

**Draft Minutes of the Williams Lake Conservation Company Annual General Meeting held June 10, 2015, Captain William Spry Centre, Halifax**

Regrets: Andrew Ross, Murray Coolican, Mark Harrington

The meeting was chaired by Melanie Dobson. Approximately 25 individuals were in attendance.

The agenda for the meeting was circulated and approval of the agenda was moved by Robin Whyte and seconded by Martha Leary.

Minutes from the 2014 AGM were circulated and approval of the minutes was moved by Iris Shea and seconded by Karen Lyle.

Kathleen Hall provided an update of the Backlands Coalition and major events over the past year. These included the approval by HRM Planning Dept. of the Regional Plan review and the Greenbelting initiative which is now called 'The Green Network Plan' and an update on Our HRM Alliance. David Patriquin, an author of the flora study graciously took the floor and provided more details regarding the Green Network Plan and explained how to use the interactive map and all were encouraged to provide their input.

Leslie Randall, a new resident offered to write a letter to the editor of the Chronicle Herald with a view to increasing the profile of our work. This offer was kindly accepted.

Kathleen provided an update to the bird study conducted by Fulton Lavender. The chuck will's widow was sighted by Fulton on May 18 and June 4. Subsequently, a further discussion with Fulton provided a complete update of the birds in the area. The following birds have been sighted and are to be added to the list: woodcock, pileated woodpecker, black-throated blue warbler, ring-billed gull, Iceland gull and Turkey vulture.

In response to a question Melanie provided a comprehensive update on activities over the years pertaining to the dam and outlined the complexities associated with further work. Concerns about future access to the dam were raised, prompted in part by the recent appearance of survey tags and marking of property boundary lines at that end of the lake.

On behalf of the President, Melanie spoke briefly of how appreciative the WLCC was to have been named as beneficiary of donations in memory of the late Fred Greig, and of the benefit concert held in his name.

As Treasurer, Melanie provided a summary of the financial statement for last year's activities by the WLCC. Approval of the financial statement was moved by Martha and seconded by Marsh Conley.

Melanie addressed the changed practice of the municipality relating to road salt and also provided the results of lake water testing over the past year. In summary, the levels of fecal coliforms in Williams and Colpitt Lakes remain low and have not changed in any

significant way compared to the previous year but full chemical testing will be undertaken in the coming summer to be able to monitor for any change due to the resumption of salting on streets near the lake this past winter. The WLCC is still waiting to hear back from Halifax officials with respect to historical and environmental data supplied to them by Kathleen that supports the identification of streets near Williams Lake as part of a salt-vulnerable area. Members of the executive indicated they would be continuing efforts to have the city return to the past practice of sanding.

The slate of officers for the new Board of Directors was reviewed and nominations were accepted from the floor. As a result three new names were put forward: Leslie Randall, Tony Bebbington and Robin Whyte. Approval of the slate was moved by Tim Leary and seconded by David Patriquin and accepted unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Leslie and seconded by Robin. The meeting was adjourned.