

KCC: 2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

Summary Prepared for the KCC Annual General Meeting

August 23, 2023

Janet Peace

KCC CHAIR

KCC: 2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

**BOARD REORGANIZATION AND REINFORCEMENT
NOVEMBER 2022-AUGUST 2023**

**SMITH-WALKER ACQUISITIONS SECURED
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2022**

**SHAUBAC WETLANDS PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED & AFN-EG-KCC COLLABORATION INITIATED
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2022**

**WETLANDS FUNDING APPROVAL/FUND APPEAL LAUNCHED & AFN - KCC COLLABORATION
AGREEMENT DRAFTED
JANUARY-JUNE 2023**

**HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE REINFORCEMENT
JANUARY-AUGUST 2023**

NOV. 2021- SEPT. 2022

KCC BOARD REORGANIZATION & REINFORCEMENT

- **OCTOBER 2021 AGM:** Board Members Elected: John Campbell, John Godfrey, Alex Macdonald, Walter Payne, Gillian Truman, Cameron Pulsifer, Anne Murphy, Nicole Heelan
- **NOVEMBER 2021-JUNE 2023 NEW BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICER CHANGES:**
 - **Nov. 2021:** Janet Peace, Chair
 - **Jan. 2022:** Marylin Congdon, Shaubac Lead
 - **March 2022:** Bob Buckley, Board Member & Vice Chair
 - **March 2022:** Marylin Congdon, Board Member
 - **Feb. 2023:** Sarah Crnec: Board Member & Treasurer; Veronika Watts: Vice-Chair
 - **June 2023:** Scott Jermey: AFN Collaboration
- Bob stepped down from Board in February 2023 and Marilyn in July 2023
- **AUGUST 2022 AGM:** Board Slate Elected: Laura Barkhouse, Bob Buckley, Marilyn Congdon, Janet Peace; James Stephens, Veronika Watts.
- **AUGUST 23, 2023 AGM:** INCOMING BOARD SLATE: Janet Peace, Laura Barkhouse, Sarah Crnec, Scott Jermey, James Stephens, Veronika Watts

ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS

JANUARY 2022 INITIAL ADVISORY GROUP ESTABLISHED:

Bob Buckley, Greg Amos, Marc Langlois, Dave Cosh, Paul Pross, Catherine Pross

ADVISORY GROUP AT AUGUST 2023:

Greg Amos: Board Strategy, KCC Continuity

Cliff Borden: Finance & Fundraising

Vince Brewerton: Community Outreach

Bob Buckley: KCC Mission, Strategy and Continuity

Noreen Channels: Admin. & KCC Continuity

Dave Cosh: History, Finance & Land Acquisition

Maria Dyck: Fundraising

Shawn Feener: AFN-KCC Collaboration

Rachel Kendall: M'kmaw Community Collaboration, Science & Wetlands

Marc Langlois: Non-Profit Strategy & Community Outreach

Piotr Luczac: Land Acquisitions, Legal Advice

Catherine Pross: Science & Land Stewardship

Paul Pross: KCC Continuity & Strategy

Anne Tyrie: Communications Strategy

MAY - SEPT. 2022

SMITH-WALKER ACQUISITIONS

MAY-JUNE 2022

- **WALKER/SMITH PURCHASE OFFERS ACCEPTED:**
 - **\$710K TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE**
 - **\$360K MODL FUNDING APPROVED**
 - **\$192K CROWN SHARE FUNDING APPROVED**
 - **\$158K BALANCE REMAINING: MAJOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED**

SEPTEMBER 2022

- **FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN COMPLETED:**
 - **\$48K RAISED FROM MEMBER/SUPPORTER CONTRIBUTIONS**
 - **\$110K BALANCE REMAINING**
- **WALKER & SMITH ACQUISITIONS COMPLETED:**
 - **\$710K: TOTAL CLOSING COSTS**
 - **\$600K: TOTAL FUNDS RAISED FROM MODL, CROWN SHARE AND MEMBERS**
 - **\$110K: CONTRIBUTION FROM KCC RESERVE FUND**

NOV-DEC 2022

SHAUBAC WETLANDS PROJECT & AFN-EG-KCC COLLABORATION

NOV. 2022

AFN COLLABORATION INITIATED

DEC. 2022

SHAUBAC WETLANDS PROJECT (SWCP) APPLICATION APPROVED BY BOARD

DEC. 29, 2022

SWCP APPLICATION SUBMITTED

\$382K 2-YEAR PROJECT COST

\$267K FUNDING REQUESTED

\$115K TO BE RAISED FROM MATCHING GRANTS & MEMBERS/SUPPORTERS

JANUARY-AUGUST 2023

WETLANDS FUNDING APPROVAL & AFN (Ecology Group)-KCC COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

APRIL 2023:

SCCF FUNDING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

JUNE 2023:

