



Haliburton
Highlands
Land Trust

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2017 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, June 3, 2017

10:00 a.m. Socialize

10:30 a.m. AGM begins

Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Common Room
176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, ON

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
4. Highlights from 2016 – Chair's Report
5. 2016 Audited Financial Statements
6. Recognition of Donors and Volunteers
7. 2017 Elections
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

To: The Membership of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

From: Lois Deacon, Secretary

Re. Minutes of 2016 AGM

The minutes of the 2016 Annual General meeting are attached for your review. The minutes are open for questions from the Membership, following which a motion on them will be sought.

Recommended Resolution

Resolved, That, the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust be adopted as presented.



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2016 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, June 4, 2016

10:00 a.m. Socialize

10:30 a.m. AGM begins

11:30: Nature's Place Tour

Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Common Room
176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, ON

Minutes

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The meeting came to order at 10:30 a.m. There were 24 people in attendance.

Agenda Item # 1, 2016

Welcome

Dianne Mathes welcomed and reminded all present that the Land Trust was in its 11th year!

Agenda Item # 2, 2016

Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution # 2016 – 1

Resolved: That, the Agenda for the 2016 AGM be adopted as presented

Moved by: Leonora Marriner

Seconded: Ian Macnab

Carried

Agenda Item # 3, 2016

Minutes of the 2015 AGM

Resolution # 2016 – 2

Resolved: That, the minutes of the 2015 AGM of the Land trust be adopted as received.

Moved by: Bill Lewis

Seconded by: Greg Wickware

Carried

Agenda Item # 4, 2016

Highlights of 2015 – Chair's Report

Dianne Mathes provided a thorough review of 2015. The Turtle project has proven to be a popular initiative that engages the community. More than 100 volunteers assist with turtle monitoring. The turtle by-pass is successfully diverting turtles from the roads. Discovery Days: Nature in the 'Hood events continue to be interesting and well attended.

2015 proved to be a challenging year. The Land Trust is stronger with the addition of dedicated Administrative support and the hiring of a Director, Resource Development. These changes allow the Land Trust to focus on sustainability. (Refer to the Chair's Report for details).

Resolution # 2016 – 3

Resolved: That, the 2015 Chair's Report for the Land Trust be received for information.

Moved by: Ian Macnab

Seconded: Shelia Ziman

Carried

Agenda Item # 5, 2016

Presentation of the 2015 Audited Financial Statements

The 2015 audited financial statements as approved by the Board of Directors were distributed at the AGM and reviewed with the membership. Scott Durie, Treasurer, provided the financial overview and invited discussion from the floor.

RESOLUTION # 2016 – 4

Resolved: That, the 2015 Audited Financial Statements of the Land Trust be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Ian Macnab

Seconded: Joan Duhaime

Carried

RESOLUTION # 2016 – 5

Resolved: That, the firm of Peter Shennett Professional Corporation be appointed as the Land Trust Auditors for 2016.

Moved by: Joan Duhaime

Seconded: Ian Daniel

Carried

Agenda Item # 6 – 2016

Recognition of Donors and Volunteers

Dianne Mathes discussed the roles of the volunteers and their thanked those present and those who could not attend for their efforts. Dianne also made special mention of the crucial role Heather Deveaux plays for the Land Trust, and the appreciation the Board of Directors has for Heather's efforts. She also thanked Sheila Ziman for stepping in to help out again this year on a number of projects.

Dianne acknowledged the two departing Board members. Brigitte Gall has had to step down because of increasing work commitments. We are grateful for her time, great ideas, and thoughtful insight. Simon Payn is leaving the board after a contribution of five years. Simon has chaired committees including Membership, Marketing, and the Lands Committee. His influence, efforts, and expertise on the marketing of the Land Trust's work have been especially impactful. Both Brigitte and Simon will be missed, but we wish them both the best.

Mary-Lou Gerstl thanked Dianne Mathes for her dedication and stewardship of the Land Trust, noting that Dianne had stepped back to a leadership role in a year where she had planned to retire from the Land Trust. Dianne has been instrumental in growing the Land Trust and deserves special recognition for her efforts.

Agenda Item # 7 – 2016

2106 Elections

Appointment of Election Chair

Resolved: That, David Lawrance be appointed as Election Chair

Moved by: Lois Deacon

Seconded: Greg Wickware

Carried

The Election Chair explained that three (3) Directors were stepping down from the Board having completed their terms: Dianne Mathes, Simon Payn and Brigitte Gall.

The Election Chair also explained that the Land Trust By-Laws allow for up to eleven (11) Directors. There are nine (9) current sitting Directors presented with the Board's recommendation for approval.

Resolution 2016 – 6

Resolved: That, Mary-Lou Gerstl, Scott Durie, David Lawrance, Chris Whittmore, Lee Battison, Joan Duhaime, Lois Deacon, Greg Wickware, and Terry Carr be nominated for a further one-year term to the Board of Directors of the Land Trust.

Moved by: Shelia Ziman

Seconded: Bill Lewis

Carried

The Election Chair called for nominations from the floor to fill the two (2) vacant Director positions.

Resolved: That, having called for nominations from the floor three (3) times and not receiving any, the Director nominations for the Land Trust for 2016 were declared closed.

