

RAVEN Team Meeting Minutes

UNB - MDH room 221 and by zoom, 11am

June 24, 2019

Present: Susan, Abram, Brian, Kim, Amy, Tyler, Rick, Sophie, Tracy, Matt, Rodrigo

1. Susan did a land acknowledgement.

2. Susan ran through recent RAVEN activities. Updates on these activities are found on the RAVEN website.

- Letters from the future
- Visit to Belledune
- Project Aulnes is part of RAVEN team now. Will be invited to the next meeting.
- Publishing articles on NB Media Co-op. Lauren has a story published there.
- Susan, Amy, Tracy, Kim participated in Congress
- Susan was at the ECHO meeting in Moncton
- There was a question about how we share our media? We share our media on the NB Media Co-op website and social media, RAVEN website and social media too.

3. Updates from team members -

Rick – working with middle and high schools in Charlotte County, finding ways for students to use technology to tell stories. Hopes to share media productions however currently they are on a server unconnected to the internet. Challenging to get permission to share student materials. Susan – Raven cellphilm contest will have 2 sets of prizes - one for adults and one for kids, perhaps that will help.

Lauren – working on a story on the Green New Deal Townhall meeting, and other stories for the NBMC.

Susan – visited La Barque Co-op/Productions Aulnes in Pointe-Verte twice now. Working with them as part of the NB Environmental Network/Sustainable Education Alliance. How do we insure that the RAVEN work is building the capacity of community partners. Abram is working on a story about the Just Transition for Coal Energy workers released in February. Susan is wondering if that report could be launched at the Pointe-Verte co-op and sent emails to explore that possibility. We are talking about doing videos together. Hoping to work with the two Mi'kmaq First Nations in the Belledune area –Pabineau and Eel River Bar. Also, keeping in touch with the folks in Knowlesville.

Matt - working on the domino film project for RAVEN, modeled from the Netflix series, The Most Unknown. Will be a sequence 5-minute segments of 9 rural champions, interviewing each other. Met with Hemmings House about distribution. They offered to be a co-producer and Matt is considering that. Suggestion to do a sizzle reel - short sampler of the longer project. Worked with a team including Lisa on footage in Knowlesville shot during the Praxis festival. Sabine interviewed Alex

Murphy at Praxis Project, Alex will then interview David Perley and David will interview Sabine then later for the full film, they will open the chain back up. David Coon has agreed to talk about governance. Alison Taylor, a film producer, is helping with applying for grants.

Rodrigo – did a workshop on filmmaking at the media lab studio last week. Willing to keep doing these workshops. During the workshop we interviewed Conservation Council of NB people and Amy Floyd is making short videos with that footage.

Lisa – participated at the Praxis festival shoot and the Belledune visit, where she shot b-roll that will be shared with the project partners.

Abram – working on the Just Transition report article for the NBMC, informed by trip to Belledune and photos. Working on a story on Madawaska and Tobique lawsuit.

Casey – Going to the Hampton workshop on Tuesday. Working on Hayes Farm cellfilms and an article on it with Alicia. Casey wondered about including RAVEN as a co-author. We discussed the RAVEN principles that include community / rural co-authors on our research papers.

Tyler - JEDI works on providing training and support services for First Nations community members to participate in the economy. Many community entrepreneurs want to promote their culture through Indigenous goods and services. Wants JEDI to do more advocacy and policy work but not something the organization does much of now. Sees lots of opportunities to work with RAVEN, and suggests that we look at what's already happening in communities and see how we can work together.

Sophie – RAVEN has been producing great content for the NB Media Co-op website. Encourages more video content.

Kim – working on a paper with the Northwest Region Services Commission that included Tobique and Madawaska First Nation. Will be sending to our contacts there for feedback. Tomorrow, going with Susan to a presentation by Mayor of Bonavista in Charlotte County and meeting with Maritime Social Innovation Lab.

Tracy – Doing a RAVEN workshop in Hampton tomorrow with folks from Upham and surrounding areas; organizing a photovoice project in Sussex and Hillsborough; talking with Renelle and Danis about a film on Colombian blood coal; organizing a visit by Shannon Bell for RAVEN's 1st year anniversary.

Brian – Looking at the Internet connections in places we are visiting, completed three interviews with key informants on broadband development, working on an interim report due in August.

Susan – Louise Comeau and Tom Beckley are hosting the RAVEN anniversary party at their place in Keswick Ridge. Timing it with Shannon Bell's visit.

Tracy: Tentative dates of Shannon's visit/RAVEN anniversary event: Sept. 24-26. Hoping for Shannon to do a panel at UNB/STU on resource extraction, gender, resistance, photovoice. Hoping to time it with a photovoice exhibition by Sussex folks.

Matt hired Shanthi Bell until January and she can work on coordinating community meetings.

The Mayor of Petitcodiac contacted us about a workshop. Casey is coordinating this meeting.

Future RAVEN community meetings – will schedule a meeting July.