

Annual General Meeting

The 2001– 2002 Annual General Meeting of the Rideau Waterway Land Trust Foundation will take place on Friday, September 13 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Once again this year Queen's University Biological Station at Chaffey's Lock will host the event. The Biological Station is located on the shores of Opinicon Lake. To get to the Station proceed through Chaffey's Lock, crossing the swing bridge over the Rideau. Proceed 1.4 kilometres and turn left on Queen's University Road and follow the road to the facilities. The agenda for the meeting is included in this news bulletin.

The Board of Directors of the RWLT would like to remind members that this is their opportunity to participate in the governance of your Trust. As per Paragraph 20 of By-Law Number 1 "members who wish to put forward motions pertaining to financial or policy matters at an Annual General meeting of the members, or who wish to have an item otherwise added to the agenda, must give written notice to that effect to the Secretary not less than 10 days before the meeting." Frank Symons is the secretary of the RWLT and items may be sent to his attention by mail to the Trust's office, fax 613-284-8093 or e-mail at rwlt@sympatico.ca

Two New By-Laws

The Board of Directors recently passed two by-laws that will be presented to the membership to be voted on. Copies of both bylaws are included with this news bulletin.

By-law Number 2 gives the Board permission to borrow money, as it may deem necessary, from time to time. As the Trust continues to grow there may be occasions where the Board

may consider it prudent to borrow money. One example could be to allow the Trust to take advantage of early payment discounts when it purchases supplies for a special event. The loan would be repaid from the proceeds of the event. In this situation the cost of borrowing money short term may be less than if the Trust had to redeem short-term investments to fund the event. A second example where the Trust may consider borrowing money is in a situation where the Trust is in a position of having to complete an acquisition of a desirable property before the fundraising is completed. A short-term mortgage would allow the Trust to secure the property while fundraising continues.

The purpose of By-law Number 3 is to allow the secretary adequate time to compile a list of the voting members in advance of general meetings of the membership. By requiring memberships to be paid 30 days in advance of a meeting the secretary will have this opportunity.

Annual Dinner

The Board of Directors of the Trust would like to extend an invitation to all members and their guests to join them for the Annual Dinner. This popular event will follow the Annual General Meeting, and will take place in the dining room at the Queen's University Biological Station. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. In celebration of another successful year, the chef will be preparing a three-course dinner of Prime Rib or Cornish Hen for the guests. The highlight of the evening will be the dessert auction. Board members are donating decadent desserts to be auctioned. Come prepared to bid on these mouth-watering desserts and treat your table to these culinary delights.

A short presentation ceremony and an interesting guest speaker will follow dinner.

Once again we expect the Annual Dinner to be a sell-out so get your group together, use the enclosed form and get your ticket requests in early. Join with your fellow members and their guests for an evening of good food, good friendship and good entertainment.

Doug Wolthausen Guest Speaker

This year's guest speaker will be Doug Wolthausen, Director of Habitat Conservation Programs with Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC). WHC is a national, non-profit, conservation organization that was established in 1984 by Environment Canada and its partners within the wildlife habitat coalition. WHC works through partnerships with communities, landowners, governments and non-government organizations to find effective solutions to complex environmental problems facing wildlife habitat. Through their active granting program WHC supports habitat conservation initiatives across Canada. Over the past 18 years WHC has contributed \$28 million through grant awards in support of hundreds of habitat conservation projects, programs and associated partnerships in communities across Canada.

Doug has vast experience both locally and nationally in conservation projects and will be speaking about land conservation land projects undertaken by community groups across Canada and in particular how we can apply these initiatives to the Rideau Corridor.

Annual Member Survey

As many of you will recall, the Trust sent a survey with the spring newsletter asking for your input on several issues. You were asked to rate which types of properties were the most important to preserve. The percentage of respondents that rated the classes of properties as their first choice to be preserved is:

Ecological Lands	69.2%
Historic Lands	13.2%
Recreational Lands	9.9%
Scenic Lands	7.9%

The results of this question will be used to give the Board Of Directors guidance in the selection of future property acquisition projects.

Annual Corn Roast

The Annual Corn Roast was held on August 3rd at the Chaffey's Lock Lockstation. Once again another attendance record was set with 1810 tickets sold. This event just gets bigger every year. In addition to a new attendance record, the team from Enbridge Gas, Nick Brown and his family, Alex McKinney and their helpers managed to keep ahead of the crowds and prepared and served record amounts of food.