Moved by: Lois Deacon

Seconded: Kristina McClory

Carried

Resolution 2016 – 7

Resolved: That, Mary-Lou Gerstl has stated her willingness to take on the position of Chair of the Land Trust for 2016 and the Board of Directors makes this nomination.

Moved by: Greg Wickware

Seconded: Lenora Marriner

Carried

Agenda Item # 8 – 2016

Other Business

Pat Warren, Director of Resource Development, introduced a golf tournament to be held as a major Land Trust fundraising initiative. Members are invited to participate.

Wild about Nature Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre

11:30 a.m. check in, 12:30 start

Agenda Item # 9 - 2016

Adjournment and tour of Nature's Place

Moved by: David McClory

The 2016 Land Trust AGM adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Agenda Item # 4

2017 Annual General Meeting

To: The Membership of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

From: Mary-Lou Gerstl, Chair

Re: Highlights of 2016

Land Trust Chair, Mary-Lou Gerstl, will review highlights from 2016 with the membership.

Recommended Resolution

Resolved, That, the presentation on the activity highlights of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for 2016 be received for information.

Agenda Item # 5

2017 Annual General Meeting

To: The Membership of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

From: Scott Durie, Treasurer

Re. 2016 Audited Financial Statements

The 2016 audited financial statements as approved by the Board of Directors are posted on the HHLT website and will be distributed at the AGM and reviewed with the membership.

The firm of Peter Shennett Professional Corporation was hired to perform the audit. In May, the Board of Directors reviewed the statements in draft with the auditor. The 2016 Audited Financial Statements as approved by the Board are before the membership for information.

Recommended Resolution

Resolved, That, the 2016 Audited Financial Statements of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust as presented to the Membership at the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Land Trust be received for information.

Appointment of Auditors

Recommended Resolution

Resolved, That, the firm of Peter Shennett Professional Corporation be appointed as the HHLT Auditors for the 2017 financial year.

Agenda Item # 7

2017 Annual General Meeting

To: The Membership of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

From: Lois Deacon, Secretary

Re. Elections

For elections, the officers of the Board all step down and an election chair is asked by the membership to conduct the elections. Lois Deacon has been asked to fill this role if there is no objection from the Membership.

Recommended Resolution:

Resolved, That, Lois Deacon acts as election chair for 2017 AGM elections.

For the purpose of counting election ballots and reporting the outcome to the election chair, two scrutineers are required. The following resolution from the Membership is asked:

Resolved, That, _____ and _____ act as election scrutineers for 2017.

Election of Directors

There may be up to eleven directors on the Board. At the 2016 AGM, Mary-Lou Gerstl, Scott Durie, David Lawrance, Chris Whittemore, Lee Battiston, Joan Duhaime, Lois Deacon, Greg Wickware, and Terry Carr were nominated and voted in for a further one-year term (Resolution 2016-6). There were no other nominations at the AGM (i.e. a total of nine board members were ratified at the 2016 AGM).

Chris Whittemore and David Lawrance have indicated they do not intend to seek another term on the Board following the 2017 AGM.

Lee Battiston resigned from the Board earlier in 2017 due to other commitments.

Lois Deacon has resigned from the Board due to other commitments, resignation to take effect after the June 2017 AGM.

Mary-Lou Gerstl, Scott Durie, Joan Duhaime, Greg Wickware, and Terry Carr are willing to remain on the Board. During 2017 the Board passed the following appointing resolution:

Resolved that: The following current directors be nominated to the Board of Directors for terms as indicated by their name (terms are consistent with the original Board resolutions appointing Mary-Lou, Joan, Terry and Greg to the board, and for Scott is an extension of original term): Mary-Lou Gerstl-2 years; Joan Duhaime-2 years; Terry Carr-2 years; Greg Wickware-2 years; Scott Durie-1 year.

Res 15 – 2017 Motion: Lois Deacon **Seconded:** Chris Whittemore
Carried

During 2017, the Board has appointed one director – Sheila Ziman. The appointing resolution is:

Resolved that: Sheila Ziman be appointed to the HHLT Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Res 16 – 2017 Motion: Joan Duhaime **Seconded:** David Lawrance
Carried

Assuming ratification of the six directors by the membership, there are still five director vacancies to be considered. If more than five nominations are made from the floor, an election is held and the five nominees receiving the greatest number of votes are elected as directors (bringing the total to eleven).

Further nominations for directors are sought three times from the floor before nominations are closed. Nominations require a mover and a seconder in accordance with Article 5.03 of By-law Number 1 but are not voted on.

Firstly, the Membership is asked to consider ratification of the six director appointments:

Recommended Resolution

Resolved, That, Board resolutions #15-2017 and #16-2017 appointing the following Directors to the HHLT Board for terms as indicated by their name: Mary-Lou Gerstl-2 years, Joan Duhaime-2 years, Terry Carr-2 years, Greg Wickware-2 years, Scott Durie-1 year, Sheila Ziman-2 years, be ratified.

Election of Chair

Mary-Lou Gerstl, current Chair, has stated her willingness to continue as Chair of the HHLT for 2017 and the current Board of Directors is pleased to make this nomination:

Recommended Resolution

Resolved, That, Mary-Lou Gerstl be nominated as Chair of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for 2017.

Agenda Item # 8

Other Business