

RAVEN Minutes

Sept. 17, 2019

Participants: Susan O'Donnell, Tracy Glynn, Sophie Lavoie, Rachel Bensler, Matt Rogers

Apologies: Sabine LeBel, Daniel Tubb, Rick Wightman

1. Meeting frequency

Discussion about how frequently we should meet. Regular check-ins are good. Decided to have a face-to-face meeting in October.

Susan will send us a message with meeting times for Oct, Nov and Dec. Rachel will book a room for the Oct. meeting. Will have a virtual/teleconference option for those not able to attend in person.

2. RAVEN Voices of the Environment Week

Susan sent an email to Sophie and Tracy about coverage of each event in the NB Media Co-op.

Susan went over the details of each event. All the events have a post on the raven-research.org website.

Rachel told us that the launch of the orange square movement/petition for fossil fuel divestment will be held at the Friday climate strike event.

Hannah Moore presented the petition to STU faculty meeting and got lots of support and also had the petition out at the STU Clubs & Societies Fair and got support there too. Working with Janice Harvey on creating a webpage with the petition signatures.

The petition with the signatures will go live on Sept. 20th.

Susan: There's a media release on the climate strike. Media coverage on the climate strikes has not been great. Global did a story. CBC has been absent. Update after the meeting: Daniel Nunez sent out a message about CBC looking for folks to interview.

Rachel can help with media outreach.

Sophie sent Michel Corriveau at Radio-Canada a note about it.

Matt explained the difference between filming / video-ing a public event as a journalist and for private use. If he or his students record the event, they ask for

permission from the speakers and put up a sign that says recording is happening in this area so people know.

Susan: The El Jones poetry workshop is offering childcare and wage subsidies. There has been some uptake. There is room for 10 people and currently 6 are registered. The workshop is Saturday, Sept. 21, 9am to 1pm and Sunday, Sept. 22, 9am to noon.

Rachel and Hannah are doing a fossil fuel divestment workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 12 noon at MDH 120. Patrick's article will help promote that.

Janice Harvey is doing a teach-in on climate change responses on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 12 noon at MDH 120.

Shannon Bell is doing a discussion on activism and scholarship on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 1:00pm at MDH 120.

The panel, The Women Resisting Extractivism and Bridging the Activist-Scholar Divide, is happening Friday at 2:00pm at the BMH Rotunda.

3. Updates from team members

Susan: attended a meeting between Liberal Party Leader Kevin Vickers and members of by the NB Environmental Network (NBEN). RAVEN is a member of NBEN. NBEN is the largest environmental network in Canada with more than 100 member groups.

Matt: working with Alison Taylor on applications for funding documentary making from the province. Had a shooting set back with folks not being available in the summer. Working with Lisa Jodoin on a project. Waiting for a response on the NBIF grant.

Sophie: Took the Wabanaki land-based learning workshop this summer. Will share an update about that and ideas for RAVEN and students to take part at the next meeting. Reminded people about the NB Media Co-op's AGM happening on Thursday at 6:00pm and keynote speaker Chantal Richard on the erasure/revival of Acadian language, culture and identity at 7:00pm. Both events are at the Charlotte Street Auditorium.

Tracy: Presenting a paper, "Biting the Hand that Feeds: Media Co-ops challenging corporate control" at the OurMedia conference in Brussels in November. Welcomes collaboration on the paper.

Susan: Kim Reeder is finishing up a report on rail infrastructure in NB. Brian Beaton is finishing up a report on broadband infrastructure in NB. Considering future papers on water and food security. The paper, "Manufacturing Consent for an Extractive Regime in Rural NB" by Mary Aspinall, Susan O'Donnell, Tracy Glynn and

Tom Beckley has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Rural and Community Development. Kim Reeder, Susan O'Donnell and Adrian Prado submitted a paper on rural community leaders and climate change adaptation to the same journal. A third paper by Amy Savile, Susan O'Donnell and Tracy Glynn on forestry and alternative media is being worked on. In January, David Hofmann will be teaching a new Sociology course on social network analysis and RAVEN will be working with his students to do analysis on how our media gets shared on social media.