

Summary of the Minutes of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club Board Meeting, November 8, 2012

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Items Discussed

Website Renewal

Peter Scholtens is looking into the cost and feasibility of using Wordpress for our website. Wordpress would allow us to update the site ourselves, which would be faster and easier than our current system.

Niagara to GTA Corridor

Approximately 500 people attended the most recent meeting in Burlington. The City of Burlington is still waiting to hear from the province, but things may be on hold because the government was prorogued.

Enbridge Pipeline in Flamborough

The Club sent a letter of concern regarding the shipping of bitumen through the Number 9 Pipeline in Flamborough to the City of Hamilton's General Issues Committee. The letter was well-received at the Committee's meeting. We thought that Enbridge was going to attend the meeting, but they did not. We understand they have now applied to the National Energy Board for approval to send western bitumen through the pipeline.

La Salle Marina Wave Break

La Salle Marina wants to expand their slip capacity. To do this, they would have to construct a wave break. There has been some concern expressed regarding the effect of the wave break on the wintering Trumpeter Swans. There is also some suggestion that the wave break would result in increased fish and wildlife habitat. President Michael Fischer will look into this and report to the Board.

Rick Ludkin's Kenya Project

Rick Ludkin, chief bird bander at Ruthven Park, is undertaking a project in S.W. Kenya to introduce children there to birds and nature. He has requested some support from the Naturalists' Club in the form of donated binoculars or money to purchase binoculars and copies of [The Birds of Kenya](#) from Harvard Press. The Board decided to donate \$300 to Rick's project and request that he tell HNC members about his efforts in Kenya some time after he returns. He is leaving on January 18 and will return in February.