

**Friends of the Tay Watershed Association
Annual General Meeting for 2013**

26 March, 2014- 4:00 -6:00 PM,
McMartin House,
125 Gore Street East, Perth.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Meeting Opening

Attachments 1 & 2

President Debra Bellevue opening the meeting with a welcome, and confirmed quorum. There were 16 members in attendance. She proceeded with self introductions of all attendees and introduced the current Board members. The agenda was presented with no additional business added.

2. Approval of 2012 AGM Minutes

The Minutes from the 2012 AGM had been posted on the FoTW website for review. There were no corrections or questions and they were approved as presented.

Moved by Judy Buehler

Seconded by David Taylor

Approved

3. Presentation of audited 2013 financial statements and the 2014 Budget.

Attachment 3 – 4 pages

Frank Roy presented the year-end financial statement for 2013 which has been reviewed and approved by financial advisor John Gibb-Carsley. The members acknowledged the contribution of Mr Gibb-Carsley in providing this service pro bono to the organization. Frank reviewed the details of the balance sheets and assured the members that the organization maintains an acceptable financial situation.

Motion: That the report and budget be accepted as presented.

Moved Chris Stone

Seconded David Taylor

Approved

Frank noted that the amount of the scholarship presented annually has been increased from \$500 to \$1,000 as the finances of the organization can accommodate such an increase.

Frank suggested that the FoTW make a memorial donation in the name of John Gibb-Carsley's wife to the Perth library on which board she served.

Moved David Taylor

Seconded Judy Buehler

Approved

4. 2013 in Review

[Attachment 4 – 2 pages]

Chris Stone presented a detailed review of FoTW activities for 2013. The check marks on the attachment show that much was undertaken and accomplished in 2013. Chris highlighted accomplishments such as:

- Mandatory septic re-inspections in Tay Valley and Drummond/North-Elmsley Twps;
- Beaver dam monitoring by RVCA in the Tay River between Christie Lake and Perth (37 dams found);
- Tree planting behind the water treatment plant;
- Action on remediating the outflow at the Perth Water Treatment Plant.

David Taylor noted that after much discussion at the Rideau Corridor meetings, the Tay Canal has received more recognition as a separate part of the Rideau system. We were not successful in securing a higher profile for the Bolingbroke Dam, and the role of Greater Bobs & Crow Lakes and the managed River as a reservoir and conduit for the system. This will be pursued by other means.

Chris pointed out that the organization failed to make much progress on the goal of providing more electronic links to the community and more use should be made of social media. There was a short discussion about the setting up of a Facebook account for the FoTW, but that it was a site seldom visited.

The rain barrel sale project was abandoned because so many other groups in the area were selling them, including a school, and the FoTW didn't want to interfere with their sales.

A grant application to the Perth & District Community Foundation was considered as a means of raising funds for the organization's scholarship program; however, because the scholarship catchment area includes the whole Tay watershed, it did not meet the criteria for a Community Foundation grant.

5. Opportunities for 2014

[Attachment 5 – 2 pages]

The opportunities as presented were discussed. President Debra Bellevue asked members present to suggest other activities and goals that they would like to see the organization pursue.

Colin Stephenson asked if the FoTW had commented on the Tay Valley Township's Official Plan update. David Taylor and Carol Dillon had prepared a response. New information from recent Provincial Policy announcements and new mapping was discussed and should be looked into. Colin also suggested continued advocacy for remediating stormwater in Perth. It was noted that addressing stormwater is in the Perth official plan, but no resources have been dedicated. Colin suggested continued coordination with Perth on this matter.

Frank Roy noted that the City of Ottawa has placed a water strategy in its strategic plan and this is a good example to encourage for Perth. This will be added to the next Board meeting.

The partnership with RVCA/MVC on the Aquatic Plant Research Project, with FoTW, has been finalized. The next meeting will confirm details of the program, and also the role of FoTW in its management, including the need for an administration fee for, as an example, auditing costs.

6. Application for Continuance under the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act

Attachment 6 -- Operating By-Law #1 – 12 pages

Attachment 7 – Articles of Continuance – 1 page

Attachment 8 – Special Resolution - -1 page

Frank Roy explained that changes in the Federal Canada Not-for-profit Act (NFPA) resulted in the need to review and possibly amend the organization's by-laws and letters of patent. This has been tackled by a committee of Frank Roy, David Taylor and Carol Dillon who have worked on the revisions over the past two months. Frank thanked former FoTW treasurer Colin Stephenson for his reminders to tackle the job early. One requirement is to put a resolution concerning the revised documents to the members before submitting to the government. The revised documents were posted on the FoTW website for members to review.

Motion: That the members approve the revised general operating by-laws and articles of continuance.

Moved Chris Stone

Seconded Jim Graff

Approved

7. Election of the 2014 Board of Directors

Attachment 9 – Board Slate for 2014

Carol Dillon read the names of members who have agreed to sit on the Board for 2014.

Motion: That the members listed on the slate be approved as the new Board.

Moved Chris Stone

Seconded Marjory Naismith

Approved

Debra Bellevue then called for nominations for president. David Taylor was nominated. There were no other nominations.

Motion: That David Taylor be approved as the new president.

Moved Frank Roy

Seconded Jim Graff

Approved by Acclamation

David Taylor then took the Chair and displayed a quilt donated by the Lanark Quilters Guild that has been donated to the FoTW for a fund raiser. It is one of two quilts being made to celebrate the upcoming 200th anniversaries of Perth and surrounding townships.

David then presented Debra Bellevue and Chris Stone with framed mementos of their service to the Friends and the members showed their appreciation for their service to the community.

David called for a motion to adjourn the AGM meeting.

Moved Debra Bellevue

Seconded Taro Alps

Meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Attachments

1. List of attendees
2. Agenda
3. FoTW AGM 2013 – 2013 in Review – 2 pages
4. Financial Statement Balance Sheet - 4 pages
5. Opportunities for 2014 – 2 pages
6. Operating By-Law #1 – 12 pages
7. Articles of Continuance – 1 page
8. Special Resolution --1 page
9. Board Slate for 2014

Attachment 1

List of Attendees

Taro Alps
Debra Bellevue
Judy Buehler
David Crowley
Carol Dillon
Ralph Fish
Jim Graff
Robert Cosh
Peggy Land
Harry Naismith
Marjory Naismith
Frank Roy
Richard Schooley
Colin Stephenson
Chris Stone
David Taylor