



Haliburton
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Minutes
Haliburton Highlands Land Trust
General Membership Meeting
By-Laws
March 20, 2025
zoom

March 20, 2025 4:00PM

Board Members Present: Todd Hall, Sheila Ziman, Ralph Baehre, Dave Bathe, Mary Lou Gerstl, Joan Duhaime, Rob Halupka, Keith Farlinger, Jen Dailoux, Huw Morgan.

Regrets: Shelley Hunt

Also present were HHLT members in good standing with the meeting numbers achieving quorum. Some votes will be cast by proxy which have been collected, verified and accounted for.

1. **Welcome** Todd called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.
2. **Conflict of Interest Declaration** - none
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Rob Seconded by Sheila Passed

4. Proposed Amendments to the HHLT Bylaws
Todd reviewed the purpose and history of our bylaws. They were most recently reaffirmed in 2023. Several bylaws were identified as being in need of updating partially due to our approval by the Canadian Land Trust Alliance and partially due to identified needs moving forward.

After questions and discussions, a motion was presented to approve these changes to our HHLT Bylaws.

Motion: That the amendments to the HHLT bylaws be adopted as presented.

Motion – Belinda Gallagher Seconded – Huw Morgan Passed

5. A discussion and explanation was given around the increase of the number of Directors to twelve. The Board has the ability to set the number of Directors at each AGM. The statement should not read maximum number. It is requested to be set at twelve for this point in time. If we were to ask for a different number of directors it would need to be approved by our membership.

Motion – That the number of HHLT Directors be set at twelve.

Motion – Ralph Baehre Seconded – Margaret Dobrzensky Passed

6. Current Social Media Outcry regarding the HHLT proposal to have the Milburn Kendrick area of Interest to be considered as a Conservation Reserve

The outcry is primarily based on information that is not factual. We will be making a presentation at the Haliburton County Council Meeting being held on March 26.

Todd outlined our factual information regarding the Highlands Corridor, the Milburn Kendrick area of interest, and the reason we are making the proposal. He outlined some of the misconceptions being shared.

Todd shared that our supporters have been asked to send letters of support to be included in the meeting package. All of the necessary factual information is posted on our website. An interesting and full discussion was held regarding this issue.

7. Motion to Adjourn 5:07PM

Motion – Sheila