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OPIRG Peterborough Board Meeting Minutes

Jan 4 2022 , 6:00 PM, Via Zoom

Minutes by: Jenn MacDonald

Facilitated by:

Time Keeper:

Attendance: Addison Clermont, Rob Gibson, Jenn MacDonald

Regrets: Mikayla Livingston

Announcements:

Called to Order: 6:00pm

Land Acknowledgement

Check-In

Staff Reports:

Sreeja:

- Will be working on the AGM budget and gift bags
- Will be working on the January newsletter

Board Reports:

Robert Gibson, Chair:

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Addison Clermont, Provincial Liaison:

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Jenn MacDonald, Staff Liaison:

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Mikayla Livingston,

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motioned by Addison. Seconded by Jenn. Board consensus.

Passed Motions via Email/Slack:

N/A.

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes for [December 7 2021](#): (5 mins - Facilitator)

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2021

Motioned by Addison. Seconded by Jenn. Board consensus.

2. Committee roles - (Attach july minutes) - Tabled to next meeting.
 - [Board portfolios & Committees](#)
3. Laptops (Addison 10 mins) - Tabled to next meeting.
4. Research proposal (Addison 10 minutes) - Tabled to next meeting.
5. AGM Planning
 - May need to be prepared for having a virtual AGM
 - Rob: There is interest from the Free Market working group to join the panel. Their names were forwarded to Nico.
 - Sreeja will be working on the AGM budget and gifts (looking to see if we can do gift cards to the farmers market).
 - **Action Item:** Following up with Staff to see where they are at with their planning responsibilities.

New Business:

1. Partial Lockdown
 - Sadleir House will be closing the building as per provincial guidelines and staff will have to work from home.
 - Nico will be going into the office next week to retrieve items from the office.

2. Trent Divestment from fossil fuels [letter](#) sign on to (Robert 5 minutes)
 - The letter was created by Sustainable Trent
 - The letter is directed towards the Trent Board of Governors
 - Demands made in the letter:
 - Divest all funds from companies involved in the extraction, processing and transportation of fossil fuels and reinvest those funds by 2025, in consultation with Sustainable Trent, the Peterborough community, and the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg.
 - Recognize that the incorporation of environmental, social, and governance factors (ESG), as well as the simple reduction of the “carbon intensity” of Trent’s investment portfolio is an illegitimate alternative to full divestment.
 - Take meaningful leadership in the adoption of a Canadian Just Recovery by investing at least 5% of investment funds in community projects that advance racial, economic, environmental, and social justice.

Motion for OPIRG Peterborough to sign on to the Divestment Letter.

Motioned by Addison. Seconded by Jenn. Rob Abstains. Consensus.

Jenn has signed OPIRG on to the petition.

3. Law 21 delegation to City of Peterborough (This is a law in Quebec City might fund legal action) (bans religious symbols)
https://www.worldsikh.org/quebec_petition
[NCCM – National Council of Canadian Muslims | Defeat Bill 21](#)
 - Councillor Stephan Wright has exclaimed that he is in support of the legal fund and may be bringing it to Peterborough Council.
 - This is in regards to a law that discriminates against people that wear burqas and any religious symbols in Quebec.
 - Rob: If someone from OPIRG might be interested in making a delegation in support of the legal fund
 - There is a petition to be signed, and could be potential interest in OPIRG making a delegation

Action Item: Board to review linked articles and petitions and decide via slack if we want to sign on as an organization.

4. Signing on to ecojustice [Take Action \(ecojustice.ca\)](#) (Robert 5 minutes)

- A group of youth is taking the Government of Ontario to court in regards to climate change.
- There is a petition to sign to support their efforts.
- A member from KWIC is a part of the group

Action Item: Board to review linked petition and decide via slack if we want to sign on as an organization.

5. Policy Updates (Jenn et al 20 minutes)
 - a. [Past policy meeting minutes July 19, 2021](#)
 - b. [Mutual Aid](#)
 - c. [Gift Card](#)
 - d. [In Camera](#)
 - e. Meeting with Political Candidates/Politicians
 - f. What does/doesn't need board approval

Action Item: Policy Committee to meet on Sunday January 10th at 12pm to work on policies that need to be created.

Other Business:

Updates: We may not be able to relaunch green dishes until after the partial lockdown which will mean at the earliest February due to lack of access

Check out

Next Meeting Date: February 1, 2022 at 6pm

Motion to Adjourn:

Motioned to Adjourn the Board Meeting.

Motioned by: Addison. Seconded by Jenn. Board consensus.

Adjourned at: 7:10pm

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Policy Committee Meeting Sunday January 10th, at 12pm

Action Items:

- **Action Item: Board to review linked articles and petitions regarding Bill 21 and decide via slack if we want to sign on as an organization.**
- **Action Item: Board to review linked petitions on ecojustice and decide via slack if we want to sign on as an organization.**
- **Action Item: Policy Committee to meet on Sunday January 10th at 12pm to work on policies that need to be created.**
- **Action Item: Jenn to create zoom link for Policy Meeting.**