



Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

**Enbridge Pipelines Inc.
1086 Modeland Road, Sarnia, Ontario**

Present: Archie Kerr, Peter Westfall, Craig Griffiths, Darrell Randell, Brenda Lorenz, Terry Burrell, Ken Hall, Donna Strang

Guests: Ted Briggs – Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Regrets: Erin Carroll, Kris Lee, Kathy Watts

The December 6, 2016 Annual General Meeting of Friends of the St. Clair River (FOSCR) was called to order by Darrell Randell at 7:35 pm.

Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Presentation – Ken Hall

Ken Hall provided FOSCR members with an introduction and overview of Enbridge Pipelines Inc.

- Enbridge is the largest transporter of crude oil in North America and the single largest supplier of oil to the United States.
- In Canada, Enbridge has 3636 kilometers of pipeline that run from Edmonton to Montreal.
- The company is regulated by the National Energy Board (NEB) of Canada.
- Enbridge implements a vigorous inspection program to monitor the integrity of their pipelines and efficiently repair any cracks or corrosion. The company regularly reviews and updates Emergency Response plans should a pipeline failure occur.
- Enbridge is also expanding into green energy. Five billion dollars has been invested in renewable and alternative energy production.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from the August 23, 2016 meeting

The minutes from the meeting on August 23, 2016 were reviewed.

Motion to Approve the Agenda and Minutes – Terry Burrell, Craig Griffiths

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) 150 Application for Courtright Park Shoreline – Darrell Randell
 - Darrell Randell reported that FOSCR was ineligible to receive the OTF 150 grant towards the Courtright Park Shoreline. FOSCR is too small an organization to receive the maximum amount of money requested.
- Outreach Opportunities - Everyone
 - Darrell Randell advised that three speaking engagements have been scheduled for FOSCR members to educate the public on the St. Clair River Area of Concern (AOC). Recently, Darrell and Brenda Lorenz attended a Green Drinks event to lead a discussion on the work that FOSCR does.
- Chatham-Kent Lambton Children’s Water Festival (CKLCWF) – Darrell Randell
 - Darrell Randell updated FOSCR members that after two unsuccessful years due to weather and school board negotiations, the 2016 CKLCWF was a success with over 1800 school children attending over three days.

ACTION – Darrell Randell will invite Don Hector (Festival Coordinator) to the next FOSCR meeting to discuss continued support for this event.

3. Financial Report – Terry Burrell

Terry Burrell provided bank statements for both accounts current to December 1, 2016. Copies of the most up-to-date financial statements were distributed:

Scotiabank - \$17 363.28

Tangerine (formally ING) - \$79 982.77

Motion to Approve the Financial Report – Terry Burrell, Brenda Lorenz

CARRIED

4. Activity/Project Updates:

- Summary of Communication Activities – Ken Hall
 - Ken Hall updated FOSCR members on recent communication activities:
 - In 2016, the FOSCR website received 5362 visits with over 70% directed to the photo gallery.
 - Three issues of the FOSCR E-Newsletter were distributed to approximately 365 subscribers.
 - Ken suggested that there be some effort to update and create new outreach materials such as FOSCR factsheets, banner, etc.
 - Donna Strang advised that she created a factsheet for a BPAC event in early September.

ACTION – Donna Strang will circulate the factsheet and a chart outlining the current status of each Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) to FOSCR members.

- The Go Wild Grow Wild Expo is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017 in London, Ontario. In 2016, FOSCR partnered with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) and attended the event that attracted over 3000 people. FOSCR members were interested in attending the Expo in 2017.

ACTION – Donna Strang will follow-up with the SCRCA about partnering for the 2017 Go Wild Grow Wild Expo.

- Reimbursement Request from Kris Lee – Frames

- At the November meeting of the Binational Pubic Advisory Council (BPAC), Kris Lee presented Donna Strang with two framed paintings as a wedding gift.

Motion to approve the re-imbusement to Kris Lee for frames purchased on behalf of the BPAC for an amount not exceeding \$100 – Terry Burrell, Archie Kerr

CARRIED

- Anything that Donna Wants?

- Donna Strang requested that if FOSCR members deliver a presentation, it would be helpful to forward the date, audience and approximate number of people so she can keep track of AOC outreach efforts.

- Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (OMOECC) Grant – Ted Briggs

- Ted Briggs advised that there was nothing to report.

- Phragmites Outreach – Donna Strang

- Donna Strang advised that there was no new update on Phragmites outreach and that it can be removed as a standing item on future agendas.

