

RAVEN Team Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2020
By Zoom

Present: Tracy Glynn, Amy Floyd, Sophie Lavoie, Susan O'Donnell, Renelle LeBlanc and Danis Comeau

Regrets: Matt Rogers, Rick Wightman, Stan Barnaby (JEDI)

1. Susan did a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Updates from team members

Sophie for the NB Media Co-op: The April edition of *The Brief* will be online only (not printed) because of COVID-19.

Susan: JEDI is working with the Hayes Farm to sponsor 2 farmer trainees from Indigenous communities in their regenerative farming certificate course.

Susan: Amy, Susan and Tracy met with Projets Aulnes earlier this week to discuss follow up from the Maritime Spaces event. Because of financial reasons, Projets Aulnes won't be pursuing a second Maritime Spaces episode right now. RAVEN has been attempting to get a project going with JEDI, and it was JEDI's idea to work with Eel River Bar First Nation. The Communications team from Eel River Bar met with Projets Aulnes at La Barque in February. Last year, RAVEN and JEDI met with Pabineau First Nation and Lisa Jodoin, Indigenous filmmaker in residence at UNB. Relationship building to get a project going is required.

Renelle: Editing the Maritime Spaces show. Had some interviews with participants from the colleges and schools but everything has been cancelled this week. Asking for phone testimonials instead and have received about a dozen comments that way. The 60-90 minute show recorded at Maritime Spaces will air on Rogers TV. Projets Aulnes will be editing the footage for something shorter for social media. Hope to have that piece ready by March 29th for sharing.

Amy: Hayes Farm has a guest coming - Fred Wiseman, an Abenaki man from Vermont working with the Seeds of Renewal Project. Hayes Farm is working on a seven sisters project to promote the traditional varieties of seven crops. There is an opportunity to do a public education about the visit/project and RAVEN is interested to do a story or video. Amy is working on a presentation on permaculture as a way to grow food. Was going to do some presentations but those have been cancelled. Now is a good time to encourage people to grow food. The virus shows the cracks in our food security system. Working on an article on newcomers in rural New Brunswick who want to grow food. Has interviews lined up with newcomers from UK and Ontario for a story.

Susan: Will pass along Matt Rogers' contact info to Amy in case he is interested in filming the Fred Wiseman visit/seven sisters project.

Susan: Casey gave a presentation about cellfilms to the conference of Sustainable Education Alliance in Hanwell last week. Susan participated from RAVEN and Faculty of Education graduate students also participated.

Susan: Daniel and his family have returned to Canada from Colombia. They are in a 2-week self-isolation in Hamilton. Daniel is communicating with a local book publisher for the Letters from NB's Future series.

Susan: David Hofmann's social network analysis class has been moved online. Susan and Lauren are auditing it. Lauren plans to write more stories for the NB Media Co-op.

Susan: Janice Harvey collaborated with RAVEN on the Gordon Edwards' nuclear presentations in New Brunswick last week. Janice is also supervising STU student Hannah Moore on the fossil fuel divestment campaign.

Susan: Matt Rogers is working on video editing. Planning to have a short film/teaser ready for the Earth Day event at the Fredericton Public Library, which may not go ahead now or may be held online.

Susan: RAVEN is supporting Rick Wightman's work with schools in Charlotte County however this is not part of our research project. If a project is identified, RAVEN will seek ethics approval to work with the students. Rick's project is on hold now with the schools being closed.

Susan: No updates from Rodrigo or Sabine.

Susan: Working with Christine Wu on the Earth Day poetry event with El Jones. Originally scheduled for the last week of April but likely this will be cancelled, postponed or moved online.

Susan: RAVEN worked with partners to bring Gordon Edwards from Montreal to New Brunswick to give presentations on small modular nuclear reactors. He gave two presentations in Saint John before the COVID advisory against large gatherings was issued. Gordon's Friday event in Fredericton was turned into a webinar. 43 people attended. Lots of good questions. Susan edited it into a video and published it on the NB Media Co-op. The video has had more than 200 views. SMNRs are being falsely promoted to meet the energy needs of rural NB.

Tracy: Published a story for the NB Media Co-op today about the Wolastoqey Chiefs suing NB for failing to recognize the treaty right to harvest Crown timber for a moderate livelihood. Talking with Susan about an online photovoice project in the Caledonia highlands region with some of the previous photovoice project

participants. Trying to find people to write a piece for Letters from NB Future series. Reached out to people who could write on health. Talking with FERN, the faculty group at STU that teach/do research on the environment, about doing an event on the misogyny and other kinds of oppressions faced by people in the environmental movement. Could be a research share with STU Women's and Gender Studies in the fall. RAVEN could be involved and maybe could be part of making it an online event if that's required. Was the RAVEN point person for the Big Lie Tour on shale gas with Wet'suwet'en hereditary chief. The event has been postponed.

Susan: Susan's talk on RAVEN with FERN may be occurring online next Friday.

Susan: Working on another project with NB Environmental Network to publish a booklet on a just transition for New Brunswick. They have proposed an agenda for the first group meeting at UNB on April 18. We are waiting to see if the campus is open then and have discussed possibly moving the activity online.

Susan: Meeting with Rachel and Hannah on the fossil fuel divestment on campus. Figuring out what to do now with campuses being shut down. May go ahead with an online event on Earth Day. Both students wrote articles on fossil fuel divestment that were published by the NB Media Co-op last week. Both are working with students at other campuses across Canada on ff divestment. Thinking of a cross-country meeting, possibly on Earth Day.

Susan: Jessica Wall, a Master student based in Moncton, is working on the food security project. Susan is her co-supervisor for her Masters project. It's going well.

Susan: Has a number of abstracts that were accepted for association conferences at Congress at University of Western Ontario in May-June. Not sure if Congress is going forward now. At least one of the conferences, the Environmental Studies Association of Canada will likely hold an online conference.

Susan: RAVEN Video Contest was launched in January. Deadline is the end of August. Theme is growing a better future. Will be promoting it soon.

Susan: Shared a Guardian story on COVID-19 and the loss of biodiversity on the RAVEN Friends Facebook group.

The next RAVEN team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7 at 3pm, on zoom.

