# Environment North Minutes Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Location: Lucy's 5:45 – 7:45 pm

**Board Members:** 

Scott Harris - chair Lucy Laframboise Julee Boan Karen Peterson Graham Saunders Bruce Hyer Susan Grinstead (recording)

**Board Business:** 

Motion #1: To approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Graham Seconded by: Susan Carried

Motion #2: To approve minutes for Nov. 21, 2018.

Moved by: Bruce Seconded by: Graham Carried Motion #3: To approve minutes for Jan. 23, 2019 as amended. Moved by: Julee Seconded by: Lucy Carried

Motion #4: To accept the Treasurer's Report.

Moved by: Karen Seconded by: Graham Carried

#### **Business Arising:**

#### AGM

- Several people have been contacted to find a keynote speaker for the AGM (mentioned in Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes politicians, students, commissioners).
- a variety of styles were discussed: panel discussion, several short individual presentations, etc.
- David Pearson, Professor and Project Leader for Science Communication and Climate Change, will be speaking to Graham's class and Kenora Treaty 3's upcoming Climate Change Workshop. Perhaps he could come to our AGM.
- Jason Smallboy, NAN Deputy Grand Chief, is interested in forest food crops.

### North Harbour Pollution

- Methyl-mercury sediment found in tailing ponds at former Abitibi/Cascades/Provincial Papers
- mandated by IJC (International Joint Commission) to be cleaned up
- Options: 1. Put in an on-site containment area tried with limited success at Marathon
  - 2. Build a containment cell somewhere else
  - 3. Move it by boom to a larger area
  - 4. Move it to Chippewa Park
- Involved groups are: Transport Canada, Fort William First Nation, Thunder Bay Port Authority, Wilderness North, RAP (Remedial Action Plan)
- Goldercorp will be doing ground research, peer reviews and risk assessment
- Abitibi/Cascades has accepted some responsibility for the pollution and clean-up costs
- 2019-2020 will have technical research completed
- 2020 the options will be shared with the public

#### **Endangered Species Act**

- Ford is planning changes to this Act and stripping protection for many species.
- Schedule 10 in Bill 66 will allow Crown Land to be sold (some is Traditional Territory, some have local forest cutting rights, some have remote resorts).
- Comments to the govt. are due by March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Forestry Conference is by invitation only (no public consultations).

- Express your opinion to the current provincial government.

## CJ Article

- Karen and Graham are writing an article entitled "Unravelling Environmental Protection".

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Lucy's 5:30 – 7:30pm