

Tawatinaw Watershed Working Group Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2023
Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

- Rosemary Neaves
- Monica Dahl
- Jim Lange
- Marla Zapach
- Quinn Zapach
- Ethan Zapach
- David B-R
- Jurgen Pohl
- Harvey Scott

Meeting Summary:

The Tawatinaw Watershed Working Group met on March 18, 2023, to discuss watershed related projects in the Tawatinaw River watershed. A round table of introductions was held before the group talked about projects they would like to see within the next two years. Sarah went over projects that the Athabasca Watershed Council will undertake while the group decided on what projects they will undertake. The group decided that the next meeting will be on May 13, 2023, and would like to include a nature walk.

1. Introductions

a. A round table of introductions was made.

2. Prioritize the projects discussed at the previous meeting.

A round table of discussions were held about projects that the group would like to see for the next two years.

- a. Interview series was discussed about historic accounts of fishing Arctic Grayling.
- b. Acquiring data loggers for water quality.
- c. A mini-bio blitz was talked over for May 13, 2023 at Rochester.
- d. The summer staff with the Athabasca Watershed Council will plan to assess the stream crossings in the Tawatinaw watershed and develop information handout sheets.
- e. A workshop will be planned for the last weeks of July to provide learning opportunities about shoreline habitats.

f. The group also discussed the water quality study conducted by the Tawatinaw Stewards 10-years ago.

3. Details of prioritized projects for discussion.

Details of each prioritized project were discussed. A nature walk before the May meeting will be held in Rochester on May 13th for Migratory Bird Day. For the July workshop, a talk about riparian areas, and how to get involved with the Tawatinaw group will also happen at this even. This workshop will be held in the Hamlet of Tawatinaw. It will be a call to action, family, and learning event from 10-2 pm with a walk around Tawatinaw Lake and a light lunch.

4. Questions and next steps

Sarah will organize another meeting for May 13th. Petra and Sarah will work on the Land Stewardship Center Watershed Stewardship Grant.

Meeting adjourned.