

WILLIAM'S LAKE CONSERVATION COMPANY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
MAY 14, 2012 AT THE CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY CENTRE, HALIFAX, NS

Approximately 45 individuals attended the meeting that was chaired by Andrew Ross and Melanie Dobson. E mail addresses were collected from those present.

Melanie presented the treasurer's report, which indicated that the account balance as of April 30 was \$ 3573.53 including cash in hand. A motion to approve the report was put forth by Martha Leary and seconded by Peter Wells.

It was reported that the WLCC website has been updated and special thanks were given to Alex Rocker.

It was reported that the dam is in bad shape and leaking. There has been no word on the water license from the provincial government. Melanie reported that the quality of the water in the lake is very good particularly at the dam end. The same was reported of the water in Colpitt Lake. Karen Lyle reported on the clean up held last September. Those who participated did a great job. The next clean up date will be September 22 to coincide with the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean up. See their website (<http://shorelinecleanup.ca/en>) for details.

Kathleen Hall provided an update of the Boscobel development, details of which can be found in the May newsletter. A brief explanation of the Urban Forest Master Plan was also provided. Melanie gave an update on the Armco Governor's Brook development. She has had discussions with Crystal Fuller who is the Armco planner. Issues relating to potential contamination off Governor's Brook have been resolved.

Murray Coolican announced the sale of the McCurdy estate lands to the Shaw Group that owns Clayton Developments. Clayton was contacted in order to begin a dialogue. So far, two meetings have taken place. Clayton has stated that it wishes to have a dialogue with the community. They are interested in hearing about those areas of the land that have significance to the public. After the Boscobel near clearcut a letter was sent to Clayton and a written undertaking was provided stating that no trees will be cut without notice to the WLCC. It was explained that the WLCC executive has engaged two local planning professors to undertake a study of the Backlands including the Clayton land. This work will be done over the summer months and the membership will be contacted for participation in a charette. It was noted that if sewer and water go down the Purcell's Cove Road, the development would be much denser. It was noted that so far Clayton has been listening and responsive. No schedule has been provided but Clayton has stated it is concerned about rumours and may reveal plans for the land in response. The WLCC executive is meeting with Clayton tomorrow evening.

Two municipal candidates for the new district 11 introduced themselves. They are Richard MacLean and Drew Moore. Our MLA Michele Raymond was also in attendance.

Kathleen Hall provided an update of the study to determine the feasibility of extending sewer and water down the Purcell's Cove Road. The first meeting is scheduled for May 28. Melanie Dobson is the WLCC representative.

There was a general discussion regarding trails and recent hikes in the area. People were encouraged to organize hikes and advertise them on the website. Melanie announced the recent incorporation of the Ravenscraig and Area Trails Association and showed a map of the trail that has been marked out running from the Ravenscraig development to the Purcell's Cove Road

opposite the Frog Pond carpark. Work on the trail will begin once final approval from HRM is obtained but the trail can be used now (a map to be posted on the WLCC website).

The slate of candidates for the 2012-13 WLCC executive was put forward by Andrew. Candidates included continuing members, Marshall Conley, Martha Leary, Murray Coolican, Karen Lyle, Melanie Dobson, Andrew Ross, Kay Singleton, Kathleen Hall and Anne von Maltzahn and new member, Mark Harrington. The motion was seconded by Kraft von Maltzahn and adopted.

Everyone was encouraged to complete the on line survey for the Halifax Regional Plan five year review.

The meeting was adjourned and juice and cookies provided.