

Meeting: BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Regular Meeting)
Date: December 19, 2009
Time: 1:30 pm
Location: TLC Head Office, 1195 Esquimalt Road, Victoria

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Action Items:

1. Frances Pugh was asked to identify the issues to be dealt with by the Agriculture Task Force, as well as the membership of the Task Force.
2. The Board is to discuss Keating Farm at its next meeting.

In attendance: Alastair Craighead, Briony Penn, Carol Pickup, David Merner, Elspeth McVeigh, Frances Pugh, Ken Millard, Todd Wong

Regrets: Barry Glickman, Cheryl Bryce

Staff and guests: Bill Turner, David Chambers, Gary Holman, Ian Fawcett, Jennifer Iredale, John Keller, Kathleen Sheppard, Rick Goodacre

1. CALL TO ORDER

Alastair Craighead called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. MINUTES

Moved (Carol Pickup) / Seconded (Todd Wong) that the minutes of the November 28, 2009 Board of Directors meeting be approved. The Motion carried.

3. EDUCATIONAL ITEM – HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Ian Fawcett provided an overview of Heritage Conservation at TLC.

Rick Goodacre from Heritage BC spoke to the Board.

Jennifer Iredale, Acting Director, Heritage Branch, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, spoke about the structure and mandate of the Branch. She pointed the Board to <http://www.historicplaces.ca>

4. MADRONA FARM

David Chambers provided background information on the Madrona Farm purchase. He also spoke about the Blenkinsop Valley and the potential for TLC to play a role in the Valley. The Chambers are currently paying \$4,200 and that covers the property tax of \$900 and insurance.

5. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the criteria for selecting a replacement for Magnus Bein. The consensus was that regional representation from the Interior or from the Lower Mainland is very important selection criterion. Outreach to former candidates for the Board is another consideration as we want to build bridges. Skills required by the Board are another consideration and we discussed financial skills and understanding of agriculture issues. Outreach to communities not currently represented on the Board, such as the Indo-Canadian community, is another priority. The Board also agreed that it would be good practice to bring people on to the Board once they have served on a TLC committee.

6. AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Fran spoke about the mandate of an Agriculture Committee . The idea behind the committee would be to engage knowledgeable people. Topics would include the examination of a sustainable model that might help to address the issues facing the Keating Farm Co-Op.

Moved (Carol Pickup) / Seconded (Todd Wong) that the Board endorsed the concept of establishing a Agriculture Task Force to identify the issues and report back to the Board on membership. The motion carried.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ian Fawcett outlined the provisions in the bylaws for creation of a Nominating Committee, and proposed that such a committee be struck.

Moved (Carol Pickup) / Seconded (Frances Pugh) that a Nominating Committee be struck and that Cheryl Bryce, David Merner, and Ken Millard and be appointed to the committee, with staff support from Bill Turner and Ian Fawcett. The motion carried.

8. PROPERTY UPDATES

Kathleen Sheppard provided the detailed descriptions for the following two properties and recommended that they be declared inalienable.

(a) Centre Creek, Surrey: Centre Creek was donated to TLC in 2003. The Centre Creek watershed is located in northeast Surrey encompassing a catchment area of approximately 3.2 square km from Fraser Heights to the west, along the Surrey upland ridge north of the Trans Canada Highway, to 176th Street to the east. Historically, this salmon bearing creek was over 1,000 meters long flowing from Fraser Heights down through Surrey Bend Park, out to the Fraser River. Unfortunately, over the past 20 years this creek has been impacted by intense development within its catchment area.

Moved (Frances Pugh) / Seconded (Todd Wong) that the Centre Creek property be declared inalienable.

(b) Salt Spring Island: The south Salt Spring Island waterfront property supports some Garry Oak Ecosystems, rated as one of the most endangered vegetation communities in Canada. The property was donated in 2006 to TLC under the Ecological Gifts Program of Environment Canada, and is maintained as an ecological reserve with no public access. The property contains

Coastal Douglas-fir forest, which is a priority for protection in BC. In areas where the topography is relatively flat and low, relative to the bedrock outcrops, western red cedar is the main tree species. Along drier rock outcrop areas, Garry Oak plant communities are found. Groundcover associated with this community consists of many wildflowers including common camas, white fawn lily, shooting stars, and onion species as well as diverse grass and moss species. Wildlife trees are also located on the property, which provide a valuable habitat for local flora and fauna such as ravens, bald eagles, and woodpeckers.

Moved (Ken Millard) / Seconded (David Merner) that the Salt Spring Island property be declared inalienable.

Bill reported on transfer document Squamish Mamquam Blind Channel that is coming to TLC.

Bill indicated that the rezoning on the Squamish Gravel Pit is continuing along. We expect to bring in about \$3 million on that sale, and we owe a little less than \$800,000.

The Board will speak about Keating at its next meeting. Some bracing of the roof was done earlier this week. Fran and Ken indicated that they appreciated the very good tour of the property provided by Nicole.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a special meeting at a date to be set.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Ken Millard) / Seconded (Todd Wong) that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.