

Environment North Minutes
Tues. Sept 13th, 2016

Location: Lucy's house

6:40 pm

Board Members:

Scott Harris - chair

Lucy Laframboise

Susan Grinstead

Karen Peterson

Julee Boan

Graham Saunders

Members at Large:

Kerstin Muth

Board Business:

The agenda was approved as amended.

Moved by: Karen

2nd by: Susan

carried

The minutes for May 2016 were approved as amended.

Moved by: Julee

2nd by: Graham

carried

The treasurer's report was deferred.

Review and Business Arising:

1. David Suzuki will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Fri. Sept 23rd. Faisal Moola, the DS Foundation head science director, will also be speaking. Several board members will attend.

A motion was made to submit comments on the Federal Environmental Bill of Rights with the DSF.

Moved by: Julee

2nd by: Graham

carried

2. The two local Federal MP's, Patti Hadju and Don Rusnak, held Town Hall Meetings in Thunder Bay recently. This was part of the climate change consultations taking place across the country to request ideas and feedback from Canadians. Since EN was invited to attend, this secretary provided a copy of our minutes of the May 24th, 2016 afternoon meeting to Minister Hadju (see the May minutes for details). It was noted that the Town Hall Meetings minutes posted on Honourable MP Patti Hadju's website were incomplete.

A motion was made to craft a letter with our coalition: CUSP, ON, CoC to state that the Town Hall Meeting minutes on the climate change consultations were incomplete.

Moved by: Julee

2nd by: Graham

carried

3. Energy East Pipeline

There is a local TV spot and post on Utube produced by Aikio Bradshaw on the Energy East pipeline proposal. TransCanada still has not presented their deputation to City Hall. CUSP will update us and request that we contact our city councillors to tell them how we feel about the pipeline proposal.

4. Communications

Our gmail is having problems with computer viruses. Scott will contact google about this. The CJ article for Sept. will be written by Scott and Oct.'s article will be by Julee.

5. Forests and Carbon Sequestering

NOMA and our mayor want to look at using tree planting as part of the cap and trade ideas. We had a discussion about carbon sequestering. Several northern countries were compared in their managed forests. Some are more like tree farms than a mixed forest; there are limited varieties of trees, no underbrush and no wildlife living in them. We will do more research to understand the carbon forest framework.

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th, 2016 5:15pm.

Lucy's house

Duly Noted Email Vote - Oct. 6th – 9th, 2016 (my wording)

The local chapter of Council of Canadians has requested to use Environment North's address PO Box for their official mailings. This seems appropriate since they are one of our coalition groups and need our support.

Moved by: Julee Agree: Scott, Lea, Graham, Karen, Susan Disagree: 0

This motion is to be ratified at the next meeting on Tues. Oct. 18th, 2016.