

Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2008
10:00 am – 3:20 pm

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Office, Toronto, Ontario

Directors Present: J. Alexander (Sandy) Houston, Richard J. Smith (left the meeting at 2:15 pm), Pamela Robinson (joined the meeting at 11:15 am and left the meeting at 2:55 pm), Caroline Schultz, William M. Duron, Donna Lailey, Matthew Blackett.

Regrets: Janice Michele Whitelaw, Robert Pasuta.

Others: Burkhard Mausberg, Shelley Petrie, Meredith Davis.

Declaration of Conflicts

The following Board members declared conflicts:

- Matt Blackett in regard to the Toronto Environmental Alliance grant evaluation.
- Bill Duron in regard to the World Wildlife Fund application for funding.
- Sandy Houston in regard to the Gardiner Museum application for funding.
- Donna Lailey in regard to the Grape Growers of Ontario strategic opportunity ratification and grant evaluation.
- Pamela Robinson in regard to the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy application for funding.

1. Board & Corporate

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the January 28, 2008 meeting; moved by Donna Lailey, seconded by Rick Smith, passed unanimously.

Board Meetings in 2007/2009

Approval of the Board Meeting dates for 2008/2009 was deferred. They will be circulated among the Board Members electronically for final approval.

Resignation

Rick Smith resigned from the Board of Directors effective immediately following the Board Meeting.

2. President's Report

Burkhard updated the Board on recent *Foundation* activities and provided the quarterly financial report at December 31, 2007.

The Board approved the 2008/2009 Budget as presented; moved by Bill Duron, seconded by Matt Blackett, passed unanimously.

3. Grant Program

Grants Approved

The Board approved the applications for funding and ratified the Strategic Opportunity as summarized in Appendix A, with conflicted Board Members leaving the room for the discussion and not participating in the vote.

Program Related Investment: Real Food for Real Kids

The Board discussed but did not approve a Program Related Investment for the corporation Real Food for Real Kids. Alternative suggestions included following-up with education and awareness opportunities.

Farm-to-School Activities

The Board discussed and expressed support for *Foundation* leadership in a Farm-to-School Program. They would like to see a more detailed plan at the June 2008 meeting from staff before giving final approval for a \$300,000 investment over two years, as well as commitment of financial support from other foundations.

Grant Evaluations

The Board discussed Grant Evaluation summaries.

4. Communications Activities

The Board discussed recent Communications Activities such as the new Greenbelt Kids Activity Book publication.

Sponsoring Festivals in the Greenbelt

The Board approved the strategy for sponsoring festivals in the Greenbelt as presented; moved by Bill Duron, seconded by Donna Lailey, unanimously passed.

Greenbelt VQA Wine Promotion with the LCBO 2008

The Board approved the strategy to promote the 33 Greenbelt VQA wines with the LCBO as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm

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Appendix A: Funding Decisions

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The following applications were approved or ratified for funding by the Board:

Organization: Evergreen
Project: *The Greenbelt Depot at the Brickworks*
Amount: \$75,000
Program: Grant Program
Term: One (1) year
Moved: Caroline Schultz
Seconded: Bill Duron
Conflict: None
Opposed: None
Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: FoodShare
Project: *Building a Local Food Culture*
Amount: \$100,000
Program: Grant Program
Term: One (1) year
Moved: Caroline Schultz
Seconded: Bill Duron
Conflict: None
Opposed: None
Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Grape Growers of Ontario
Project: *Canadian Vitis Certification Program*
Amount: \$25,000
Program: Strategic Opportunity: Approved by Bill Duron on January 17, 2008.
Term: One (1) year
Moved: Pamela Robinson
Seconded: Caroline Schultz
Conflict: Donna Lailey
Opposed: None
Passed: Unanimously

Organization: Kawartha Heritage Conservancy
Project: *Active Farmland Program*
Amount: \$20,000
Program: Grant Program
Term: One (1) year
Moved: Caroline Schultz
Seconded: Bill Duron
Conflict: Pamela Robinson
Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Milton Chamber of Commerce

Project: *Escarpment Country – in the Heart of Ontario’s Greenbelt*

Amount: \$25,000

Program: Grant Program

Term: One (1) year

Moved: Caroline Schultz

Seconded: Bill Duron

Conflict: None

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

Project: *Atlantic Salmon Classroom Hatchery Program*

Amount: \$84,000

Program: Grant Program

Term: One (1) year

Moved: Caroline Schultz

Seconded: Bill Duron

Conflict: None

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: Sierra Club of Canada, Ontario Chapter

Project: *Helping Communities Defend the Greenbelt*

Amount: \$80,000

Program: Grant Program

Term: One (1) year

Moved: Caroline Schultz

Seconded: Bill Duron

Conflict: None

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

Organization: TVO

Project: *The Ontario Greenbelt Adventure*

Amount: \$440,000

Program: Grant Program

Term: Two (2) years

Moved: Caroline Schultz

Seconded: Bill Duron

Conflict: None

Opposed: None

Ratified: Unanimously

The following applications were not approved for funding by the Board:

- Caledon Countryside Alliance
- Conservation Halton Foundation
- Gardiner Museum
- George Morris Centre
- Georgina Arts Council
- Milton Chamber of Commerce
- Niagara College
- Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc.
- Toronto Foundation for Student Success
- World Wildlife Fund