support of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in the upkeep and maintenance of our fish ladder.

Last year DFO installed a new flow deflector at the entrance of the ladder at the top to stop unwanted debris from blocking asses to fish. We are pleased to report that this was a successful endeavour. Also this season our crew spent time cleaning out the flow channel in the ladder.



Activities

During the early spring we have a dedicated group of volunteers who spend time in the riparian zone of our rivers planting and protecting small trees. The Riparian zone is that area close to the river banks and requires active vegetation to prevent erosion. These folks also clear and mark out paths to prevent walkers from waking on our young seedlings.

As in other years we continue to support the Fish Friends program at our elementary school. This program allows us to stock an aquarium with fish eggs and allow our children to observe the beginnings of the fish life cycle.

The CAMP program or Community Aquatic Monitoring Program is something that we have been part of for a number of years. DFO assigns a grad student to oversee local area volunteer groups do water testing and fish counts at a number of sites around Tatamagouche Bay. Our crew takes part in these days which happen in June, July and August.

Early in the summer our crew members attend courses that are held by both Clean Nova Scotia and Adopt A Stream. Clean NS concentrates on work site safety while Adopt A Stream does hands on training around river stewardship and structure building. These days are also an opportunity for our crew to meet students from all over Nova Scotia who are doing similar types of work on many of our provinces rivers.

All of these activities are overseen by our dedicated board members who year after year give their time to ensure a successful summer program.

Public Information

In late August we held our annual river walk which was organized by Catherine Gill. Due to very dry conditions we were forced to have this event away from our work site as the woods were closed. Our crew supervisor Dana Hingley is shown here explaining some pictures of our work areas.



Funding Partners for 2016

Following is a list of funding partners for 2016. These organizations and companies all have a very important role in our organization and we thank them for their ongoing commitment to the health of our river systems.

Adopt A Stream / NSLC

Nova Scotia Salmon Assoc.

Clean Nova Scotia

Municipality of the County of Colchester

Environment Canada

Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Human Resources Canada

Tri County Ford

Langille Fuels

Tatamagouche Home Hardware.

2016 Financial Report

Bank Balance January 01,2016	\$ 6623.
Income	
Sponsors	\$25053.
Insurance Grant	\$350.
Total Income	\$25403.
Expenses	
Administration,	\$1041.
Education and promotion	\$626.
Payroll and Vehicle Expense	\$18845.
Supplies	\$1432.
Total Expenses	\$21944.
Net Income	\$3459.
Bank Balance Nov. 1st, 2016	\$10082.

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