



COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

Conference Call **January 24, 2019**

Present: Peter Street, R.P.F., President
Gord King, R.P.F.
Greg Pawson, Past-President
Tim Payne, R.P.F.
Susan Gesner, Public Member
Tom Ratz, R.P.F.

Lacey Rose, R.P.F.
Waseem Ashiq, R.P.F.
Mark Kuhlberg, Public Member
Neil McLean, R.P.F.
Paul Wallis, Public Member

Fred Pinto, R.P.F., Executive Director and Registrar
Louise Simpson, Registration Manager
Priscilla Doyle, Registration Coordinator

Regrets: Denis Gagnon, R.P.F., Vice-President Larry McDermott, Public Member

1. **Call to Order-** P. Street- Peter Street called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and the attendance was recorded as above.
2. **10 Year Review of Endangered Species Act-** P. Street- A invitation on how to improve the ESA was received by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Peter Street distributed a draft document to Council prior to the meeting:
 - The intent was not to advocate but to convey the concerns received from OPFA members.
 - The message should be conveyed that it is challenging to regulate members with two competing pieces of legislation.
 - Factual information should be provided.
 - The draft document will be uploaded to Google Drive. Council Members will be asked to review it by the end of the day on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. Fred Pinto and Peter Street will then finalize the document and will send it to the Ministry.
3. **Council Minutes-** F. Pinto
 - As discussed at the December 5-6, 2018 Council meeting, beginning with the September 2018 minutes, Council minutes will be posted on the OPFA website which will be visible to members only.
 - A page has been set up in the Governance area of the website in anticipation of the approved September minutes.

- As requested by Council, the minutes of September 11, 2018, will be sent to Council members to review with the intention of posting the approved Minutes of Council on the OPFA website. If a change is made to the September 2018 minutes a new motion to accept the minutes will be required.
- 4. 2019 Annual Conference- F. Pinto**
- In order to publish information on the conference on the website and the March issue of *The Professional Forester* newsletter and to begin developing the online registration for the conference, information as to the location, field trips, and the cost will be required by mid-February. Tom Ratz agreed to provide this information.
- 5. 2018 Survey Responses-Issues to be Raised with Council Questions-P. Street**
- A link to the spreadsheet on Google Drive of the questions and suggestions was sent to Council prior to the meeting. Many Council Members had already provided changes and comments.
 - A summary of the results of the survey was sent to Members and an e-lecture addressing some of the main issues was held on November 15, 2018. A link to the recording of the e-lecture was then sent to members.
 - How to best to communicate the answers to these questions was discussed:
 - Should the questions and answers be assembled and emailed to members? As many of the suggestions as possible should also be addressed.
 - Does each question need to be addressed?
 - Should the answers to the questions be in regard to how changes to the strategic plan will be made?
 - Should some of the key questions be answered in upcoming newsletters as a Q & A?
 - Can a forum be set up on the website whereby members can chat? This would require a moderator and a lot of work to manage it.
 - Should some of the questions be incorporated in the existing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website?
 - Should a Q & A be set up on Facebook? We would need a disclaimer that there is no moderator.
 - Should the final version of the spreadsheet be made available to members on the website?
 - Louise Simpson and Fred Pinto will speak during lunch at the Annual Conference in Thunder Bay. Fred will describe OPFA's 2018 and 2019 initiatives while Louise will speak about the survey results and OPFA responses.
 - Some notes were taken on some of the questions. Greg Pawson and Louise Simpson will, over the next couple of weeks, categorize (group) and prioritize the questions and answers for further Council review.
 - Discussion arose around the need for the Executive Director to hold regular regional seminars throughout Ontario as has been done in the past. These could be done in 3-4 areas every two years. Council members could also hold similar seminars in their section. This will be discussed more fully at the March 19-20 meeting in Toronto.
- 6. 4. Termination of Meeting –** As Peter Street had to leave the meeting earlier, Greg Pawson thanked everyone and terminated the meeting at 11:30 a.m.