The Beverly Anne II fought to come from behind to tie with the Rednose II in the Fast and Furious Sea Trials. The Carlson family, led by the youth team of Mark, Heather and Chloe, entered for the first time and almost held on to defeat the more experienced crew from the Beverly Anne II.

The evening featured a Tribute to Gerry Lee Lewis. After playing such venues as Las Vegas and the Calgary Stampede, Gerry Lee had Chaffey's rocking.

The Trust would like to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers that make this event such a success.

Landowner Contact and Volunteer Training

The Trust recently received grants from The Ontario Trillium Foundation (\$96,100) and Chawkers Foundation (\$8,000). Part of this grant money will be used to develop a volunteer training program in the areas of land securement and community fundraising over the next three years. Once developed the Trust will begin to deliver workshops for the volunteers. The first workshops are scheduled for March 20 and 22, 2003 in Kingston.

**RIDEAU WATERWAY LAND TRUST FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2002
Queen's University Biological Station, Chaffey's Lock**

Call to Order 5:00 p.m.

1. Opening Welcome to Members and Guests
2. Approval of Minutes 2000 – 2001 AGM
3. Presentations of Reports by the Committees
4. Presentation of Financial Statements
5. Discussion and Vote on By-Law Number 2 and By-Law Number 3
6. Nominations and Elections of Board of Directors
7. Appointment of Auditor for Next Fiscal Year
8. President's Address
9. New Business Put Forward By Members
10. Adjournment

BY-LAW NUMBER 2

A by-law respecting the borrowing of money, the issuing of securities and the securing of liabilities by Rideau Waterway Land Trust Foundation.

BE IT ENACTED as a by-law of RIDEAU WATERWAY LAND TRUST FOUNDATION (hereinafter referred to as the ``Corporation``) as follows:

The board may from time to time, in such amounts and on such terms as it deems expedient:

- (a) borrow money on the credit of the Corporation;
- (b) issue, sell or pledge debt obligations (including bonds, debentures, notes or other similar obligations, secured or unsecured) of the Corporation;
- (c) charge, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge all or any of the currently owned or subsequently acquired real estate or personal, movable or immovable, property of the Corporation, including book debts, rights, powers, franchises and undertaking, to secure any debt obligations or money borrowed, or other debt or liability of the Corporation.

The board may from time to time delegate to such one or more of its directors and officers of the Corporation as may be designated by the board all or any powers conferred on the board above to such extent and in such manner as the board shall determine at the time of each such delegation.

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BY-LAW NUMBER 3

A BY-LAW RELATING GENERALLY TO THE TRANSACTION OF THE AFFAIRS OF RIDEAU WATERWAY LAND TRUST FOUNDATION

BE IT ENACTED as a by-law of RIDEAU WATERWAY LAND TRUST FOUNDATION (hereinafter referred to as the ``Corporation``) as follows:

1. Paragraph 24 of By-Law No. 1 is hereby amended by deleting the same and substituting therefor the following:

24. VOTING OF MEMBER

Subject to the provisions, if any, contained in the Letters Patent of the Corporation, each voting member of the Corporation shall at all meetings of members be entitled to one vote and he may vote by proxy. Such proxy need not himself be a member but before voting shall produce and deposit with the Secretary sufficient appointment in writing from his constituent or constituents. No member shall be entitled either in person or by proxy to vote at meetings of the Corporations unless he has paid all dues or fees, if any, then payable by him **and thirty (30) days prior to a meeting has been recorded as a fully paid member in the records of the Corporation.**

At all meetings of members every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the voting members present in person or represented by proxy unless otherwise required by the by-laws of the Corporation, or by law. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands unless a poll be demanded by any member. Upon a show of hands, every member having voting rights shall have one vote, and unless a poll be demanded a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Corporation shall be admissible in evidence as prima facie proof of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes accorded in favour of or against such resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn, but if a poll be demanded and not withdrawn the question shall be decided by a majority of votes given by the members present in person or by proxy, and such poll shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman shall direct and the result of such poll shall be deemed the decision of the Corporation in general meeting upon the matter in question. In case of an equality of votes at any general meeting, whether upon a show of hands or at a poll, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

Comments?

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