



**Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

**Open Grill**

**721 Lite St., Point Edward, Ontario**

**Present:** Darrell Randell, Kelly Johnson, Terry Burrell, Brenda Lorenz, Archie Kerr, Craig Griffiths, Kathy Watts, Ken Hall, Peter Westfall

**Regrets:** Erin Carroll, Kris Lee

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The December 12, 2017 meeting of Friends of the St. Clair River (FOSCR) was called to order by Darrell Randell.

**1. Review and Approval of Minutes from the October 5, 2017 meeting**

The minutes from the meeting on October 5, 2017 were reviewed.

**Motion to Approve the Agenda and Minutes – Archie Kerr, Peter Westfall**

***CARRIED***

**2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Young Habitat Project along Clay Creek – Darrell Randell

- Darrell is continuing to work with the landowners to arrange a time for Friends to tour the project, hopefully in spring 2018.

Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Application – Darrell Randell

- FOSCR have submitted a collaborative application with St. Clair Region Conservation Authority to the OTF for the Courtright shoreline project. A successful application will increase the scope of the project. Initial construction is set to begin in January.

Industry Canada Report – Terry Burrell

- Terry Burrell continues to work on completing the Industry Canada report.

Website Improvement Status – Kelly Johnson

- Options for website redesign include (but are not limited to) working with St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's IT department, or with Terry Burrell's daughter at Lambton College.
- **ACTION:** Kelly will explore options for website development.
- Ken Hall and Archie Kerr will assist Kelly in developing the new site.

### 3. Financial Report – Terry Burrell

Terry Burrell reported that the FOSCR Scotiabank account balance is \$3,538.95.

The Tangerine account balance is \$89,344.39.

\$26,800 has been transferred to FOSCR from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). This money will be transferred to St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for habitat work.

**Motion to approve the financial statements dated December 31, 2016 – Terry Burrell, Brenda Lorenz**

**CARRIED**

**Motion to accept the December 12, 2017 financial report – Terry Burrell, Kathy Watts**

**CARRIED**

### 4. Activity/Project Updates

#### Summary of Communications Activities – Ken Hall

##### *Newsletter:*

- FOSCR published three newsletters in 2017 and positive feedback was received from those.
- Approximately 500 people are on the newsletter distribution list. This number is decreasing from previous years.
- The newsletter is typically distributed in the spring, pre-summer and fall.
- In the future Ken would like to see the newsletter discuss more of the activities FOSCR are involved in.

##### *Website:*

- The website site received approximately 18,500 hits in 2017, while in 2016 it received approximately 25,500 hits.
- Visitors to the website are most often looking at photos and PDF files.

#### Future of FOSCR with regard to Delisting

- Darrell Randell brought to the attention of FOSCR members that the necessity of their work related to the St. Clair River AOC may soon come to an end as more Beneficial Use Impairments are re-designated. Darrell asked members to consider the direction the group may go in the future.

#### Cargill Projects Proposal – Kelly Johnson

- FOSCR members as well as two employees from St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) met with the manager of Cargill (Sarnia location) in November to discuss possible project partnerships. As a result of that meeting, Kelly and Conservation Authority employees held a subsequent meeting to develop a project proposal. Kelly will present this proposal to Cargill in early 2018 for their consideration.
- FOSCR would be included in each project as an implementation partner. Members would have the option to participate in each project.
- Proposed projects will include:
  - Landowner Stewardship Project
    - SCRCA will work with Cargill to secure an agricultural property on which to implement a stewardship project (e.g. riparian buffer establishment, windbreak planting, wetland development, etc.)
  - Vegetation Planting
    - Cargill employees and additional project partners will be invited to participate in a local native vegetation planting.
  - Project-Based Education Partnership
    - SCRCA will work with Cargill to implement a project-based education program in two local schools. A SCRCA employee will visit the classes once per month during the school year to deliver workshops focused on water quality. Students will develop project plans and be responsible for implementing one plan as a class.
  - Conservation Monitoring Sponsorship
    - Cargill will provide financial sponsorship for SCRCA’s conservation monitoring program. In return SCRCA will plan and deliver a “Meet the Biologist” family event for Cargill employees and their families. A number of hands-on activities will be available in addition to wildlife demonstrations.

## 5. Current Projects Update

### Bright’s Grove Sewage Lagoon – redundant cell naturalization – Darrell Randell

- Work has not yet commenced on this project.
- The City of Sarnia is currently considering a restoration plan developed by Larry Cornelis.

### Wright Swamp – Darrell Randell

- Darrell reported that an agreement with the landowners has yet to be signed, however the project is set to move forward this winter.

## 6. Other Business

### Enbridge – Future of Line 5 – Ken Hall

- Ken Hall reported that Enbridge has committed to replacing Line 5 which runs under the St. Clair River, delivering oil and associated products from western Canada to Sarnia. 95% of the oil coming to Sarnia flows through Lines 5 and 6.
- Pressure has been mounting from the Government of Michigan and Governor Snyder to replace Line 5.
- Before replacement can occur many permits must be acquired. It is hoped the project will be complete by 2020.

**7. Annual Meeting Election of Officers**

**Motion that all officers remain the same for 2018 – Peter Westfall, Archie Kerr**

***CARRIED***

**8. Adjournment**