

Summary of the Minutes of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club Board Meeting, March 7, 2013.

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Items Discussed

Website Renewal

The Mohawk College class that was going to work on website renewal for the Club has decided not to proceed because the project is not large enough. In the meantime, Kyle, our webmaster, has resigned. The Board has approved expenditure for up to 4 hours of work by Clarence Bos to evaluate and do some maintenance of the web site.

Enbridge Pipeline

Enbridge has agreed to release information concerning the confidential safety test on the pipeline, but this may take up to 6 months. Counselor Brian McHattie is not pleased because the information will not be available in time for upcoming meetings. Meetings have been held in Burlington, where the pipeline was opposed and Flamborough where residents were in favour because of job creation and other advantages.

Endorsement of the Back to Nature Network

The Board voted to approve endorsement of the Back to Nature Network, an organization that promotes our children's connection with nature. Google The Back to Nature Network to learn more about this organization and the many groups that support it.

Conservation and Education Director Resigns

Terry Carleton, who has done an excellent job of representing the Club and its point of view at many hearings, has resigned because of his heavy workload at the University of Toronto. Terry will be retiring in about 18 months and hopes he will have time then to resume his activities with the Club. The Board is now in search of a replacement for him.

Natural Areas Inventory

Lindsay Burtenshaw reported that there is enough money for the 2013 inventory with 3 instead of 4 staff. Bob Curry and Anthony Goodbrand will do the surveys. The inventory will wrap up in 2013, but because of lack of funds, there will be no reptile survey and, if no money comes in to support it, there will not be a small mammals survey either. *Naturally Hamilton* is being revised, and a 15-20 minute video on species in Hamilton is being produced.