

Environment North Minutes
Of Oct. 7, 2014

Location: basement of Bay Credit Union 5:30 pm
Board Members:
Lea Matyuska - Chair Julee Boan Susan Grinstead
Roopa Rakshit Graham Saunders

Board Business

The agenda was approved as amended.

Moved by: Graham 2nd by: Susan carried

The September 2014 minutes were approved.

Moved by: Graham 2nd by: Julee carried

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Moved by: Lea 2nd by: Roopa carried

Review and Business Arising

1. Climate Change Sessions

On Sept. 5th, 4 board members presented info for more than 30 students. On Sept. 17th, EN had a booth at the Con. College Sustainability Fair. The Climate Walk here on Sun. Sept. 21st was very successful with approximately 350 - 375 people attending.

2. Trillium Foundation

The deadline to apply is Nov. 15/14 and the money is expected to be used by April 2015. We are not applying this year, we may next year.

3. Nuclear Waste

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has been to the Pays Plat Reserve many times. They have made presentations, spent a lot locally and given gratuities in an attempt to find a willing and informed host community. The band council is split on their opinion.

MP Bruce Hyer has been holding town council meetings throughout the area. He is also sending out a survey on the issue. Please see www.brucehyer.ca for more details.

4. Speakers Series

A future event will be a presentation on co-ops, credit unions, local food concepts i.e. gleaning and school gardening sometime in the spring.

5. Blue Dot Tour

David Suzuki will be at the Auditorium on Mon. Oct. 20th/14. Several groups will be in the lobby with their material and displays. EcoSuperior, Ontario Nature, Council of Canadians, Citizens United for a Sustainable Planet and EN will be there. Someone from this group will make a presentation at the tour and there will be local musicians. David is seeking "blue" communities to ask the federal government to make having clean air and water added to the Canadian Constitution.

6. Chronicle Journal Articles

Both Scott and Susan will write articles on their own solar hot water systems. They have had many enquiries over the past several years. Scott wishes to include a section on solar photovoltaic at his camp.

7. RAP North Harbour Sediment Unit

Susan gave an update on the SMU committee's final draft. EcoSuperior is seeking a response from us as a concerned public group. Susan will draft a response for Jim Bailey, Chair of SMU and Jamie Saunders, EcoSuperior. The deadline for public response is December 2014.

8. Buchanan Forest

Buchanan owes \$24 million in back taxes. They are applying for cutting rights and financial support again. First Nations, community forest groups, and other small businesses believe that the rights should go to them and not this mill owner. There is also a lot of concern regarding negative impacts and financial hardships with this company in the past. EN will write a letter to the Ontario Government regarding this application.

9. Next Meeting Tues. Nov. 11th, 2014 Remembrance Day 5:15 – 7:30pm
 Chair – Graham or Brittany Food – Lucy