2015 Annual General Meeting
November 5, 2015, Vancouver, BC
MINUTES

Board of Directors:
- Bradley Young, National Aboriginal Forestry Association, Aboriginal Peoples Chamber (Treasurer)
- Brenda St-Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation, Aboriginal Peoples Chamber (Vice Chair)
- Chris McDonell, Tembec, Economic Chamber (Chair)
- Andrew Tremblay, Domtar, Economic Chamber
- Pier-Olivier Boudreau, CPAWS, Environmental Chamber
- John Cathro, Environmental Chamber
- Satnam Manhas, Ecotrust Canada, Social Chamber (Secretary)
- Arnold Bercov, Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada (PPWC), Social Chamber

Members:
- Alberta Wilderness Association,
- Alberta Pacific Forest Industries (ALPAC)
- Bulkan, Janette
- Greenpeace Canada
- KPMG
- Ontario Nature
- Palmer, John
- Plotkin, Rachel
- QMI-SAI Global
- Resolute Forest Products
- Unifor
- Vamos, Geza

FSC Canada Staff:
Francois Dufresne, President
Monika Patel, Director of Programs & Communications
Vivian Peachey, Director of Standards
Elaine Marchand, Regional Manager, Eastern Canada
Orrin Quinn, Regional Manager, Western Canada
Josh Zangwill, Business Development Manager
Pamela Perrault, Aboriginal Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER
The Chairs (Satnam Manhas) of the Board of Directors of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Canada call the 2014 Annual General Meeting to order at 3:08pm on November 5, 2015 in Vancouver, BC.
NOTICE, PROXIES AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA
The Secretary confirms that notice of the meeting was served in accordance with the FSC Canada By-laws.

The FSC Canada Secretary confirms that a total of 20 proxies have been received and posted, all of which are held by members in attendance. The Secretary explains the voting process whereby 50% of the voting power of Members in good standing in each of the four chambers constitutes quorum. Members may also designate a proxy to act on their behalf.

___20___ proxies have been received and accepted.
___3___ proxies have been allocated to the Secretary.

- **MOTION** to approve the Agenda.
  Moved by: Chris McDonell, Tembec
  Seconded by: Arnold Bercov, PPWC
  None opposed. MOTION PASSED

MINUTES OF THE 2014 Annual General Meeting
The Secretary notes that the draft minutes of the meeting of the 2013 Annual General Meeting, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on November 5th, 2013 have been posted on the FSC Canada website. No comments on the draft minutes have been received.

- **MOTION** to approve the 2014 AGM Minutes.
  Moved by: Andrew Tremblay, Domtar
  Seconded by: Brenda St-Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation
  None opposed. MOTION PASSED

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
The Secretary (Satnam) states that, as per FSC Canada by-laws, the Board of Directors is made up of eight individuals, with two representatives from each of the four Chambers (Aboriginal Peoples, Economic, Environmental, Social). As per FSC Canada by-laws, the Board of Directors is made up of eight individuals, with two representatives from each of the four Chambers (Aboriginal Peoples, Economic, Environmental, Social).

**ABORIGINAL PEOPLES Chamber**
Bradley Young, National Aboriginal Forestry Association (NAFA)
Brenda St-Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation

**ECONOMIC Chamber**
Chris McDonell, Tembec
Andrew Tremblay, Domtar

**ENVIRONMENTAL Chamber**
John Cathro, individual
Pier-Olivier Boudreault, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome and thank you for being here at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

This past year the Board has focused on strategic planning to provide the organization a foundation for the next 5 years. By forging a common understanding on vision and priorities, the board hopes to ensure FSC rises to the occasion for what’s necessary and what’s possible to move the organization in the right direction.

Over the next few months, FSC Canada will release the first draft of its Forest Management Standard—a unique opportunity to be part of a standard that can be made practical and useful for our collective purposes. In the past 12 months, the Standard Development Group, six Technical Expert Panels, staff and consultants have been working diligently to help compile the first draft which will be released for public consultation in fall 2015.

Global priorities of FSC were established at the 2014 General Assembly where 800 members gathered to deliberate over 80 motions—motions that would guide FSC’s work around the world. Motions that cover concepts such as Free, Prior and Informed Consent; Intact Forest Landscapes; and Controlled Wood which may sound simplistic but operationalizing on the ground with 4 chambers is no simple task.

In Canada, we are engaged on all these issues and many more to create a FSC that recognizes good characteristics of paper and wood, for those that love the forest and those that work in it.

• MOTION to approve the co-chairs report.
  Moved by: Chris McDonell, Tembec
  Seconded by: Pier-Olivier Boudreault, CPAWS
  None opposed. MOTION PASSED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This past year has been characterized as a time of change for FSC Canada— but with change, comes opportunity and growth. For the last couple of years we have focused on rebuilding the organization’s capacity and structure. I am proud to say that we now have 6 experienced full time employees that are helping to transition the business by supporting core service delivery.

With a solid internal foundation, FSC Canada has been able to work diligently on drafting a Forest Management Standard. This process, taking us into 2016, will pay particular attention to key issues including Intact Forest Landscapes and Indigenous Cultural Landscapes; Free, Prior and Informed Consent; and Species at Risk—Woodland Caribou. This work becomes increasingly paramount with our current certified forests and the number of prospective forests that will become certified across Canada, particularly in areas like British Columbia.
Of course, we can't think of the forest without thinking of the supply chain. The marketplace will be featured at the forefront during 2016. As the first draft(s) of the standard is consulted on across the country, attention will turn to developing key partnerships, managing the brand in the marketplace, and creating additional value for FSC certification in Canada.

On a global level, FSC is in the process of completing its new 5 year strategic plan. As a whole, FSC's common inspiration is that the true value of forests is recognized and fully incorporated into society worldwide. Essentially, we aim to revitalize our standard framework, increase market value and transform the way we work globally.

Although change can be challenging, the fruits of our labour are in sight. We look forward to working with board members, supporters, stakeholders, and certificate holders over the upcoming year to continue to keep our Forests for all forever.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer presents the financial report of the organization.

The audited financial statement has been finalized and the revenue and a summary of expenses for the organization have been presented on the last page of the Annual Report (2014-2015). During the past fiscal year, FSC Canada total revenues were $1,142,490 against total expenses of $1,070,222. These numbers represent the twelve months ended December 31, 2014.

The Treasurer formally acknowledges the following financial supporters: Boreal Leadership Council, Cascades, Domtar, FSC International, Kimberly-Clark, Kruger Products LP, Richard Ivey Foundation, and Tembec Inc. They have been instrumental in ensuring the continued operation and success of FSC Canada.

- **MOTION** to approve the FY 2014 Audited Financial Report.
  Moved by: Satnam Manhas, Ecotrust Canada
  Seconded by: John Cathro
  None Opposed.
  MOTION PASSED

- **MOTION** to appoint Cowperthwaite Mehta as the Auditors of Record for the Fiscal Year 2015.
  Moved by: Satnam Manhas, Ecotrust Canada
  Seconded by: Arnold Bercov, PPWC
  None Opposed.
  MOTION PASSED
RESOLUTIONS
The Co-Chair notes that there haven’t been any requests for the presentation of RESOLUTIONS has been received at the FSC Canada office within the specified period. Additional motions may be raised from the floor at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS
The Co-Chair invites members to introduce other business or other issues or items of information for consideration by the Board.

NEXT MEETING
The Co-Chairs confirms that next year’s AGM will be held in November 2016 at a time and place to be decided by the Board and announced to members as per the By-laws.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business, the Co-Chair declares the 2015 AGM adjourned at 3:36pm.