

Environment North Minutes  
Of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Location: Calico's Coffeehouse – Bay St. 5:20 pm

Board Members:

Graham Saunders – chair	Julee Boan	Lucy Laframboise	Susan Grinstead
	Scott Harris	Roopa Rakshit	Karen Peterson

Board Business

**The agenda was approved as amended.**

Moved by: Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Susan carried

The appointment of officer's for the EN Executive is as follows:

President – Graham Vice-President – Karen Peterson

Secretary – Susan Grinstead Treasurer – Lea Matyuska.

**There was motion to approve the slate of officers, named above, for 2015 – 2017.**

Moved by: Roopa 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lucy carried

There is a reminder to sign the card @ BCU, for executive with banking access.

**The Nov. 2014 minutes were approved.**

Moved by: Susan 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lucy carried

**The March 2015 minutes were approved.**

Moved by: Roopa 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lucy carried

The Treasurer's Report was deferred.

There was no Treasurer's Report at the April 2015 AGM. We need to send a letter inviting the membership in the future to come, hear and approve the deferred report.

Membership was discussed and the possibility of renewing through the website.

Business Arising

1. Forestry

NOMA has requested that environmental groups cease and desist talking about forestry issues that challenge forest company practices. Forestry is currently exempt from the Endangered Species Act. Some license holders have had their Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certificates terminated or suspended. Julee has co-authored a response with Dr. Faisal Moola of the David Suzuki Foundation, printed in the CJ, and will write to Mayor Hobbs and area mayors re: NOMA's comments.

2. Ontario Energy Board (OEB)

The OEB estimates that approximately 800,000 litres per day are lost in spillage from pipelines or rail. The Energy East Pipeline proposed by TransCanada has not answered our city council's request for a deputation. CoC, CUSP, ON and EN gave their deputation opposing the pipeline on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. City council doesn't want to vote on this issue until they have heard a deputation from TransCanada. Our coalition has challenged TCP to come forward in an open letter to the company printed in the CJ.

3. Chronicle Journal

The CJ article for May will be on pipelines, volume increases, subsidies to fossil fuel industries and damages caused by those industries.

4. EFN

The Environmental Film Festival was held from May 6 – 10. Three film makers were in town for the workshops. Friday had the most in attendance, Sunday had 100 people in the afternoon and most audience members stayed for the discussions after each film. "Dark Side of Chew" was shown to 4 different schools. EFN has a library of videos to borrow.

We adjourned at 6:45 pm.