

Environment North Minutes  
Of Nov. 11, 2014

Location: basement of Bay Credit Union 5:30 pm

Board Members:

Brittany Young - chair	Lea Matyuska	Julee Boan	Susan Grinstead
Roopa Rakshit	Graham Saunders	Scott Harris	Kirsten Odber

Board Business

**The agenda was approved as amended.**

Moved by: Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Scott carried

**The October 2014 minutes were approved as amended.**

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

**The Treasurer's Report was approved as amended.**

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

Review and Business Arising

1. Speaker's Series

The last session of the year will be on Thur. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at the Art Gallery. The two speakers are David Thompson, from the Algoma Rural Agri-Innovation Network (RAIN) and Joseph LeBlanc from the True North Community Co-op (TNCC). Roopa will write an article for CJ before the event. There are funds contributed by the City of Thunder Bay and EcoSuperior for the session. The last of the speaker's series will be on the topic of energy. Date and venue are to be determined.

2. Blue Dot Tour

The tour was a success in town and across the country. It was a way to encourage municipalities and communities to declare that the right to a clean environment should be included in the Canadian Constitution. This is called the "Blue Dot Initiative", named in honour of Carl Sagan and his book entitled "The Blue Dot".

**There was a motion that EN signs the proclamation for the Blue Dot Initiative, that access to clean air, water and food be included in the Canadian Constitution.**

Moved by: Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lucy carried Scott will sign our name.

3. EN in the North Superior Shore

**There was a motion to invite the group from Nipigon to communicate and link with Environment North and share any interests in projects in the future.**

Moved by: Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lucy carried Graham will send the invitation.

4. Energy East Pipeline

**EN will sign a letter of support with Ontario Nature and Council of Canadians to ask the City of Thunder Bay to reject the Energy East Pipeline and to not repurpose the gas pipeline to carry bitumen.**

Moved by: Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Graham carried

There is a deputation that will be presented to city council in Jan. or Feb. asking that they pass a resolution opposing the Energy East pipeline. Currently, there are 5 opposed, 2 in favour and 4 undecided on city council. Our mayor, Keith Hobbs, is opposed to the pipeline.

5. Thunder Bay North Harbour Sediment Clean-up

**There was a motion to accept and submit the letter to the RAP Public Advisory Committee as written by Susan Grinstead, regarding the Thunder Bay North Harbour Sediment Clean-up.**

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

## 6. Odds and Ends

Graham is assigning his university students projects based on local environmental issues. Graham received a donation of a t-shirt from EFN. The EFN film for Wed. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> is called "Toxic Hot Seat". It is about fire retardants.

7. Next Meeting            Wed. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014    5:15 – 7:30 pm @ BCU basement  
   Chair – Scott                            Food – Lucy