

Highlights from the Minutes of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club Board Meeting, January 10, 2013.

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Items Discussed

Website Renewal

Lindsay Burtenshaw has met several times with the Mohawk College professors and students who will undertake the development of a marketing strategy and website plan for HNC. The students want to know and understand our goals and will develop a survey for HNC Membership. There is no cost to the Club for this work as it is part of the students' learning experience. They hope to complete the project by next Christmas.

Niagara to GTA Corridor

Gord McNulty reported that the current option appears to be expansion of existing highways instead of a new one. Terry Carleton suggested that the Club send a letter signed by the President to Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation, expressing the Club's point of view, and this has been done.

La Salle Marina and the Trumpeter Swans

The Board recommended that concerned HNC members write to the City of Burlington expressing their views on the effect of the proposed wave break on the Trumpeter Swans that winter at La Salle.

Aerotropolis

The hearing into Aerotropolis starts the week of January 14 and will last two or three weeks. Terry Carleton will represent the Club at the hearing. At this time, the city seems unsure of how much land it needs because companies have not shown a lot of interest in the project and the airport is not doing as well as the City had expected.

EnviroHero Award

Herman van Barneveld brought to the Board's attention an award that will be made by Earth Day Canada to a deserving environmental volunteer. Michael Fischer will look into the possibility of an HNC volunteer being nominated for the award. The winner receives \$10,000 which goes to their organization.

Personal Reimbursement

The Board has increased the mileage allowance for individuals doing work for the Club from \$0.40 to \$0.41 per kilometer.