



Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed
December 1st 2021 - Minutes

Mission: The stated mission of the Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed is to educate, influence, promote and support community-based stewardship of natural resources in the Porcupine River watershed, and to provide community-based guidance for the good management, enhancement, and utilization of healthy, sustainable, aquatic, and terrestrial ecosystems.

Acknowledgement: The Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed members recognize and acknowledge that the Porcupine River Watershed is situated on Treaty #9 territory and on the traditional territory of Indigenous Nations including the Mushkegowuk (Cree), Anishinabewaki and Métis.

Date: Wednesday, December 1st, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Video Conference (*Zoom*)

Welcome members

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Brenda Torresan, Rick Cecconi, Angie Corson, Michel Dupuis, Roxane Filion

Board Members Regrets: Karlie Maki, Kaileigh Russell, Cristina Colantonio, Graham Campbell

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by: R. Cecconi Seconded by M. Dupuis

Approval of past minutes: **Meeting of Nov. 7, 2021 and By Law review meeting of Nov 18, 2021.** Motion to approve minutes by R. Cecconi. Seconded by A. Corson. All in favour.

Mail: Incoming/Outgoing: N/A

☐ **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance: \$ 2348.81.

- A non-audited 2021 fiscal year report will be prepared for the AGM. FPRW will see what's required for obtaining an official audit in the upcoming year.

☐ **By-law review:** Completed; the proposed changes to the By Law have been listed and will be ready to present at the AGM. Will add a short general description for the Indigenous representative board position to be entered into the By Law.

☐ **Board Reports:**

- **President's Report: BT**

- AGM. Discussion regarding a suitable date that will work for all board members for the AGM. Tentative date: January 4th, 2022, at 6pm.
- Bob's Lake: summary of current discussion regarding sewer system.
- Old Ratcliff Ltd. Property: the rebars that were due to be removed are still protruding from the concrete and might pose a hazard during winter since they will be covered by snow. Will contact Scott T. about removal plans.

- **VP Report: AC**

- FPRW still focused on bringing watershed health priorities to the City's official plan.

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- Currently preparing a year in review for the AGM.
- **Secretary Report: RF**
 - Melview Park: FPRW have expressed their support for the project. Will send a response to the contact individual.
 - Will contact FPRW board member to determine availability for a Jan 4/2022 AGM.
 - Will send invitation letter to members and partners once the date has been approved.
 - Agenda as well as the proposed By Law amendments will be posted at least 14 days prior to AGM (Dec 20th, 2021)
- **Communication/Web site Coordinator: RC**
 - Changes were made to the website home page.
 - Will reactivate the website membership renewal form. It offered a good option for no-contact renewals last year.
- **Membership Report:**
 - Members will be contacted for a membership renewal reminder at the same time as the invitation to the AGM. RF will see if CC has a current membership list.
- **Community Indigenous Report: MD**
 - Discussion on the funding announcement to Northern Ontario, including Timmins, and on future opportunities.
- ☐ **Outreach:** FPRW invited Charlie Angus to discuss watershed health. No response received yet.
- ☐ **FPRW discussion:** Funding opportunities to from Hydro to consider (see email)
- ☐ **PLC:** Minutes from the last PLC meeting (25 Oct 2021) can be viewed here: <https://timmins.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Id=1750>
 - Agenda items for the next PLC meeting can be sent to Brenda T. until a week prior.

Next FPRW board meeting: TBD **FPRW AGM:** tentative date: January 4th, 2022

Next PLC meeting: 20 December 2021, 10am

Adjournment: 7:52 pm