



PETERBOROUGH FIELD NATURALISTS

**Minutes of the Peterborough Field Naturalists
81st Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
(Zoom Meeting)**

1. Call to Order

President Rene Gareau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the participants. The Zoom meeting was attended by 37 members of the Peterborough Field Naturalists (PFN).

President Gareau stated that the number of members attending by Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic exceeds the quorum required by the Peterborough Field Naturalists Operating By-law for a Members' Business Meeting.

The following documents were attached to the meeting notice that was sent by email to members: Agenda, Minutes of the 80th Annual General Meeting (March 3, 2021), Annual Report for 2021, Financial Statements 2021 and Treasurer's Report, and Report of the Nominating Committee. Most of these documents were also published in the March, 2022 issue of *The Orchid* and available on the PFN website.

Reem Ali, the Zoom host, explained how voting on motions will work for this meeting.

2. Land Acknowledgment

The Land Acknowledgement statement to recognize the relationship between Indigenous peoples and their traditional territories was presented by Paul Elliott.

3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Motion:

*That the Minutes of the Peterborough Field Naturalists 80th Annual General Meeting of the held on March 3, 2021 be approved as published in *The Orchid*. **Carried***

4. President's Report 2021

President Gareau summarized the highlights of the past year which recognized that despite the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, the PFN has adapted and that there had been numerous opportunities for members to Know, Appreciate and Conserve nature and connect with each other.

5. Annual Report 2021

Motion:

*To accept the Annual Report for 2021 as published in *The Orchid*. **Carried***

6. Treasurer's Report

Motion:

To approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 as published in the Orchid.

Carried

Motion:

That the requirement for an external audit or review of the PFN Financial Statements for 2021 under the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act 2010 be waived and that the Board of Directors develop a procedure for an annual informal review of the PFN's financial records by a committee including one or more persons not members of the Board of Directors.

Carried

PFN member Ian Attridge suggested that in addition to the annual review of the budget by committee that the PFN consider occasionally carrying out a full audit. PFN member Al Sippel supported this suggestion and further indicated such an audit should be carried out every 3 years.

7. Nominating Committee Report

Edward Vale presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. President Gareau asked three times for nominations from members in attendance.

Motion:

That the Report of the Nominating Committee recommending a three-year term on the Board of Directors for Daniel Cadieux, Phil Shaw, Marilyn Hubley and Reem Ali be approved.

Carried

8. Certificates of Appreciation

President Gareau presented Certificates of Appreciation to PFN members Ian Attridge, Mike McMurtry, Chris Risley and community member Warren Dunlop for carefully reviewing, analyzing and providing sound technical input to support the PFN review of the new City of Peterborough's official plan.

9. Lola Leach Award

President Gareau presented the Lola Leach Award to Lynn Smith for outstanding and ongoing contributions as a dedicated volunteer, Board member and President.

10. Adjournment

President Gareau declared:

That the Peterborough Field Naturalists 81st Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Rene Gareau, President

Board of Directors

Presentation - A presentation was delivered by Kelly King and Maggie Cummings who spoke about the TRACKS program hosted by Trent University. "TRACKS (TRent Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge and Science) facilitates dynamic, land-based youth programming that braids multiple scientific approaches by centring Indigenous ways of knowing and being.