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**Minutes
Haliburton Highlands
Land Trust
Annual General Meeting
June 24, 2024
zoom**

2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1. Welcome - Todd Hall acted as Chair of this meeting in the absence of Shelley Hunt and called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. He welcomed the participants. A quorum was present.
2. Indigenous Engagement/Acknowledgement – Sheila shared a land acknowledgement statement. Also shared was the recent opportunity that a small group of board members, key volunteers and staff had to visit the property of Nancy Cooper, one of HHLT’s Partners in Conservation. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about Nancy’s commitment to conservation and stewardship of the land. She also explained how the HHLT Board has moved our Indigenous engagement and work towards reconciliation to a higher level by sharing concrete work we are doing in this area at each meeting rather than only reading a statement.
3. Adoption of Agenda – Todd explained how the meeting would proceed and ensured that participants stated their name aloud when moving or seconding a motion. Also, rather than asking to approve a motion, members will be asked to state their opposition to the motion or to state that they are abstaining from a vote to help the process work smoothly in this Zoom format.

Resolution # 1 – AGM 2024

Resolved that the agenda for the 2024 AGM be adopted as presented.

Moved by Huw Morgan Seconded by Alison Curtis

Passed

4. Conflict of Interest Declaration – none
5. Approval of Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting

Resolution # 2 - AGM 2024

Resolved that the minutes of the 2023 AGM of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) be adopted as presented.

Moved by Sheila Ziman Seconded by Huw Morgan

Passed

6. Introduction of current Board Members and all Staff –
Todd introduced our current Board Members and staff.

7. Todd shared the Chair's Report which was written by HHLT Chair Shelley Hunt. The full report is found on the HHLT website on the AGM page. Included in this report were thanks to our dedicated volunteers and donors. Thanks were given to our staff and hard-working board members. The Chair's Report also highlighted our Discovery Days programming, our work on the protection of the Highlands Corridor, and the hiring of a new Partners in Conservation Coordinator, Rick Whitteker. HHLT has also completed research in partnership with Trent University and contracted Paul Heaven to complete some additional wetland mapping and research projects as part of our work on the Highlands Corridor project.
HHLT has completed a review and update of our policies and practices to ensure alignment with the Center for Land Conservation's Standards and Practices. This review was part of our participation in the CLCs pilot certification program. In 2024 HHLT has also hired a full-time Land Stewardship Manager, Laura McNeill and a part-time Social Media/Communications expert, Adrian Martin.
All in all, 2023 was a very successful year for HHLT.

Resolution # 3 – AGM 2024

Resolved that the 2023 Chair's Report on the highlights of HHLT be received for information.

Moved by Todd Hall

Seconded by Sheila Ziman

Passed

8. 2023 Audited Financial Statements – Treasurer and/or Auditor

Tyson Shennett shared highlights of the 2023 financial year. He stated that the HHLT 2023 Financial Audit was clean. HHLT is in a solid financial position. (The full audited financial statements can be found on the HHLT website, AGM page)

Resolution # 4-AGM 2024

Resolved that the 2023 audited financial statements of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust as presented to the membership at the 2024 AGM be received for information.

Moved by David Bathe Seconded by Ian Darragh

Passed

Resolution # 5-AGM 2024

Resolved that the firm of Peter Shennett Professional Corporation be appointed as the HHLT auditors for the 2024 financial year.

Moved by David Bathe Seconded by Sheila Ziman

Passed

9. 2024 Elections

Resolution # 6 – AGM 2024

Resolved that Joan Duhaime be appointed as Election Chair

Moved by Huw Morgan Seconded by Mary-Lou Gerstl

Passed

Resolution # 7 – AGM 2024

Resolved that the report of the Nominating Committee be received and that the following persons be elected to the HHLT Board of Directors for their appropriate term.

David Bathe – elected for a three-year term.

Sheila Ziman – elected for a three-year term.

Moved by Ralph Baehre Seconded by Ian Darragh

Passed

Resolution # 8 – AGM 2024

Resolved that Joan Duhaime and Mary-Lou Gerstl be elected to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Board of Directors for one additional one-year term.

Moved by Scott Durie Seconded by Sheila Ziman

Passed

Resolution # 9 – AGM 2024

Resolved that Keith Farlinger be elected to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Moved by David Bathe Seconded by Mary-Lou Gerstl

Passed

Resolution # 10 – AGM 2024

Resolved that having called for nominations from the floor three times and not receiving any, Director nominations for the Land Trust for 2024 are declared closed.

Moved by Huw Morgan Seconded by Alison Curtis

Passed

Resolution # 11 – AGM 2024

Resolved that Shelley Hunt be elected as the Vice Chair of HHLT for a one-year term as according to our bylaws.

Moved by Gilbert Mongeau Seconded by David Bathe

Passed

Resolution # 12 – AGM 2024

Resolved that Todd Hall be elected as the Chair of HHLT for a one-year term as according to our bylaws.

Moved by Huw Morgan Seconded by Ralph Baehre

Passed

10. Other Business – Ian Darragh asked about the Norah’s Island Endowment Fund and any requirements or plans for stewardship of the island. David Bathe replied with the current stewardship and management plan. Nesting boxes were checked, a management plan registered under the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP) is in place for the island, a danger tree is being removed. The Kennisis Lake Eyes of on the Island group do a great job of regularly monitoring the island. The Endowment Fund provides for any costs associated with this land stewardship.

11. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Joan Duhaime Seconded by Alison Curtis

Passed

