



**Eastern Ontario Forest Group
27th Annual General Meeting of Members**

**Wednesday, June 19th, 2019
Limerick Forest Interpretive Centre
Located at 1175 Limerick Rd., Oxford Station, ON**

Minutes

Opening & Welcome

Lorraine Rekmans, an FSC Board Member, provided an opening for the 27th Annual General Meeting. Introductory remarks were provided by Doug Struthers, Mayor Merrickville-Wolford, and Tony Bull, President of the EOMF.

1. Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by Tony Bull, President of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

The President's Message acknowledged the efforts of staff, directors, partners and members in assisting the EOMF in the delivery of a diverse and excellent work program this past year. Their dedication and commitment to the organization embodies all the best in the tradition of the model forest. Although no core funding has been available to the EOMF for six years, Tony acknowledged the success of the organization a result of all the excellent work by staff, present and past, as well as the strong volunteer base.

A moment of silence was held to commemorate the passing of Peter Marsh and Wayne Young.

A summary the of primary initiatives accomplished over this year included: continued expansion of the forest certification program; the carbon offset program; landowner education and outreach (e.g., Kemptville Woodlot Conference & Xmas Forest Seminar); continued outreach for the forestry documentary project; initiatives relating to the Regional Forest Health Network, and projects providing Ontario parks with Emerald Ash Borer management strategies.

2. Proof of Notice of Meeting

Proof of notice of the meeting was deemed to have been done [i.e., member mail out (May 15, 2019), & e-mail notice on April 23, 2019 and website (March, 2019)]. The quorum consisted of all who were present. Notice of the AG meeting was provided within the framework of the EOMF constitution.

Resolution

Moved by: Jeff Ward

Seconded by: Joanne Beaulieu

Be it resolved that: the agenda of the 27th Annual General Meeting for the Eastern Ontario Model Forest be approved as it stands.

Carried

3. Minutes of the 26th AG Meeting

Resolution

Moved by: Jeff Ward

Seconded by: Dick Lalande

Be it resolved that: the minutes from the 26th Annual General Meeting for the Eastern Ontario Model Forest be approved.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes

5. Receiving Reports

(a) Reports of the President, Secretary-Treasurer, General Manager, Committees

The General Manger provided an overview of the accomplishments that were outlined in the 2018-2019 Annual Report.

The General Manager presented the 2018-2019 Financial Statement which shows a \$16,550 deficit for this fiscal year. This is a decrease from the projected deficit of \$29,500.

Resolution

Moved by: Tom Richardson

Seconded by: Jeff Ward

Be it be resolved that: the auditor's report be received.

Carried

The following statement was made by the President.... "The meeting has deemed that the reports of the President, Secretary-Treasurer, General Manager and other committees had been received."

Approval of Audited Financial Statement of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest

Resolution

Moved by: Tom Richardson
Seconded by: Jean-Claude Havard

Be it resolved that the Audited Financial Statement for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for the Eastern Ontario Forest Group as provided by WGP Professional Corporation Chartered Accountants be approved.

Carried

6. Appointment of Auditors

Resolution

Moved by: Tom Richardson
Seconded by: Tony Bull

Be it resolved that: The EOMF requests that the membership provide the board the authority to explore options for accountants in 2019/2020.

Carried

7. Approval of Acts of Directors and Staff

Resolution

Moved by: Jim McCready
Seconded by: Tom Richardson

Be it resolved that: all acts of the Directors, Officers, and Staff in the conduct of the business and activities of the Eastern Ontario Forest Group since the Annual General Meeting of June 13, 2018 be approved, sanctioned and confirmed.

Carried

8. Election of Directors

(a) Tabling of Report of the Nomination Committee

Resolution

Moved by: Dorothy Hamilton
Seconded by: Brian Barkley

Be it resolved that: the report of the Nominating Committee be received.

Carried

The Nomination Committee's report included the following nominees - Jean-Claude Havard, Amanda Mitchell and Martin Streit.

(b) Resolution to Close Nominations

Resolution

Moved by: Dorothy Hamilton

Seconded by: Dick Lalande

Be it resolved that: the nominations be closed.

Carried

With no further nominations from the floor, Jean-Claude Havard, Amanda Mitchell and Martin Streit were declared as elected for a three-year term.

Jean-Claude Havard expressed his gratitude at being invited to serve another term with the EOMF. Jim McCready And Tony Bull spoke a few words on behalf of Martin Streit, who was not present at the meeting.

Those Board members whose term continues into 2019-2020 include: Tony Bull, Dorothy Hamilton, Curtis Marcoux, Jim McCready, Jeff McVey and Jeff Ward.

(c) Appointed Directors/Observers to the EOMF Board

The President announced that the directors/observers were as follows:

Henry Lickers	Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
Tom Richardson	Forest Industry

9. Members Reports, Activities, Comments

Emilie Sasseville Charette provided an update from the International Model Forest Network, some highlights included:

- a. There are currently 2.5 employees at the Canadian Forest Service working for the IMFN – Rich Verbisky, Christa Mooney, and Emilie Sasseville Charette.
- b. The IMFN launched a new website last March and will be looking at a strategic renewal of their own objectives for the next 5-year horizon where they will be looking to the EOMF for input.
- c. It was requested by Tom Richardson that the new strategic plan explore options for local model forests such as the EOMF.

Sandra Lawn from the Ontario East Wood Centre provided an update with a slide presentation that is available on the website.

10. Resolutions

There were no resolutions from the floor.

11. Date and place of next annual general meeting

Resolution

Moved by: Jim McCready

Seconded by: Tony Bull

Be it resolved that: The Board of Directors be authorized to set the date and location for the next Annual General Meeting.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Resolution

Moved by: Dorothy Hamilton

Be it resolved that the 2019 AGM be adjourned at 10:45 am.

Carried

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am and, after a break, was followed by the following presentations:

- **Jim McCready, RPF**, EOMF Board member – ***Update on the Regional Forest Health Network***
- **Rob Ross**, Forest Technician, United Counties of Leeds & Grenville- ***Invasive Plant Management Strategy for Leeds & Grenville***
- **Paul Hetzler**, Horticulture and Natural Resources Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County, NY ***“Different Perspectives: Managing Invasive Species in St. Lawrence County, NY”***
 - Paul talked about the developing threats of invasive species south of the border and the approach that is being taken by Cornell Cooperative Centre to prepare and manage these threats. He will also discuss the challenges with regards to cross boundary collaboration and how working together is important for invasive species management.

Recipients of this year’s EOMF awards included:

- Silversides award - Barb Boysen and Rose Fleguel.
- Heartwood Award - Ann Bull, Marie-Andrée Drouin, and Leila S. Havard