2018 Annual General Meeting
May 29, 2018 Montreal, QC

MINUTES

Members in attendance:

Aboriginal Chamber
- Flood, David, Mr.

Economic Chamber:
- Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (ALPAC)
- Alberta Wilderness Association
- Boursier, Alexandre, Mr.
- Domtar Inc.
- EACOM Timber Corporation
- Hopkin, Brenda, Ms.
- Killam, Jason, Mr.
- Lachapelle, Yves, Mr.
- Lapointe, Ugo, Mr.
- MacDougall, Scott, Mr.
- Mercer International Inc.
- QMI-5AI Global Assurance Services (QMI)
- Raimbault, Mylene, Ms.
- Resolute Forest Products
- SCS Global Services Canada Inc.
- Tembec
- Tremblay, Andrew, Mr.

Environmental Chamber
- Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA)
- Grant, Catharine, Ms.
- Korol Davis, Christine, Ms.
- Nature Québec / UQCN
- TNC Canada

Social Chamber
- Blanchette, Nicolas, Mr.
- Public and Private Workers of Canada
- UNIFOR
CALL TO ORDER
The Chair of the Board of Directors of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Canada call the 2018 Annual General Meeting to order at 10:00am on May 29, 2018 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 23 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.

23 proxies have been received and accepted.
7 proxies have been allocated to the Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE 2017 Annual General Meeting
The Secretary notes that the draft minutes of the meeting of the 2017 Annual General Meeting, held in Montreal, QC on June 28, 2017 have been posted on the FSC Canada website. No comments on the draft minutes have been received.

- MOTION to approve the 2017 AGM Minutes
  Moved by: Chris McDonell, Tembec
  Seconded by: Public and Private Workers of Canada
  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
David Flood, individual
Tyler Bellis, Council of the Haida Nation

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

ENVIRONMENTAL Chamber
Catharine Grant, individual
Julee Boan, Ontario Nature

SOCIAL Chamber
Cameron Shiell, Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada
John Caluori, Unifor

CHAIR'S REPORT

In lieu of the Chairperson’s (Julee Boan) absence, the previous chair (Andrew Tremblay) has been asked to report on behalf of the board.

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 convenor 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 next 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. 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 (2017). During the past fiscal year, FSC Canada total revenues were **$1,391,752** against total expenses of **$1,630,841**. These numbers represent the twelve months ended December 31, 2017.

The Treasurer formally acknowledges the following financial supporters:
- Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.
- Columbia Forest Products
- Domtar
- Georgia-Pacific
- Ivey Foundation
- JD Irving
- Proctor & Gamble
- World Wildlife Fund US
• **MOTION** to approve the FY 2017 Audited Financial Report.
  Moved by: David Flood, individual
  Seconded by: Charlene Strelaeff, Mercer International
  None Opposed.
  MOTION PASSED

• **MOTION** to appoint Cowperthwaite Mehta as the Auditors of Record for the Fiscal Year 2018.
  Moved by: David Flood, individual
  Seconded by: Cliff Wallis, Alberta Wilderness Association
  None Opposed.
  MOTION PASSED

**RESOLUTIONS**
It is noted that there was one request for the presentation of a resolution was received at the FSC Canada office within the specified period. The resolution is as follows:

FSC Canada change its timelines to allow for a second consultation on the draft National Risk Assessment (NRA) for Controlled Wood. The decision whether or not to hold such a second consultation should be the discretion of the National Risk Assessment Working Group (NRA-WG) as indicated by the FSC-PRO-60-002 V3-0 procedure in section 5.15.

Submitted by: Etienne Belanger, individual member

Seconded by: Marc Bedard, REsolute Forest Products

The President notes that FSC International has already granted FSC Canada a second consultation which will take place later in 2018.

Based on FSC’s decision to pursue a second consultation in Canada, the resolution has been revoked by Resolute Forest Products. Resolution; from Etienne and Marc re controlled wood

**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 2018 AGM is adjourned at 11:15am.