

**Upton Farm Trust
Annual General Meeting
Minutes June 4, 2015 - 7:00pm
Upton Room - West Royalty Community Centre**

Present: Barb Trainor, Beth Hoar, Allan Pendergast, Doug MacDonald, Doug Sobey, Kirsten Connor, Heidi Hyndman, (Chair). **Absent:** John MacQuarrie

1. **Welcome** from Heidi Hyndman.

President welcomed everyone and introduced the members of the board.

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

It was moved by Melissa Belvadi and seconded by Grant Johnston that the agenda be approved. > Motion carried.

3. **Approval of 2013 Minutes.**

It was moved by Melissa Belvadi and seconded by Grant Johnston that the agenda be approved. > Motion carried.

4. **Chairperson's Report:**

Highlights:

- The land transfer to restore property lines has been completed to restore the total to 143.5 acres. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has paid all legal bills incurred during the land transfer.
- The NAPA application has some final details that need to be revised before approval by Executive Council.
- A change in our current bylaws is required before charitable status can be granted.
- We currently have only one board member from government. A second board member needs to be appointed.
- An "off lease" agreement is needed to enable the use of government land adjacent to Upton property. This process was initiated in 2013.
- It has been determined that fencing for adjacent property to enable off lease use would cost in excess of \$10,000.
- The province has given the Trust a "grant in lieu" to cover the provincial portion of the property taxes. We do however owe in excess of \$20,000 in taxes to the City of Charlottetown who has refused to provide a grant in lieu.
- The option to purchase 2 acres of land adjacent to Beach Grove has been extended to 2019.

- The Upton Farmlands sign has been refurbished by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Many thanks to Brian Thompson for facilitating this.
- The culverts on the Upton property have been repaired but are in need of replacement.
- Ten acres has been planted in the Confederation Forest on the south side of the highway and planting will continue Canada day

5. **The Treasurer's Report** was presented by Doug MacDonald. (Copies were provided.)

It was moved by Melissa Belvadi and seconded by Cheryl Stead that the treasurer's report be accepted. > Motion carried

6. **Nominating Committee Report:** (Allan Pendergast)

Many thanks were offered to Doug Sobey who is leaving the after serving loyally for 4 years.

7. **Nomination of Directors:**

Scott Burke been nominated to the board (Moved by Melissa Belvadi and seconded by Kathy Kennedy). >Motion carried.

8. **Bylaw Changes for CRA Non Profit Status:**

The proposed by law change that is pending approval by CRA was read to the group by Grant Johnston. Moved by Allan Pendergast and seconded by Melissa Belvadi.

MOTION: *I move that, pending CRA approval, the Objects and Purposes be amended as provided and that Schedule D, also known as the Vision Statement of the Upton Farm Preservation Network continues to be used as the guiding principles of this and future boards.* > Motion Carried

9. **Question/Answers/Comments:**

- Garbage cans need to be put out on the property by the city.
- No official cleanup has been done over the past couple of years.
- Concerns were expressed at the litter level created by parties.
- The needs to be communications with city counselors.

- The health benefits derived from the use of the property needs to be promoted.
- There is no plan to promote the use of the property by all users.
- Corporate sponsorship could be used to fund fencing.
- Benches are required in some areas; these will need to be anchored.

10. Adjournment