AFN-ECOLOGY MANAGER SCOTT JERMEY JOINS KCC BOARD, COLLABORATION AGREEMENT DRAFTED TO GUIDE ONGOING COLLABORATION

AFN ECOLOGY GROUP-KCC COLLABORATION AGREEMENT SUMMARY

1. The AFN Ecology Group (AFN-EG) and KCC joined forces in November 2022 to launch a carbon assessment project on KCC/MODL-protected lands aimed at assessing the carbon absorption capacity of local wetlands in support of climate change mitigation.
2. The AFN-EG and KCC now intend to extend this relationship to encompass long-term, ongoing collaboration between the two organizations centred on the sharing of i) conservation knowledge through active collaboration in the stewardship of KCC and AFN lands; and ii) general cultural learning through joint activities, documentation and educational sessions.
3. The goal of the proposed stewardship collaboration is to share conservation knowledge and practices with a view to maximizing the quality of protection and care given to the lands stewarded by the parties.
4. In pursuing this goal, the AFN's "Two-Eyed-Seeing" approach will be employed, that is "from one eye with the strengths of Indigenous ways of knowing and from the other eye with the strengths of Western ways of knowing, and using both of these eyes together" (– Albert Marshall)
5. Joint stewarding activity will initially be centred on the Carbon Assessment Project ground truthing process on the KCC Shaubac lands, involving both AFN Earth Keepers and KCC stewarding resources. Beyond this, the AFN's Earth Keepers and KCC Stewarding resources will duplicate the activity on AFN-stewarded lands.
6. As carbon absorption is measured and documented, the joint stewardship team will be vigilant in documenting species at risk, endangered plants, etc. on the respective lands.

When the project and joint stewardship activity are sufficiently advanced, this agreement can be taken to the AFN's council for approval so that joint funding and other collaborative activities between the two organizations will become possible.

INFRASTRUCTURE & HUMAN RESOURCES

JULY-AUGUST 2023:

**PROJECT HUMAN RESOURCES IDENTIFIED AND CONTRACTED; PROJECT SPACE HUB IDENTIFIED;
KCC INFRASTRUCTURE REINFORCED TO SUPPORT PROJECT GOALS**

Project Human Resources

- **PROJECT MANAGER (VOLUNTEER-IN-KIND): JANET PEACE**
- **PROJECT COORDINATOR (FULL-TIME STAFF): SARAH CRNEC**
- **PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR (PART-TIME CONTRACTED): JENNY EAMER**
- **WEB MANAGEMENT RESOURCE (PART-TIME CONTRACTED): LISA LESCHHORN**
- **Videographer contracted to document the learnings from the AFN-KCC collaboration (see video to be shown at the AGM): ADAM FEARNALL**
- **In April 2023 2 DALHOUSIE INTERN STUDENTS will join the team to document the 2-eyed seeing approach and research best practices for the tool kit that will be used to delineate, evaluate and protect wetlands**
- **PROJECT COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS: AFN ECOLOGY GROUP; MODL; DAL. U.**

AUGUST 2023: PROJECT SPECIAL ADVISORS

VOLUNTEER ADVISORS:

- **Shawn Feener:** KCC-First Nations Collaboration
- **Catherine Pross:** Science & Stewardship
- **Rachel Kendall:** Mi'kmaq Community Collaboration, Science & Wetlands
- **Vince Brewerton:** Community Outreach/Consensus building
- **Anne Tyrrie:** Communications Strategy
- **Cliff Borden:** Finance & Fundraising
- **Maria Dyck:** Fundraising

CONTRACTED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES:

- **Strum Environmental Consulting:** Wetland delineation, WESP-AC Reporting, Carbon Capture Measurement

Since 2022 AGM

INFRASTRUCTURE REINFORCEMENT

We now have:

- In-house mapping software expertise: Board member James Stephens. Interactive maps of KCC properties on our website are envisaged for the coming quarter!
- Contracted an Ontario bookkeeping and accounting firm (Accountimize Inc.) to carry out our bookkeeping activity (except bill payments) and year-end reporting.
- A new website platform, Yapla, that Veronika is mastering. This has allowed us to automate many of the aspects of the member tracking and communications process, as well as receipt and acknowledgement of funds and membership renewals.
- A recently contracted, local website manager, Lisa -- who is available to make changes to the website rapidly when we need them. Lisa has learned Yapla so is able to assist Veronika and has the expertise to manage our social media posts along with Sarah.
- A recently contracted Project Administrator, Jenny, for the management of the project budget, monitoring of deliverables and timelines, file management etc.

We expect to soon have:

- Dedicated meeting space for the duration of the project for community consultation, activities and discussions. This will also be a game-changer for the collective functioning of the Board and project personnel in the new, highly pro-active and interactive context of the Wetlands Project

**BE SURE TO BRING YOUR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON THESE
HIGHLIGHTS TO THE AGM...**

**THE REPORTS AT THE AGM WILL FOCUS ON WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2024.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**