

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
June 2, 2018**

1. Liz Calvin welcomed the members of Green Durham Association (GDA) and asked for a motion to call the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
2. Lori Wilder was appointed as secretary for the meeting.
3. The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) as previously distributed by email and made available on the website were tabled.
4. A review of the 2017/18 year were presented.
 - **Stewardship**
 - TRCA/GDA shared position, that being Ranald McKay, has been of tremendous value to the maintenance of the property.
 - East Duffins Headwater (EDH) Committee, a network of local organizations, meets to talk about the issues affecting the property.
 - A volunteer agreement has been formalized and finalized – volunteers are critical due to funding shortages.
 - **Public Access**
 - Goodwood Tract – a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation of \$75,000 has been obtained to assist in developing a trail plan for this property.
 - Signage project – plaques for 38 of the 95 posts have been requested and paid. Revenue to date is \$9,550 with expenses of \$5,440 plus many volunteer hours.
 - Map project – 3 maps have been released with the 4th to come early this fall. Revenue for the first 2 years has been \$2,884 against expenses of \$25,000. Maps are for sale at several local businesses.
 - Canada 150 – a joint event with DMBA to celebrate the trails.
 - **Policy**
 - Trails and communities – GDA continues to advocate for the connection to Rouge National Urban Park, particularly as it relates to the communities of

Seaton and Claremont. The connecting gateway would require approximately 900 acres.

- Federal lands
 - With GDA's charitable status, assistance was provided in fund raising for Land Over Landings agricultural study.
 - Provincial lands – The efforts requesting the province to turn over management of the Tannenbaum property to TRCA is on-going and frustrating. There appear to be no changes in the foreseeable future.

- **Administrative and Other**

- Branding/awareness – GDA sponsored the stone sculpture by Fly Freeman promoting the Uxbridge trails.
- A joint open house was held at the Goodwood Community Centre to promote trail awareness.
- Fundraising – efforts continue with the sign post project.

5. A. Conyers reviewed the 2017/18 financial statements. As of the year ending May 31, 2018 the revenue was \$125,450 with expenses of \$79,067. Included in the revenue are Trillium grant funds of \$67,500. Including cash and securities, GDA has assets of \$179,510.

6. B Wilder proposed the following members for Directors and called for nominations to close and accept them for 2018/19 Directors. W. Dobson called for the close of nominations as presented, seconded by L. Calvin. Carried.

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| ● Brian Buckles | Bob Henderson |
| ● Liz Calvin | John McCutcheon |
| ● Adam Conyers | Michael Tucker (honorary) |
| ● Wendy Dobson | Geoffery Vernon |
| ● Michie Garland | Lori Wilder |

7. Priorities for 2017/18 were presented:

- **Stewardship**

- On-going TRCA relationship as it relates to the community liaison and various projects. The trail management agreement is currently for 1 year. We will work to have that extended for a 5 year term.
- A volunteer program for trail maintenance will be developed.

- **Public Access**
 - Dagmar/Johnson lease – a total of \$6,000. We are working with the biking community to share the cost.
 - Release of the 3rd strip map – the 4th map in total.
 - Trillium grant release as it relates to the Goodwood tract – in conjunction with Parks Canada, ORTA, TRCA.
 - **Policy**
 - Transfer of provincial lands – Uxbridge township.
 - Funding of conservation lands.
 - Maintain support for LCCW with a matching program.
 - **Administrative and Other**
 - Revise GDA's bylaws, if and when the proposed legislation passes.
 - Public recognition event in celebration of the receipt of the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.
 - Fundraising – explore methods to engage more of the trail users.
8. GDA has representation of several committees and will continue to do so for 2018/2019
- EDH Stewardship Committee
 - “Field Office”
 - Goodwood Tract Project
 - Uxbridge Trails Committee
 - Uxbridge Naturally
 - Healthy Kids Committee Uxbridge
 - Regional Watershed Alliance
9. The 2018/19 budget was presented with anticipated receipts of \$28,000 and expenses of \$32,000, resulting in a gap of \$4,000. Support for TRCA continues to be a significant expense item, with \$5,000 for the liaison position and \$8,000 for maintenance support. The matching of \$4,000 will again be extended to the work of Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water.
10. Corrina Thomassen-Darby of TRCA presented an overview of the Goodwood Resource Management Tract Trail Plan Project.
11. The formal portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. A hike of the Goodwood Tract for those interested was led by Corrina.