

**Friends of the Tay Watershed Association  
Annual General Meeting for 2014**

24 March, 2015- 4:00 -6:00 PM,  
The Factory, 40 Sunset Blvd (Entrance B) Perth

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**1. Welcome and confirmation of quorum**

A "meet and greet" welcome was held before the meeting with a membership table, displays and refreshments. Attendees were welcomed by Board members and took opportunities to renew interest and talk about current programs and issues relating to the watershed.

Nineteen people were in attendance.

The meeting began with a welcome from David Taylor, President of the Friends of the Tay who spoke about the origins of the association 20 years ago. He spoke about the Perth Strategic Plan and the recommendation in it that a management plan for the Tay watershed was needed. The founding of the Friends of the Tay Watershed--a community-based organization--was one of the outcomes of that recommendation and this year marks the 15th anniversary of the FoTW. David reviewed some of the key accomplishments over the past 15 years such as a grant for water testing in 2002, and co-operation in a fish habitat study in 2003. A highlight of the past 15 years was a partnership with Otty Lake Association and the winning of a Trillium Grant in 2005 for a lake planning study and management plan. That program was not only successful, but has launched lake planning in many other lakes as well.

David also took the opportunity to thank our three sustaining members: Little Stream Bakery whose generous donation each year enables the Friends to present a scholarship each year; Stor-N-Lock Perth who provide a storage locker free of charge for the Association's materials, tent, displays, etc.; and The Factory that has provided its board room free of charge for quarterly meetings.

**2. Introduction of 2014 Board and Advisory Panel**  
(Attachment #1 - copy of all PowerPoint slides used at the AGM)

David introduced members of the 2014 Board and Advisory Committee. David concluded his remarks with a thank you and tribute to former Board and Advisory Panel member Cam McLeod. Cam was a perceptive contributor to the Friends especially in its early years and always knew when something should be looked at from an environmental point of view. He also encouraged lake

planning and knew the Fisheries Act well. Dr McLeod has resigned from the Advisory Board for health reasons.

ACTION: Send a letter of thanks to Dr McLeod.

**3. Approval of Agenda**  
(Attachment #2)

The Agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by Colin Stephenson

Seconded by Karen Hunt

**4. Approval of 2013 AGM Minutes**

The Minutes were approved as presented.

Moved by Gus Quattrocci

Seconded by Frank Roy

**5. Presentation of the 2014 Financial Statements by Frank Roy**  
(Attachment #3)

Frank Roy reviewed the financial statement for 2014 and presented the proposed budget for 2015. He answered questions about the Trillium grand monies which need to be shown in the Friends' budget but are actually a flow-through entry that gives the impression that the Association has much more money than it actually has.

One typo was detected in the power point budget; however the correct figure is on the website.

A motion to accept the 2015 budget with the correct numbers on the website and as amended in the minutes.

Moved by Frank Roy

Seconded by Jim Graff

**6. Review of 2014 Activities**  
(Attachment #4)

Carol Dillon reviewed the highlights of the Association's activities in 2014 as outlined in the attachment.

**2014 E-coli testing report by Peggy Land**  
(Attachment #5)

Peggy Land reported on the water testing program that the FoTW has been carrying out on the Tay River in Perth, which most recently focussed on the length of time required to dissipate dangerous e-coli levels in the swimming area following a rainfall. Colin Stephenson suggested that the report be placed on the website. This activity has led to a meeting with the Town about a possible follow-up project in 2015 to determine the sources of e-coli pollution in the storm sewers.

**7. Proposed Program of Activities for 2015**  
(Attachment #6)

David Taylor presented the Association's proposed activities for 2015. Of special note is the addition of "Climate Change" to strategic directions and co-operation with LANCAN [Lanark Climate Action Network] to further local interest in and response to climate change needs.

Gus Quattrocchi asked about the proposed changes to the Haggart Dam and Mike Yee from Rideau Valley was able to give a full response.

A motion to accept the proposed activities was  
Moved by David Taylor  
Seconded by Judy Buehler

**8. Election & Appointments**  
(Attachments #7 & #8)

The Board Slate for 2015 was introduced by David Crowley.  
A motion to accept the 2015 Board slate was

Moved by Karen Hunt  
Seconded by Gus Quattrocchi

Appointment of the Advisory Panel was  
Moved by Judy Buehler  
Seconded by Jim Graff

**Motion to Adjourn the Annual General Meeting**

Moved by Judy Buehler

Seconded Gus Quottrocchi

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Following the AGM was a presentation by Mike Yee, Manager, Biology and Water Quality, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority on the topic of "People, Aquatic Plants & Healthy Lakes Study" and RVCA's 2015 programs.

Mike presented a most interesting talk about the purpose and progress of a study, the funding for which the Friends are the designated applicant. Mike stressed the importance of letting rainfall sink in rather than run off. He was also able to answer many questions about the replacement of the Haggart Dam in Perth and explained the rocky ramp alternative that is being proposed. He explained that the current flow between the Tay River and the Little Tay is 60-40, but that the changes will promote a 20-80 split that will work better. The Friends have provided input to the review process.

#### **List of Attachments**

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| Attachment #1 | Copy of all PowerPoint slides for 2014 AGM |
| Attachment #2 | Agenda AGM March 24, 2015                  |
| Attachment #3 | Financial Statements                       |
| Attachment #4 | Review of 2014 Activities                  |
| Attachment #5 | E-coli Testing Report                      |
| Attachment #6 | Proposed Program Activities for 2015       |
| Attachment #7 | Board Slate for 2015                       |
| Attachment #8 | Advisory Panel for 2015                    |