

Minutes

RAVEN team meeting

May 27, 2019, 11am-noon

Marshall D'Avray Hall, Room 221, UNB

Present: Susan O'Donnell, Abram Lutes, Brian Beaton, Casey Burkholder, Lauren Korn, Tracy Glynn, Lisa Jodoin, Kim Reeder, Daniel Tubb

1. Territorial acknowledgement done by Brian
Susan is going to a workshop on territorial acknowledgement at Congress.
2. Introductions of those present
3. Reviewed the minutes from the last meeting.

RAVEN could pay for half of Kim's participation in the land-based course.

Mary presented at the Qualitatives Conference in May. It was well received.

4. RAVEN Summer Institute Update

Had their third meeting. Lots of engagement and sharing and concrete ideas to work on. How to improve critical content on rural issues in the NB Media Co-op.

5 hour session once a month that involves an intensive training.

2 hour sessions the other weeks.

June 17 video training with Rodrigo.

Casey is interested in doing a cellfilming session.

5. Belledune

Tracy may do a participatory project there.

Other work will likely involve NB Media Co-op stories.

Susan is talking with folks in the Pointe-Verte community cooperative.

NBEN is organizing a tour of industrial activities in Belledune on June 18 and June 19. Tracy, Lisa, Abram, Susan, Brian are going. Tour of the facilities and a community meeting. RAVEN is hosting the meeting.

The team from UdeM that's studying cumulative effects is going.

Belledune smelter workers are locked out. Will likely still be locked during the tour.

Belledune has the lead/zinc smelter, NB Power coal plant, phosphoric acid plant, the port, CN Rail train. Kim is working on a story on the port.

Community meetings will be in French.

6. Upham meeting

Tracy and Daniel met with Sarah and Cheryl on May 25. We discussed potential storytelling ideas. Cheryl is interested in producing videos and writing for the NB Media Co-op. Tracy and Daniel heard from Sarah on their work and discussed ways that they could support them – putting them in touch with CCLA, hydro-geologists, funding, lawyers, etc.

Daniel: People are afraid of speaking out because of J.D. Irving. Idea of producing videos and stories about people who are on Irving's blacklist. Cheryl said she is blacklisted and is willing to do one.

Susan: Need to be careful of managing of expectations. Many people are asking RAVEN to produce videos. RAVEN did support the production of the MayDay Irving protest video.

Casey: If someone asks to RAVEN to film an event, we could suggest a training be done so they can do it. Casey could do a cellfilming workshop. We could have a template of how to produce media/films on the website. Sabine has made films of protests. Casey will see if Sabine is interested in putting something together with her. Will follow-up in July.

Abram: Could interview Rod Cumberland again – as someone who has been blacklisted.

7. Knowlesville

Two RAVEN visits. The first one introduced RAVEN to the group there. Susan and Brian attended the recent potluck this past weekend. Matt has a team going there for the Praxis Festival. Brian: Alex in Knowlesville is working on permaculture and art in Knowlesville and other festivals. St. Mary's First Nation kids are attending the festival. Abram: Permaculture is important in Latin America, in particular in Cuba. Susan: Amy Floyd is doing a permaculture talk series. Kim has taken a permaculture course.

8. Update on the Northwest Regional Service Commission

Kim/Susan: Lots of research, literature review, survey completed. 57 respondents from 22 communities and 2 Wolastoqiyik communities – Tobique and Madawaska. Confident that we have a representation of people in the area. Kim and Susan

working on a journal article. Working with Adrian Prado, the only staff person we know of who works on climate adaptation for a Regional Service Commission. Kim will be presenting at conference in Congress and one in Newfoundland.

8. Sussex

Tracy sent a follow up email to Laura and Mary Ann to see if they are interested in a photovoice project or another project.

9. Hayes Farm

Casey did a cellphilm workshop with Hayes Farm in May. 3 cellphlms were produced and 2 more may be coming. They are posted on the RAVEN website. Casey and Alysia will produce 3 articles.

10. Casey: Education is hosting Jennifer Thompson, an anthropologist who studies gender and water. She will be here in July.