

Stewardship Board Policy

Preamble

This Policy shall serve to constitute and give direction to the James River Stewardship Board as an advisory group to the Town Council for the Town of Antigonish on all matters relating to environmental conditions within the James River Watershed area.

General

- 1. The Stewardship Board shall have no decision making power but will serve only to make recommendations to the Town Council for the Town of Antigonish on objectives and policies affecting the watershed.**
- 2. The Board will be responsible for having a watershed management plan prepared and upon acceptance by Town Council and Provincial Authorities will endeavor to monitor and maintain an effective management plan for this area.**
- 3. In preparing a watershed management plan the Stewardship Board shall consider implementing policies that address all activities that have or may take place within this area.**
- 4. The Board may, from time to time, request individuals or groups to make representation to the Board on matters affecting the watershed.**
- 5. The Board will review and comment on water quality and quantity monitoring programs and other studies related to the watershed. All water quality and quantity information available from member agencies shall be made available to the Board.**
- 6. The Board will maintain liaison with government agencies not represented on the Board on matters related to the watershed.**
- 7. The Board may develop information and education programs about watershed management and protection for the public.**

Designation

- 8. The watershed has been designated as a "Protected Water Area" under the Water Act for the Province of Nova Scotia.**
- 9. Watershed protection regulations for the James River Watershed have been approved by the Minister of the Environment pursuant to the designation.**

Membership and Operation

10. **The Board shall be comprised as follows:**
 - 1 **The Mayor or designate**
 - 2 **The Deputy Mayor or designate**
 - 3 **The Town Clerk (non voting) or designate**
 - 4 **The Town Engineer (non voting) or designate**
 - 5 **The Recreation Coordinator (non voting) or designate**
 - 6 **One (1) individual as designated by the Department of Natural Resources**
 - 7 **One (1) individual as designated by the Department of Transportation**
 - 8 **One (1) individual as designated by the Department of Environment**
 - 9 **One (1) individual as designated by Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury**
 - 10 **One (1) individual as designated by the Department of Fisheries**
 - 11 **As many as Two (2) individuals at large as designated by Town Council.**
11. **All members will serve for a two year term and may be reappointed.**
12. **The Chair of the Stewardship Board shall be either (a) the Mayor or designate or (b) the Deputy Mayor or designate.**
13. **Secretarial and administrative services shall be provided by the Town of Antigonish.**
14. **The Board shall conduct its business by consensus or by motion as the situation warrants. Any voting member may call for a motion on a particular issue.**
15. **Five (5) voting members shall constitute a quorum. When there are insufficient members in attendance to constitute a quorum an information meeting may be held.**
16. **The Board shall usually meet on a quarterly basis.**
17. **This policy is subject to change by Town Council.**
18. **The Chair shall act as the Board Spokesperson.**