

**Draft minutes of the  
Annual General Meeting - Williams Lake Conservation Company  
held on June 6, 2016 - Captain William Spry Centre, Halifax**

The meeting was chaired by Andrew Ross, president of the WLCC.

The agenda was reviewed, moved for adoption by Robin MacDonald, and seconded by Nick Ross; the motion passed. The minutes from the 2015 AGM were circulated. There was no discussion. Karen Lyle moved for adoption of the 2015 minutes; it was seconded by Martha Leary. The minutes were approved as read.

Melanie Dobson presented the treasurer's report. The balance in the WLCC account was \$2665.28. She explained that the cost of water testing has increased as testing now includes salt levels and an additional testing site along the causeway has been added. Additional testing is now necessary because HRM only tests for coliform. Robyn Whyte moved adoption of the treasurer's report; it was seconded by Martha Leary, and the motion passed.

Melanie explained that since HRM resumed salting of the roads on the lake it is necessary to record salt levels in order to keep track of the levels for future communications with HRM. The testing done by the WLCC only records the salt levels at the top of the water. This testing identifies long term trends. However, salt accumulates on the bottom of lakes and the formation of a salt layer can impede or stop the 'turning over' of the lake bottom. Lakes should turn over twice a year. David Patriquin started testing the water at the bottom of the lake in December, 2015. This testing is continuing with the assistance of Burkhard Plache. A discussion of this issue continued and David offered some information on remedial efforts being made at Oatmill Lake in Dartmouth.

Melanie presented the graphs relating to water levels. The correlation between little rain and low levels was explained. To a great extent lack of precipitation clearly accounts for low lake levels.

Kathleen Hall gave a summary of the recent proposal put forth by The Shaw Group Ltd and the Nature Conservancy of Canada concerning 380 acres of land currently owned by Clayton Developments, a Shaw company. The intent is to create a wilderness park that will exist forever. Melanie showed the land on the map. It runs from the back of Williams Lake and encompasses Colpitt Lake. This land is seen as a lynchpin to protecting the Backlands. Kathleen also gave a brief update on the Green Network plan. The work to date is to be presented to Council later in July.

Andrew Ross presented the following slate of executive members for the WLCC for the coming year: Andrew Ross- president, Melanie Dobson-treasurer, Leslie Randall-secretary, Anne von Maltzahn , Marsh Conley, Murray Cooligan, Karen Lyle, Martha Leary, Robyn Whyte, Paul Cashman and Kathleen Hall. Tim Leary proposed a motion to accept the slate: the motion was seconded by Regina Maass, and the slate was adopted. Anne von Maltzahn moved to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Andrew Ross, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned and a social took place.