2019 Annual General Meeting

May 29, 2019, Ottawa, ON

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

ABORIGINAL CHAMBER
Flood, David, Mr.
Perreault, Pamela, Ms.
Rekmans, Lorraine, Ms.
Smith, Margaret (Peggy), Dr.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER
Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA)
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Koral Davis, Christine, Ms.
Nature Québec / UQCN
TNC Canada/Nature United
Wedelès, Christopher, Mr.
Wildlands League

ECONOMIC CHAMBER
Abies Consultants Inc.
Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.
Bélanger, Etienne, Mr.
Boursier, Alexandre, Mr.
Domtar Inc.
EACOM Timber Corporation
Hopkin, Brenda, Ms.
Killam, Jason, Mr.
Lapointe, Ugo, Mr.
MacDougall, Scott, Mr.
Mercer International Inc.
QMI- SAI Global Assurance Services (QMI)
Raimbault, Mylene, Ms.
Rayonier Advanced Materials Canada Industries Inc.
Resolute Forest Products
SCS Global Services Canada Inc.
Tremblay, Andrew, Mr.

SOCIAL CHAMBER
Blanchette, Nicolas, Mr.
Fédération de l'industrie manufacturière (CSN)
Public and Private Workers of Canada
UNIFOR
CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Canada calls the 2019 Annual General Meeting to order at 10:00am on May 29, 2019 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 16 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.

___16__ proxies have been received and accepted.
___0__ proxies have been allocated to the Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Secretary notes that the draft minutes of the meeting of the 2018 Annual General Meeting, held in Montreal, QC on May 29, 2018 have been posted on the FSC Canada website. No comments on the draft minutes have been received.

MOTION to approve the 2018 AGM Minutes

Moved by: Nature Quebec
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 Chamber

David Flood, individual
Lorraine Rekmans, individual

ECONOMIC Chamber

Andrew Tremblay, individual (replaced by Chris McDonell, Rayonier AM in 2019)
Elston Dzus, Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries
ENVIRONMENTAL Chamber

Catharine Grant, individual
Gerard Szaraz, Nature Quebec

SOCIAL Chamber

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

BOARD REPORT

In lieu of the Chairperson’s (David Flood) illness, the Vice Chair (Elston Dzus) has been asked to report on behalf of the board.

The board expresses their sincere thanks to all of those that have been involved in the incredible process of revising FSC Canada’s Forest Management Standard. From those on the Standards Development Group and Technical Expert Panels for their countless volunteer hours to the tremendous effort from staff and consultants.

Moving forward we look forward to working closer with FSC US to focus on branding and marketing as well as understanding the impact that FSC makes on the ground.

Over the coming year, in collaboration with FSC US, FSC Canada is now in position to spearhead this transition towards a market development focus for North America

Reflections from other board members:

People often ask how can we change the world and when? And the time is now. The new standard is moving us forward.

Foresters, practitioners, biologists and all those working in the forest – you all work in your corners of the forest. Forests are so important and you have such an important role and the standard has a role. The FSC standard has pragmatic solutions that we can all be part of.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

After a multi-year consensus building process, it is with extreme pride that we will remember 2018 as the year we turned the page to finalize our national new forest management standard in Canada. This is a historic moment to celebrate. It is truly a breakthrough for the Canadian forest sector providing long awaited solutions to address pressing issues for the 21st century responsible forestry in this country.
2019 will be a critical year to transition to the new standard and an environment to create meaningful uptake in the marketplace. In parallel, we are developing a strategic direction as a catalyst for change in responsible forest management and internationally we are leading the way.

We are eager to implement key features of the standard such as Free, Prior and Informed Consent to uphold Indigenous rights, and Species at Risk (woodland caribou) which represent a new foundation for a new era for the FSC certification in Canada.

Another significant achievement in 2018 is in relation to the National Controlled Wood Risk Assessment (NRA). After reaching consensus, two public consultations were carried out in 2018 and the final version of the NRA was completed in December 2018. We expect to finalize the approval of the NRA in time for its implementation at the end of June 2019.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the financial support of organizations such as Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries, WWF, Domtar, Rayonier AM, Kimberly-Clark and others. As well as the significant voluntary contributions from those that served on the Standards Development Group, Technical Expert Panels and the Controlled Wood Working Group.

Moving forward, we intend to focus on four strategic priority areas which include growing supply, collaborating in a meaningful way with Indigenous Peoples, expanding brand value, and unleashing the power of knowledge by monitoring and understanding our impact.

2018 also marked the creation of the FSC regional coordination team for North America. A joint FSC Canada and FSC US board meeting was held in Montreal in March 2018 in order to set strategic priorities for our region. Clearly, we want to demonstrate concrete impacts on the ground going forward and to create market uptake regionally. It marked a strong commitment to further develop the presence of FSC in North America, particularly with regards to the solid wood market.

Over the coming years, FSC Canada will remain committed to be part of the solution and help 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. During the past fiscal year, FSC Canada’s total income was **$1,240,537** against total expenses of **$1,098,721**. These numbers represent the twelve months ended December 31, 2018.

The Treasurer formally acknowledges the following financial supporters:

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.
MOTION to approve the FY 2018 Audited Financial Report.
Moved by: Lorraine Rekmans, individual
Seconded by: Andrew Tremblay, individual
None Opposed. MOTION PASSED

MOTION to appoint Cowperthwaite Mehta as the Auditors of Record for the Fiscal Year 2019.
Moved by: Lorraine Rekmans, individual
Seconded by: Chris McDonell, Rayonier AM
None Opposed. MOTION PASSED

RESOLUTIONS
It is noted that there haven’t been any requests for presentation of resolutions within the specified period.

OTHER BUSINESS
Members are invited to introduce other business or other issues for consideration.

NEXT MEETING
The next Annual General Meeting will be held in May 2020 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 2019 Annual General Meeting is adjourned at 10:55am.