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OPIRG Peterborough Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2023, 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 & 2SLGBTQQIA+
 - 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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