- Lake Chipican, Discussion – Kim Glendhill

- Kim Gledhill was not available to attend the meeting. No update was available.

- Report on Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Program with SCRCA – Darrell Randell

- Darrell Randell updated FOSCR members on recent activities regarding the OTF program and partnership with the SCRCA as Erin Carroll was unable to attend the meeting. Greg Wilcox, Biological Technical Assistant at the SCRCA provided an overview of projects completed to date (attached as an Addendum). The SCRCA will prepare an invoice that will be sent to FOSCR shortly.

Motion to approve the invoice payment for OTF activities once received from the SCRCA – Terry Burrell, Peter Westfall

CARRIED

5. Project Updates

- 13 Acre Land set aside, along Clay Creek, Rural Lambton Stewardship Network (RLSN) request for assistance, ponds, prairie and shrubs – Darrell Randell
 - RLSN is looking for support to complete a project located along Clay Creek (Young Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project), located in Area 1-A of the St. Clair River AOC. With support from the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program, the project will see the retirement and conversion of 13 acres of farmland into:
 - 2 acre wetland (2 separate wetlands)
 - 3.5 acre tree and shrub planting
 - 7.5 acre tallgrass prairie planting

Motion to approve a 25% contribution up to \$5000 in support of the Young Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project by RLSN – Brenda Lorenz, Craig Griffiths

CARRIED

6. Annual Meeting Election of Officers

- President
Darrell Randell was nominated by Terry Burrell, seconded by Archie Kerr.
- Vice-President
Brenda Lorenz was nominated by Terry Burrell, seconded by Craig Griffiths.
- Treasurer
Terry Burrell was nominated by Peter Westfall, seconded by Brenda Lorenz.
- Secretary
Donna Strang was nominated by Peter Westfall, seconded by Archie Kerr.

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7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Terry Burrell, Brenda Lorenz

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

ADDENDUM:

*St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Update on Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant
Greg Wilcox, Biological Technical Assistant*

Email Correspondence – December 5, 2016

Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Activities 2016/17

Projects Completed: Bear Creek barrier removal, McKeough Dam wetland creation, Alus Buffers, Stephens wetlands, the balance of the project money (approximately \$900) was used to cover the costs of additional equipment required to complete the mussel relocation for the Bear Creek barrier removal.

The \$3000 maintenance budget was spent to repair 2 wetlands on SCRCA properties that had failure/erosion issues. These wetlands are on properties 38 and 79. Repairs included grading, filter cloth, gabion stone, seeding, equipment and labour.

Fish Work: We were required to complete 10 fish sites in 2016. We were able to complete 15 sites in the AOC with additional funding that was provided by DFO for drain classification work. We have submitted our results to MNRF and DFO to complete our permit requirements. More than 12 000 individual fish were captured, including 46 different species (3 SAR species, Blackstripe Topminnow, Spotted Sucker and Sliver Lamprey).

Mussel Work: We are required to spend 6 days completing mussel surveys in the AOC for the Trillium Grant (6 days x 2.5 staff = 15 person days). We ended up focusing all our efforts for mussel surveys towards the Bear Creek Barrier removal project. The mussel relocation protocol we completed as part of our permit requirements required over 60 person days! We were able to move over 300 mussels (69 Mapleleaf – Threatened), and survey over 600 mussels (including Mapleleaf – threatened, and Fawnsfoot – endangered). The Fawns foot is the only live specimen ever found on the North branch of the Sydenham.

Temperature Monitoring: Our deliverable is for 2 sites to be monitored in the AOC. We ended up with 3 sites (Baby Creek, Wray Drain and Plumb Creek) monitored. Temperature loggers were deployed and retrieved. Data analysis is not yet completed but will take place in the coming months.

We have collected benthics at 1 new site in the AOC this year. The site was on Bear Creek. Benthic invertebrate analysis is ongoing throughout the winter and will be completed prior to January or February. One additional site meets our deliverable for benthic collection.

The equipment budget has all been spent including: new temperature loggers, new electrofishing batteries and a general budget of \$800.

The education funding was used to hold a successful “River Day” at Riverview Central Public School. We hosted all students of the school for a fish survey demonstration, wetland metaphor game, watershed

twister, Great Lakes Activity and Pond Pollution game. Activities varied depending on the age group of the students that were attending that session. Everyone involved enjoyed the day and we look forward to “River Day” again next year.

All that remains to complete the 2016/17 year is some temperature data analysis, updating our mapping and reporting to OTF.

We would like to thank FOSCR for joining us in this partnership. We were able to complete a number of projects and some beneficial monitoring as a result of this partnership and the OTF funding.