

ENVIRONMENT north

Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 23, 2019

Board Members Present: Bruce Hyer (chair for the evening)
Scott Harris
Lucy Laframboise
Dodie LeGassick
Karen Peterson
Graham Saunders

Members: Kerstin Muth (recorded minutes)

Regrets: Julee Boan

ACRONYMS (a list of acronyms is located at the end of these minutes)

1. AGENDA

Additions/changes to the agenda:

1. Local Citizen's Committee
2. Environment North Retreat
3. Strategic Plan
4. Future ideas re decision making, membership, geographic scope

Motion #1: To approve the agenda with additions.

Moved by: Scott Harris

Seconded by: Lucy Laframboise

Carried

2. MINUTES

No minutes were taken at the December social.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Approval of Treasurer's report deferred.

LUSH moving out of Intercity. Treasurer Lea Matyuska was looking into LUSH funding possibilities.

ACTION ITEM: Graham to follow up on LUSH connection

4. REVIEW AND NEW BUSINESS ARISING

a) Bill 66 and proposed changes in Ontario Planning Act:

- There was a news update by Steve Clark that the Ontario government will not be proceeding with Schedule 10 of Bill 66.

- CELA had recommended to the government that Schedule 10 be deleted
- Graham and Karen had sent submissions to the EBR regarding Bill 66
- **ACTION ITEM**: Kerstin to post Graham's and Karen's comments on the website

Motion #2: Graham and Karen to write a letter/article for the newspaper regarding the success of public campaign to eliminate Schedule 10 from Bill 66

Moved by: Lucy Laframboise

Seconded by: Dodie LeGassick

Carried

- b) Ontario Climate Plan Comments: Comments can be made until the end of January on the Ontario Government's new environment plan.
- c) Speakers for AGM:
- Brief history: first Earth Day was in 1970, founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson, Bruce Hyer was statewide co-ordinator of first Earth Day in Connecticut
 - Michael Hyer: Young person's perspective, interests in climate change, relations with First Nations
 - Mike Schreiner: leader of the Green Party of Ontario, member of provincial parliament for Guelph
 - Dianne Saxe: Eco Commissioner for Ontario (for now)
 - Presentation concept: a panel of politicians from the four main parties, youth rep (?Michael Hyer) and first nation rep (?Derek Fox)
 - Concept hinges on Michael Schreiner accepting
 - Other suggestions for participants: Peter Tabuns, NDP member of provincial parliament Toronto-Danforth, Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
 - **Step 1 ACTION** Bruce ask Michael Schreiner if he can attend
 - **Step 2 ACTION** Graham to ask Michael Hyer
- d) Nuclear Waste Update: Dodie Legassick
- Dodie has been attending the meetings regarding diversion of truck traffic from Dawson Rd. (Hwy 102) and has made some good connections: eg. individuals from the Chamber of Commerce
 - Recent email from Kerrie Blaise from CELA: "The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, one of Canada's energy regulators, is circulating a message that has the potential to undermine the fundamental principles of Canadian environmental assessment law and remove significant nuclear projects from federal environmental assessment review." More info available in her blog.
 - Dodie connecting with Patrick Dolcetti for more clarification of the the circumstances in which a surface disposal facility would be constructed.

e) CJ Articles:

- Graham and Karen Article re Bill 66
- Bruce and Julee to write an article on forest herbicide use
Bruce had applied to be on a Forestry Roundtable upon Julee's suggestion, application on website, membership by invitation only, never heard back.

Motion #3: Bruce and Julee to write an Environment North article for the newspaper regarding forest industry use of herbicide.

Moved by: Graham Saunders

Seconded by: Karen Peterson

Carried

f) LCC Armstrong

g) Future considerations:

- EN retreat: planned at Bruce Hyer's residence on Hick's Lake
- Strategic Plan: first plan was developed many years ago (available on website), it was agreed that it was time to revisit the Strategic Plan
- Topics to be discussed:
 - i. Also to revisit how Environment North decides what to be involved in
 - ii. How to increase membership
 - iii. Should the geographic scope of Environment North be increased:
Boreal Forest in Canada, in the World
 - iv. Consideration of a staff person
 - v. Purchase of a house for office space for Environment North and other organisations, a (near) Net Zero house.

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Next meeting: February 20, 2019

Chair: Scott Harris

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on:

Approved original signed by Kerstin Muth, recording secretary for September 24, 2018.

ACRONYMS (a list of occasionally used)

AGM Annual General Meeting
 CCL Citizens Climate Lobby
 CELA Canadian Environmental Law Association
 CUSP Citizens for a Sustainable Planet
 EFF Environmental Film Festival
 EN Environment North
 FWFN Fort William First Nation

NRDC Natural Resources Defense Council
LCC Local Citizen Committee
OCA Ontario Clean Air Alliance
OMB Ontario Municipal Board
PAC Public Advisory Committee to the Thunder Bay RAP
RAP Remedial Action Plan
SUCCI Student Union of Confederation College Inc.