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## **OPIRG Peterborough Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 1, 2022, 6:00 PM, Via Zoom**

**Minutes by: Jenn MacDonald**

**Facilitated by: Nico Koyanagi**

Attendance: Nico Koyanagi, Robert Gibson, Addison Clermont, Jenn MacDonald, Jessica Scott, Pakin Pongpaiboon, Ishita Gurav, Kadence BATTERY (7:06PM)

Regrets: Leila Core

Announcements:

Called to Order: 6:07PM

Land Acknowledgement

Check-In

Staff Reports:

### ***Nico Koyanagi, Coordinator:***

- Applied to 3 TWSP and 2 TIP positions. We were approved for one TIP position (Special Events Coordinator)
- We were approved for Canada Summer Jobs! Working on the hiring process with Ishita and Pakin (hiring committee)
- Did an interview with Trent Radio
- Met with Sam from the union to discuss adding another part-time unionized staff member
- Attended bargaining meetings
- Attended Internal Development Collective and All Collectives meetings for the provincial network
- Met with Pakin to discuss research project and events
- Met with an interested volunteer
- Was away sick for almost a full week
- Picked up t-shirt and sweatshirt order from Renegade Apparel!!!

- Re-activated Tech Soup account and applied for Slack
- Emptied the Free Market bins on campus with Rob
- Helping to coordinate the Indigenous Abolitionist Study Group
- End-of-month finance tasks and other finance and admin duties

Board Reports:

***Addison - Provincial Liaison***

- Attending union bargaining meetings
- Attended staff and volunteer appreciation

***Jenn - Finance Liaison***

- Attended staff and volunteer appreciation
- Up to date on emails & slack

***Robert - Ex-officio***

- Attended levy meeting as OPIRG proxy - Requested item on agenda
- Contacted TQC and received no response regarding legislation
- Sustainable Trent is low capacity for summer
- Helped empty Free Market bins at Otonabee Residence
- Informal conversations related to OPIRG
- Checked emails
- Shared petition via slack
- Participated in Indigenous Abolitionist Study Group
- Attended OPIRG Board and Staff Appreciation night

***Kadence - Policy Liaison***

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***Jessica - Board Liaison***

- Created and sent out agenda for May 1st
- Took minutes for April 3rd board meeting
- Attended OPIRG Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Night
- Reviewed OPIRG board members' rights, responsibilities, and the OPIRG by-laws during office hours

***Leila - Staff Liaison***

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**Pakin -**

- Sadleir document with Kadence
- Developing a campaign for the housing crisis, furthering Morgan's research

**Ishita -**

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Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion to approve the Agenda.**

Motioned by Pakin. Seconded by Jenn. Board consensus.

Passed Motions via Email/Slack:

1. **None to report.**

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes for: [Minutes for April 10, 2023](#)

**Motion to approve minutes for April 10, 2023.**

Motioned by Pakin. Motioned by Addison. Board consensus.

2. Approval of [Minutes for January 10, 2023](#)

**Motion to table minutes for January 10, 2023, due to lack of quorum from those present on Jan 10.**

Motioned by Addison. Seconded by Ishita. Board consensus.

3. Support for [Bill 94, Keeping 2SLGBTQI+ Communities Safe Act, 2023](#) ~ [video](#)
  - Allows creation of safety zone around LGBTQ2IA+ events (such as Pride, drag story time)
  - A petition has been circulated in Slack to support this legislation ([Protect 2SLGBTQI+ Communities & Drag Artists \(kristynwongtam.ca\)](#))
4. Support for Nassau wetland complex [changes to policy](#) - Tabled.

New Business:

1. National State of Emergency to MMIWG & 2SLGBTQIA+
  - Open letter to the members of parliament to declare a national state of emergency

- <https://twitter.com/leahgazan/status/1652853513066618882?s=46&t=JD8JfzcCw0QOQAVwwgkBAQ>

**Motion to sign onto the petition.**

Motioned by Addison. Seconded by Pakin. Board consensus.

*Kadence Buttery has joined the board meeting.*

2. Request for endorsement of "[Nakba 75 Action Campaign](#)"
  - A request for OPIRG to sign on to the petition has come in
  - Can be a controversial social issue due to the conflict between Isreal and Palestine
  - The board needs more time to review to have an informed decision

**Action Item: Board members are to follow up this week on the Nakba petition & work to understand the history of the Palestine and Israel conflict**

3. Discussion of the levy coordinator position
  - Rob attended the Levy council meeting on behalf of OPIRG
  - Levy council has created a levy representative position that they want to renew along with an updated job description
  - Levy council wants 0.5% of the levy fee or a group pledge to fund the position
  - Decision needed before August

**Action Item: Rob to send the updated job description and more information to the Board.**

4. Discussion of a research project on the housing crisis
  - Pakin was reviewing Morgan's research (past placement student) on housing and thought more research and education could be done.
  - Options; posting research on the website, presenting summaries at an event, having an interview/media with Trent Radio, media release, proposing a policy draft
  - Long Term - to enhance the reach: Collab with TRC

**Action Item: Pakin to create when 2 meet to discuss further action on housing research**

5. Nico's summer hours
  - Nico's contract says they go to 30 hours/week from May to August.
  - We budgeted at 40 hours/week but that is more needed in August prior to DisOrientation Week
  - 32 hours/week from May - Aug 1

**Motion to approve Nico's summer hours going to 32 hours a week until Aug.**  
Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Addison. Board consensus.

Other Business:

1. None to report.

In-Camera Meeting: Office Space

**Motion to move in Camera with Nico and Rob to join.**

Motioned by Kadence. Seconded by Addison. Board consensus

Moved in camera at: 7:47PM

**Motion to move out of camera.**

Motioned by Kadence. Seconded by Pakin. Board consensus.

Moved out of camera at: 7:57 PM

Check out

Next Meeting Date: Monday, Jun 5, 2023 at 6pm

Motion to Adjourn:

**Motioned to Adjourn the Board Meeting.**

Motioned by Pakin. Seconded by Addison. Board consensus.

Adjourned at: 7:58PM

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Peterborough Artsweek

Action Items:

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