

Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2014, 11:00am – 3:40pm
The Old Mill Inn, Kingsbrook Meeting Room, Toronto

Directors Present: Rodney Northey, Pamela Robinson, David McKeown, Marcus Ginder, Eric Bowman, Mary Desjardins, Rick Smith, David Oved

Regrets: Debbie Inglis, Joyce McLean

Others: Burkhard Mausberg, Kathy Macpherson, Susan Murray, Shelley Petrie, Sarah Petrean, Namgyal Dolker (recorder), Nicole Swerhun

Declaration of Conflicts:

The following declared conflicts:

- Rodney Northey - Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association
- Debbie Inglis - Conservation Ontario and FarmStart
- Eric Bowman - Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust
- David Oved - Living City Foundation

Mr. Bruce Lourie of Ivey Foundation spoke to the Board regarding his insights to the possible future of the Greenbelt and the Foundation after the 2015 Review.

1. Board and Corporate

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes of September 24, 2014. Motion moved by Marcus Ginder and seconded by David Oved. Carried.

2. CEO's Report

The Board reviewed and accepted the CEO's Report.

The Board approved the 2015 Review Summit Group's five principles of the Areas of Agreement. Motion moved by Marcus Ginder, seconded by Rick Smith. One opposed. Carried.

The Board approved the Aggregates position for 2015 Review Areas of Agreement. Motion moved by Marcus Ginder, seconded by Rick Smith. One abstained. Carried.

The Board agreed to consider a funding request in March from the Greenbelt Fund if it does not receive funding from other sources. Motion moved by Marcus Ginder, Seconded by Rick Smith. Carried

The Board had a discussion on the visioning lead by Nicole Swerhun and decided to continue discussion via a series of future Board meetings.

3. Grants

The Board reviewed and approved the applications for funding as summarized in Appendix A.

The Board reviewed and ratified the Strategic Opportunities Grants. Motion moved by Eric Bowman, seconded by David Oved. Carried.

The Board approved a Microgrant Program for Regional offices and suggested updating the Board quarterly on expenditures starting June 2015. Motion moved by David McKeown, seconded by Marcus Ginder. Carried.

The Board directed the CEO to shift \$50K from grants to research to retain expert advice for 2015 Review of the Greenbelt. Motion moved by Marcus Ginder, seconded by Pamela Robinson. Carried.

The Board directed the CEO to shift \$5K from grants to research to retain expert advice on establishing a capital seed loan program for new farmers in the Greenbelt. Motion moved by Pamela Robinson, seconded by Marcus Ginder. Carried.

The Board reviewed and accepted the update on grant program activities and the grant payment schedule.

4. Communications

The Board reviewed and accepted the update on communication activities and on the Toronto Star.

5. Research & Policy

The Board reviewed and accepted the update on research and policy activities.

6. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm. Motion moved by Eric Bowman, seconded by Marcus Ginder. Carried.

David Oved
Secretary
Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation

Date

**Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation
Appendix A**

The following were approved for funding by the Board:

Organization: Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association

Project: Forests for the Future

Amount: \$40,000 over 9 months

Moved: Rick Smith

Seconded: Marcus Ginder

Conflict: Rodney Northey

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Conservation Ontario

Project: Streamlining Regulations: Development of an Agricultural Guide to Conservation Authority Permits in the Greenbelt

Amount: \$50,000 over 15 months

Moved: Pamela Robinson

Seconded: David Oved

Conflict: None

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: EcoSpark

Project: Sparking a Successful 2015 Review through Youth Participation

Amount: \$50,000 over 18 months

Moved: Rick Smith

Seconded: Mary Desjardins

Conflict: None

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Living City Foundation

Project: Adventure Experience Tourism Promotion

Amount: \$50,000 over one year

Moved: Rick Smith

Seconded: Marcus Ginder

Conflict: David Oved

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust

Project: 2015: Conversations on Past and Future

Amount: \$24,100 over one year

Moved: Rick Smith

Seconded: Marcus Ginder

Conflict: None

Opposed: None
Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Pembina Foundation

Project: Good Development Project
Amount: \$198,000 over two years
Moved: Eric Bowman
Seconded: Marcus Ginder
Conflict: None
Opposed: None
Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: The STOP Community Food Centre

Project: New Canadians Go Greenbelt!
Amount: \$135,625 over two years
Moved: Marcus Ginder
Seconded: David Oved
Conflict: None
Opposed: None
Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Organization: Travel Gay Canada

Project: #GREENBELTPRIDE
Amount: \$39,000 over one year
Moved: David Oved
Seconded: Pamela Robinson
Conflict: None
Opposed: None
Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Durham Sustain Ability

Project: Getting to Know the Greenbelt
Amount: \$10,000
Moved: Pamela Robinson
Seconded: Marcus Ginder
Conflict: None
Opposed: None
Ratified: Unanimously

The following were deferred for funding by the Board.

Organization: Ontario Farmland Trust

Project: Cultivating New Opportunities for Farm Access to Public Greenbelt Lands via New Models of Land Trust Collaboration
Amount: \$35,000 over one year
Moved: Mary Desjardins
Seconded: David Oved
Conflict: None

Opposed: None
Ratified: Unanimously

The following were declined for funding by the Board.

Organization: FarmStart

Project: Seed Capital and Capacity for New Ecological Farmers

Amount: \$240,000 over 3 years

Moved: Pamela Robinson

Seconded: Marcus Ginder

Conflict: None

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Rural Burlington Greenbelt Coalition

Project: Protecting the Greenbelt in 2015: Supporting Hot Spot Campaigns

Amount: \$100,000 over 18 months

Moved: Marcus Ginder

Seconded: David Oved

Conflict: None

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously