

AGENDA

Meeting #10

Stakeholder Presentations

Land Matters Advisory Committee

Location: Credit Union Place, Summerside

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

3:50	Doors Open
4:05	Presentation: PEI Woodlot Owners Association <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation• Q&A• Discussion
5:05	Break
5:30	Presentation: Dairy Farmers of PEI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation• Q&A• Discussion
6:30	Housekeeping items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisory Committee Interim Report: Tabled in the Legislative Assembly, to be posted on Land Matters PEI website.• Virtual meetings: Software options, and contingency plan• Updated schedule and March 18, March 25 dates• Survey results and decision on additional stakeholder groups
7:00	Meeting End

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
LAND MATTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the members of the Land Matters Advisory Committee was held at Credit Union Place, in Summerside, on the 9th day of March, 2021, at the hour of 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Present		
James Bradley (Co-Chair)	Danielle Gillan	Teresa Mellish
Lori Robinson (Co-Chair)	Philip Hamming	Ashton Perry
Billy Cameron	Wendell LaBobe	Donna Waddell
Rodney Dingwell		
Regrets		
Hans Connor	Wendy Reid	Marshall Smallman

Call to Order and Agenda

- The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs James Bradley and Lori Robinson.
- The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed. A copy of the agenda is attached to these minutes.

New Business

- Stakeholder presentation from John Rowe and Doug Millington, presenting on behalf of the PEI Woodlot Owners Association. The presentation centered on the following points: that land ownership limits should be maintained; that land legislation and policy should promote the value of forest land; and the development of policies that would disincentivize clear-cutting and promote active management and sustainable development of forested areas.
- After the presentation, the organization representatives took questions from committee members on the presentation.
- After the departure of the organization representatives, the committee discussed the presentation further with a consideration for what was heard. The committee noted the stakeholder's views on maintaining current land holding limits under the *Lands Protection Act* and the reported support among woodlot owners for stronger regulations that would protect resource land generally, and forested land in particular.
- Stakeholder presentation from Gordon MacBeath, Daniel MacKinnon, and Judy Versteeg, presenting on behalf of the Dairy Farmers of PEI. The presentation focused on the organization's main areas of concern: land ownership and control; stewardship; and land use planning.
- After the presentation, the organization representatives took questions from committee members on the presentation.

- After the departure of the organization representatives, the committee discussed the presentation further. The committee again noted recurring views on land ownership and/or use (i.e. support of land use planning for preserving resource land), and questioned whether decision-makers know that there exists among key stakeholders an increasing desire for enhanced regulations regarding land ownership and use to ensure the preservation of resource land, and the sustainability of the sector..
- Shawn Martin updated the committee on the Advisory Committee Interim Report, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly and will be posted to the Land Matters website.
- Shawn Martin confirmed the requirement for the exclusive use of WebEx for all government employee devices. This is due to IT security requirements. In the event any future meetings must be held virtually, test meetings will be arranged ahead of these meetings to ensure that all committee members are properly set up to participate in the meeting(s), and a brief, written “how to guide” will be provided in advance.
- In response to a question from a Committee member on the Minister’s recent comments regarding providing the IRAC Brendell report to the Advisory Committee, Shawn Martin provided the committee with information provided to the Project Team by the Department. The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has provided advice to government stating that any public release of the report would be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The report is currently going through this process, after which it can be released to the public. There is no timeline currently available regarding this process. Should this process conclude prior to the release of the Advisory Committee’s Final Report, and should the Committee wish to view the report, then the Project Team will provide the Committee with a copy of the report.
- Evan Brown provided a summary of the recent survey results regarding additional potential stakeholder presentations. In addition to the existing scheduled presenters, it was agreed that there is a desire for one (1) additional stakeholder to be invited to appear before the committee: The Forestry, Fish and Wildlife Division of the PEI Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action.

Follow-up Items and Next Meeting

- It was agreed that the next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, from 4-7 p.m., at the Quality Inn on the Hill in Charlottetown.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Co-Chairs James Bradley and Lori Robinson.