2017 Annual General Meeting
June 28, 2017 Montreal, QC
MINUTES

Members in attendance:

Aboriginal Chamber
- Council of the Haida Nation
- Flood, David, Mr.
- Wolf Lake First Nation

Economic Chamber:
- Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (ALPAC)
- Alberta Wilderness Association
- Bélanger, Étienne, Mr.
- Boursier, Alexandre, Mr.
- Domtar Inc.
- EACOM Timber Corporation
- Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF)
- Lapointe, Ugo, Mr.
- MacDougall, Scott, Mr.
- Mercer International Inc.
- QMI-SAI Global Assurance Services (QMI)
- Resolute Forest Products
- Tembec

Environmental Chamber
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
- Greenpeace Canada
- Kazi, Jamal, Mr.
- Ontario Nature
- TNC Canada

Social Chamber
- Ecotrust Canada
- Fédération de l'industrie manufacturière (CSN)
- UNIFOR

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
CALL TO ORDER
The Chair of the Board of Directors of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Canada call the 2017 Annual General Meeting to order at 9:00 am on June 28, 2017 in Montreal, QC.

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 2016 Annual General Meeting
The Secretary notes that the draft minutes of the meeting of the 2016 Annual General Meeting, held in Ottawa, ON on November 3, 2016 have been posted on the FSC Canada website. No comments on the draft minutes have been received.

• MOTION to approve the 2016 AGM Minutes.
  Moved by: Pier-Olivier Boudreault, CPAWS
  Seconded by: Julee Boan, Ontario Nature
  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
Tyler Bellis, Council of the Haida Nation

ECONOMIC Chamber
Andrew Tremblay, Domtar
Elston Dzus, Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries
CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome and thank you for being here at the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

What exciting times we live in the world of FSC! This year, the FSC Canada Board turned its attention to building FSC into a new kind of organization, one that can meet the challenge of long-term stability and sustainability by focusing on developing a strong strategic plan for 2017-2021.

FSC Canada brings a unique value proposition as a convener for solutions-oriented dialogue amongst social, environmental, Aboriginal and business organizations. 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 activity.

Having taken over the reins as board chair in November, I’ve been able to see how this unique value has been key in the development of our national forest management standard. With the upcoming completion of the national forest management standard in the horizon, we have to stop to thank the countless volunteers who have spent their time helping to provide their expertise and opinions on a standard that will not only be workable but will help ensure our forests continue to meet the social, ecological and economic needs of present and future generations.

I look forward to all expressions of interest from the growing membership in working to contribute to the unprecedented growth and future successes of FSC in Canada. Together we will grow the system in Canada and be the leaders we are.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Looking back, 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 advancement is 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 to our members, certificate holders and stakeholders to carefully prepare a second draft that was issued in November 2016, which paved the way for field testing planned for the first half of 2017.

We will see FSC’s developments move even further this year when Canada hosts the next FSC General Assembly which will be held in 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. Note: the Treasurer (Amie Bercov) is absent and replaced by Andrew Tremblay, Chair of the board of directors.

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 (2016). During the past fiscal year, FSC Canada total revenues were $1,470,820 against total expenses of $1,482,286. These numbers represent the twelve months ended December 31, 2016.

The Treasurer formally acknowledges the following financial supporters:
- Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries
- Domtar
- Government of Quebec
- Tembec

- **MOTION** to approve the FY 2016 Audited Financial Report.
  Moved by: Andrew Tremblay, Domtar
  Seconded by: Elston Dzus, ALPAC
  None Opposed.
  **MOTION PASSED**

- **MOTION** to appoint Cowperthwaite Mehta as the Auditors of Record for the Fiscal Year 2017.
  Moved by: Andrew Tremblay, Domtar
  Seconded by: Brenda St-Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation
  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 2018 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 2017 AGM adjourned at 9:39am.

• MOTION to adjourn the 2017 Annual General Meeting
  Moved by: Andrew Tremblay, Domtar
  Seconded by: Elston Dzus, ALPAC
  None Opposed.
  MOTION PASSED