



BAY AREA RESTORATION COUNCIL

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Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2016

5:30 P.M.

Hamilton Waterfront Trust Centre
57 Discovery Drive, Hamilton

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by BARC President Martin Keller at 5:35 p.m.

2. President's Review for 2015-2016

Programs were reviewed by the numbers including Creeks & Creepy Crawlies, Classroom Mini Marsh, Marsh Volunteer Planting, Stream of Dreams, Water School, and Yellow Fish Road.

We continue to build our new website, the Digital Community Forum, which had more than 7,000 page views in the previous year. The website includes pages such as: Programs, Library, Blogs, Explore the Bay, Events, Get Involved, and a new regular focus on water-related arts.

The rehabilitation and health of Cootes Paradise Marsh is the singular most important indicator of our success in the Hamilton Harbour watershed, including the return of plant life to the marsh. Although there are still many water quality issues in Cootes to resolve, the results of 25 years of effort by our partner agencies on the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan is by far nothing short of amazing.

3. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

MOTION: That the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.

MOVED by Mary Ellen Scanlon, SECONDED by Bob Edmundson. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Actions of the Board of Directors

MOTION: That the actions of the Board of Directors be approved.

MOVED by Marilyn Baxter, SECONDED by Maureen Padden. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

5. Financial Report & Appointment of Accountant

The Financial Report was provided by BARC Vice President Maureen Padden.

MOTION: That Beckett Lowden Read, LLP Chartered Accountants be retained for auditing services during the current 2016-2017 fiscal year.

MOVED by Maureen Padden, SECONDED by Martin Thissen. None opposed, no abstentions.
Motion carried.

6. Proposed Slate of Directors

Martin Keller presented the proposed slate of officers for 2016-2017, including officers completing their first term: Jeremy Freiburger, Mary Ellen Scanlon; their third term: Martin Keller; and their first re-election: Edwin Debruyn, Bob Edmondson, Wade Hemsworth, Alyssa Lai, Maureen Padden, and Andrew Sebestyen. Newly proposed: Simon Gautrey and Mike Stone.

Martin Keller recognized and thanked officers who are ending their terms: Vic Cairns and Kathy Menyes.

Martin Keller called thrice for nominations from the floor. There were none.

MOTION: That the proposed slate of Board members be adopted.

MOVED by Holly McKea, SECONDED by Sheila O'Neill. None opposed, no abstentions.
Motion carried.

7. Other Business, Adjournment

Martin Keller provided the opportunity for other business to be addressed. None was raised.

MOTION: That the 2016 BARC Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

MOVED by Simon Gautrey, SECONDED by Holly McKea. None opposed, no abstentions.
Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Awards & Special Recognition

IMPLEMENTATION AWARD

Presented to Environment Canada on behalf of the partner agencies of the Randle Reef Executive Committee. Presented by Andy Sebestyen (BARC Board member) to John Gee (Manager, Great Lakes Areas of Concern Division, Environment Canada).

For the initiation of the Randle Reef Environmental Containment Facility to contain the legacy toxic sediment at the area of Hamilton Harbour known as Randle Reef. The process of stakeholder collaboration to identify the problem, choose a solution and overcome the significant complexities of this project is a tremendous accomplishment of the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan. The Randle Reef Environmental Containment Facility will have a significant and positive impact on the environmental quality of Hamilton Harbour and on the image of our community as a whole.

IMPLEMENTATION AWARD

Presented to Region of Halton by Mary Ellen Scanlon (BARC Board member) to Martin Thissen (Manager, Wastewater Treatment, Region of Halton).

For completion of tertiary treatment upgrades to Burlington's Skyway Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project will produce effluent that exceeds the goal of the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan for phosphorus, and as such will make an exceptionally significant contribution to improving water quality in Hamilton Harbour and to the completion of the RAP.

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Presented and accepted by Martin Keller (BARC President) on behalf of Victor Cairns (BARC Treasurer, not present).

For extraordinary voluntary service to BARC as a member of the Board of Directors for ten years between 2006 and 2016. Vic served as Vice President for two of those years and Treasurer for six more. Vic also served all ten years on the Monitoring Committee and contributed to several annual Towards Safe Harbour reports, including two of BARC's quinquennial Report Cards on the progress of the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan.

Public Access Forum

A panel discussion was held on the history and future of public access to the Harbour:

Ken Cruikshank, Professor of History, McMaster University – A History of People and the Bay

Werner Plessl, Executive Director, Hamilton Waterfront Trust – Engineering Public Access: Bayfront Park and Waterfront Trail

Paul Shaker, Principal, CivicPlan – Planning for More Public Access to Water

Holly McKea asked about wheelchair accessibility with the development of Pier 8. Marilyn Baxter said a few words about BARC's 25th anniversary.