

**Minutes of the Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC)  
Annual General Meeting - June 11, 2018 at the Captain William Spry Centre, Halifax NS**

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Robin Whyte, president of the WLCC.

The agenda was reviewed by those present, and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Cameron Little and seconded by Deborah Hall; the motion passed. The minutes from the 2017 AGM were circulated. There was no discussion. Cameron Little moved for adoption of the 2017 minutes; it was seconded by Martha Leary. The minutes were approved as read.

Robin Whyte presented the president's report, noting that 2018 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the WLCC. The WLCC executive members were introduced, a brief update on the Urban Wilderness Park Project was presented, as well as a progress report on the road salting issue.

Melanie Dobson presented the treasurer's report, with details of the current WLCC bank balance and expenditures on water quality testing and domain name registration for the web site. Regina Maass moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; the motion was seconded by Kathleen Hall.

Melanie Dobson reported on water quality testing; a full chemical analysis costs more but provides a fuller picture. Testing shows that water quality is very good for the purpose of swimming, and allows the impact of road salting to be tracked. On the subject of water levels, photos of the dam area in Spring, Summer and Winter were displayed, and the correlation of rainfall with water levels was shown via charts of data collected over several years.

A question and answer period followed, with discussion of possible amelioration of the dam once the Urban Wilderness Park is established, and comparisons of water levels in Colpitt Lake with Williams Lake.

Paul Turbitt of The Turtle Patrol made an informative presentation on a programme to preserve the snapping turtle, a "species of special concern". The primary issue is habitat loss. The organization is seeking volunteers to locate nesting areas so that nest protector boxes can be built. Paul also asked anyone to contact The Turtle Patrol or Hope for Wildlife if they see a snapping turtle.

Robin Whyte solicited any new nominations for the board; none were forthcoming. The slate of WLCC executive members for the coming year was presented. Deborah Hall moved to approve the board, Melanie Dobson seconded the motion, and the slate was adopted unanimously.

A question period followed. Craig Smith of the Nature Conservancy of Canada provided answers regarding the funding needed, the timeline for reaching the final target, and other queries.

Robin Whyte entertained a motion for adjournment. Kathleen Hall moved to adjourn the meeting, and Melanie Dobson seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned and those present took the opportunity to socialize.