



Haliburton
Highlands
Land Trust

*Protecting the land we love
for future generations*

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

1. Welcome
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting
4. Highlights from 2015 – Chair's Report
5. 2015 Audited Financial Statements
6. Recognition of Donors and Volunteers
7. 2016 Elections
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment and tour of Nature's Place

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 of 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 then 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 into a leadership role in a year when 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

2016 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 Whittemore, Lee Battiston, 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: Leonora 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 p.m. start

Agenda Item # 9 - 2016

Adjournment and tour of Nature's Place

Moved by: David McClory

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