

Draft Minutes of the Williams Lake Conservation Company Annual Meeting held May 28, 2013 at the Captain William Spry Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and a motion to adopt it was moved by Marsh Connolly and seconded by Iris Shea.

The minutes from the AGM held in 2012 were reviewed and no additions or corrections were necessary.

Andrew Ross presented the President's Report. He extended a big thank you to Melanie Dobson for all her work over the course of the past year. Melanie served as the WLCC representative on the Community Steering Committee for the Feasibility Study regarding the extension of the sewer and water down the Purcell's Cove Road.

The annual lake clean up will be held the weekend of September 21, 2013. Details will be provided at a later date.

Melanie presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance stands at \$3237.42 (April 25, 2013). A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was put forth by Murray Coolican and seconded by Anne von Maltzahn.

An oral presentation of the Watershed Mapping Study was presented by Dr Patricia Manuel. John Zuck, the other author sent his regrets. Essentially, the water study is an attempt to physically map the attributes of the Williams Lake watershed. This was completed from a perspective of development suitability. GIS modeling was used to identify water flow. The inventory of important features include hydrology, slope, elevation, trails and cultural elements. Existing laws and policies were reviewed as well as best practices in the planning profession. Dr Manuel concluded by saying that the land is extremely complicated and very little is suitable for development.

Andrew called for Board members from the floor. Paul Cashman put his name forward. The existing Board members were identified and Andrew motioned that the members be re-elected as well as Paul Cashman. This motion was seconded by Karen Lyle and passed unanimously. The new Board for 2013-14 consists of the following: Paul Cashman, Marsh Connolly, Murray Coolican, Melanie Dobson, Kathleen Hall, Mark Harrington, Martha Leary, Karen Lyle, Andrew Ross, Nick Ross and Anne von Maltzahn.

Martha Leary presented the findings of the bird study prepared by Fulton Lavender that was commissioned by the WLCC in 2012. Many pictures of the 52 species found in the area were displayed on posters.

Kathleen Hall presented an overview of the flora study commissioned by the WLCC and currently underway. The purpose of the study is to identify the flora of the Williams Lake watershed with an emphasis on the streams, wetlands and vernal pools. Drs Nick Hill and David Patriquin are preparing the study.

Kathleen presented an update on the Boscobel development as well as the Sewer and water feasibility study.

Melanie presented an update on the new Ravenscraig trail that will run from the top of the soccer field to the Purcell's Cove Road across from the parking lot at the Frog Pond. She also reported on water quality testing done by the WLCC in midsummer 2012. Samples taken from Williams Lake and Colpitt Lake had low bacterial coliform counts, so both lakes continue to be safe for swimming.

Paul Cashman raised the issue of the Board initiating efforts to find alternatives to development for the land owned by Clayton Developments. Tim Leary put forth a motion that follows: the Board shall pursue alternatives to development and report back to the membership in a timely fashion. The motion was seconded by Robyn White and approved by a majority showing of hands.

Dick Evans reported on the activities of the McIntosh Run Association and the effort to have a trail put through to Herring Cove.

Kay Singleton stepped down from the WLCC executive this year. Andrew Ross gave thanks for her years of work on behalf of the WLCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.