

Camp Wegesegum
Constitution and By-Laws Report
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Well, another year has passed without much progress in the creation of new by-laws for Camp Wegesegum. I had been expecting to really make head-way with the addition of an experienced person, a new Board member, who could work with me on this. It just didn't work out that way. Other Board members are willing to help but are just so busy with the actual running of the Camp and perhaps do not have the experience or interest in this type of work.

One of the delays is that the United Church of Canada feels that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Camp Wegesegum between Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region and the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada is needed. The closest thing we have to this currently is the "Lease Agreement" of 1972 which lays out the responsibilities for, and uses of, the property. A new document of this sort could have tremendous impact on whatever we create for by-laws, perhaps negating much of the work to date. The Executive Minister of Regions East of The United Church of Canada is currently working on this new MOU.

This partnership between two denominations makes the task of writing by-laws complicated for a lay person such as myself (not a legal mind) because examples from other camp organizations are not as usable for guidelines as I had hoped. As Camp Wegesegum becomes more successful, as the current trend indicates, all of this legal documentation will become more of a concern.

I am disappointed that I do not have more to report, nor documents to present for approval. I am hopeful for the coming year, though. I still need to find people to work with who have an understanding of what is needed. There are lots of ideas in this brain but they need to be discussed to reach agreement and there just isn't that kind of time in regular Board meetings. There is a Camp to run, after all, and you all are doing a great job.

Respectfully submitted,

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