

The Annual General Meeting of the Williams Lake Conservation Company was held at the Captain William Spry Centre on May 14, 2014. There were approximately 40 people in attendance.

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and approved by a motion put forward by Murray Coolican and seconded by Kathleen Hall.

The minutes from the AGM of 2013 were reviewed and approved by a motion put forward by Marsh Conley and seconded by Tim Leary.

Melanie Dobson, Treasurer, reported on the expenditures for the year. The current bank account balance was \$2158.25 on May 14, 2014. The Treasurer's report was accepted by way of motion put forward by Paul Cashman and seconded by Patricia Manuel.

Andrew Ross gave the President's report.

Kathleen Hall reported on the formation and current status of the Backlands Coalition as well as the updated bird study completed by Fulton Lavender in February, 2014. This is posted on the WLCC website.

Dr David Patriquin, co author of the Flora study (Ecological Assessment of the Plant Communities of the Williams Lake Backlands) presented a summary of the findings. The report can be found on the WLCC website.

Dr Patriquin's presentation included a series of slides and it was clear the audience was extremely interested and appreciative of the extraordinary amount of work completed by him and Dr Nick Hill. Dr Patriquin concluded his presentation by stating that the ecological case for conservation of the Williams Lake Backlands arises from: 1) the plant species combination; Jack Pine and the Broom Crowberry are nationally unique and globally rare, 2) the watercourses and wetlands, 3) mosaic of habitats, 4) fire management issues. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

Melanie reported on the annual water quality testing of Williams Lake as well as the completion of the Ravenscraig trail.

The slate of WLCC officers was presented by Andrew and it did not change from the previous year. The nomination and election of the officers was approved by way of motion put forward by Tim Leary and seconded by Patricia Manuel.

A motion to adjourn was put forward by Murray and seconded by Patricia.