2016 Annual General Meeting
November 3, 2016, Ottawa, ON
MINUTES

Members in attendance:

Aboriginal Chamber
- Eagle Village First Nation
- Council of the Haida Nation
- Joseph, Larry
- Lachance, Colin
- National Aboriginal Forestry Association
- Wolf Lake First Nation

Economic Chamber:
- Alberta-Pacific forest Industries Inc.
- Domtar
- Eacom Timber Corporation
- Eastern Ontario Model Forest
- QMI-SAI Global Assurance
- Resolute Forest Products
- Tembec

Environmental Chamber
- Alberta Wilderness Association
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
- Greenpeace Canada
- Wildlands League

Social Chamber
- Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada

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 Chair of the Board of Directors of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Canada call the 2016 Annual General Meeting to order at 3:08pm on November 3, 2016 in Ottawa, ON.
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 15 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.

___15___ proxies have been received and accepted.
___12___ proxies have been allocated to the Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE 2015 Annual General Meeting
The Secretary notes that the draft minutes of the meeting of the 2015 Annual General Meeting, held in Vancouver, BC on November 5th, 2015 have been posted on the FSC Canada website. No comments on the draft minutes have been received.

- MOTION to approve the 2015 AGM Minutes.
  Moved by: Pier-Olivier Boudreau, CPAWS
  Seconded by: Brenda St-Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation
  None opposed. MOTION PASSED

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
The Secretary 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).

ABORIGINAL PEOPLES Chamber
Brenda St-Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation
Colin Richardson, Council of the Haida Nation

ECONOMIC Chamber
Andrew Tremblay, Domtar
Elston Dzus, Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries

ENVIRONMENTAL Chamber
Pier-Olivier Boudreau, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Julee Boan, Ontario Nature

SOCIAL Chamber
Arnold Bercov, Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada
Renaud Gagne, Unifor
CHAIR’S REPORT

Welcome and thank you for being here at the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

With the publication of the FSC Global Strategy: Delivering - Forests for all Forever, the FSC Canada board took the opportunity to assess the role of FSC Canada in achieving this lofty ambition.

With the clarity set by FSC International and informed by a wealth of Canadian expertise and insight, we turned our attention to the future, to continuing the evolution of FSC Canada into an organization that can meet the challenge of long-term stability while delivering the positive social, environmental and economic impacts expected by our members. And so was born the FSC Canada strategic plan for 2017-2021 - Delivering Forests for all Forever – For Canada. I invite you to visit our website and take a look.

It comes as no surprise to our members that FSC Canada occupies a space in civil society that is unique in the forest sector. We are a convenor of solutions-oriented dialogue for social, environmental, Aboriginal and business interests who are seeking the proactive path for well-managed forests and supply chains. Tackling challenging and complex issues such as recognition of Aboriginal rights, the integration of conservation benefits and economic opportunity while creating space for a wide diversity of voices is found in the passion of those who participate in FSC.

2015, and indeed most of this current year, has been marked by the advancement of FSC Canada’s hallmark technical guidance projects - forest management and controlled wood.

One year ago marked the release of the National Forest Standard for Canada Draft 1. Thousands of hours of staff, consultant and volunteer time and the contributions of dozens of certificate holders and certification bodies has advanced this work significantly. The National Forest Standard Draft 2 and accompanying documents released this fall, is a notable example of FSC Canada reaching another milestone on the path of finalizing proactive and pragmatic forest and controlled wood standards in 2017.

While finalizing standards is a journey of global importance, it is the application of standards locally that create stories of impact and value and give meaning to our mission. Across Canada, we see indigenous communities engaged with forest managers and in growing numbers are forest managers themselves. Certificate holders of forests large and small, public, private, indigenous, urban and remote are engaged with environmental organizations, academia and community groups to protect woodland caribou, water quality and high conservation values. Going forward we will continue to strive to find the Canadian recipe for intact forests and indigenous cultural landscapes that complements the rich content of FSC forest management practice in Canada.

From producer, to citizen, to consumer, we are all a part of a virtuous chain, linked to well-managed forests. All that FSC Canada has accomplished has been with the support of many, indeed all of you. We call on your continued engagement as members, as users of our standards and ultimately as consumers who recognize the value of the FSC trademark in helping us deliver Forests for All Forever - for Canada.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Looking back, 2015-2016 proved to be a year of setting a clear path for development of FSC from now to 2020.

On a global scale, FSC has been focused on developing its strategic plan and transforming FSC through the implementation process. This advancements linked with FSC Canada’s own strategic plan development which focuses on continuing to build FSC as a catalyst for change in the world of responsible forest management.

We realize, in order to move FSC in this direction, we need our new national forest management standard. This past year, there’s been a clear focus to move our national forest management standard forward, particularly on key parts of the standard including Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), Indigenous Cultural Landscapes, Intact Forest Landscapes and Species at Risk. Following the publication of the first draft at the end of 2015, we have put forward considerable effort into listening tour members, certificate holders and stakeholders to carefully prepare a second draft that is representative of a variety of perspectives and will be viable on the ground.

We will see FSC’s developments move even further next year when Canada hosts the next FSC General Assembly which will be held on October 9-13, 2017 in Vancouver, BC. The 2017 General Assembly will be the first to be held in North America during the 24 years of the existence of FSC. Its timing will culminate with the implementation of the new strategic plan and FSC Canada’s new forest management standard.

Over the coming years FSC will continue to work hard to add value to forests and businesses that share our vision, and to build awareness and support with end consumers.

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 (2015-2016). During the past fiscal year, FSC Canada total revenues were $1,338,453 against total expenses of $1,319,442. These numbers represent the twelve months ended December 31, 2015.

The Treasurer formally acknowledges the following financial supporters:
- Carillion Canada
- Cascades
- Domtar
- FSC International
- Kimberly-Clark
- TD Bank Group and
- Tembec
• **MOTION** to approve the FY 2015 Audited Financial Report.
  Moved by: Brad Young, NAFA
  Seconded by: Arnold Bercov, PPWC
  None Opposed.
  MOTION PASSED

• **MOTION** to appoint Cowperthwaite Mehta as the Auditors of Record for the Fiscal Year 2016.
  Moved by: Brad Young, NAFA
  Seconded by: Andrew Tremblay, Domtar
  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 May 2017 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 2016 AGM adjourned at 3:35pm.