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**Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition (MC²)
AGM Minutes
November 14, 2021**

Thanks again to HCIA for giving us their “zoom room”.

1. First there was an acknowledgement of the ancestral peoples and their land on which we now live using a version from EcoJustice. There are 46 Treaties covering Ontario. Elaine welcomed everyone.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Elaine Capes, seconded by Don MacFarlane. It was carried.
3. The minutes of the 2020 MC² AGM were moved for approval by Del Bernardi, seconded by Cheryl Russel and carried.
4. Bob Mitchell presented the Treasurer's Report. Though donations were down, so was spending. Thus the balance is in good shape. Motion to approve the report was made by Cheryl Russel seconded by Del Bernardi and carried.
5. The Environment Committee report was given by Rita Reitsma, the chair. The full report is on the website. We thanked Joanne Rovet and Gary Murikami for their work on the committee and made a donation to EcoJustice in their honor. We highlighted sufficiency over efficiency and the need to continue to work harder on an individual and community level emphasizing grassroots connections. The report was approved as read with a motion from Del Bernardi, seconded by Arnold De Graaff and carried.
6. Felicite Morgan our webmaster and person on our Communications committee reported on the use and frequency of our e-blasts, bulletins and newsletters. Generally the opening rates for e-blasts is 18 to 20%. Our rate is close to 80%. Thanks to everyone for your participation in MC² and to the communications people, Cathy Noonan, Cheryl Russel and Felicite Morgan for their great work.
7. Elaine Capes gave the President's Report. Elaine referenced how unfortunately COVID has restricted us especially for in person contact. Nonetheless we continue to engage with our municipal councils and their work. Thanks to Del, Bob, Knut (Mono) and Cheryl (Mulmur) for continuing to attend local meetings and opportunities and reporting to the Board. Elaine also thanked Cathy Noonan and other MC² members who have supported the Board. The motion to approve the report was made by Del Bernardi, seconded by Don MacFarlane and then carried, though briefly interrupted by Bob Mitchell to thank Elaine for all her hard work.
8. The slate of directors, Del Bernardi, Elaine Capes, Arnold De Graaff, Knut Holmsen, Bob Mitchell, Felicite Morgan, Rita Reitsma and Cheryl Russel were accepted with a motion from Don MacFarlane.



There were no dissenters. Del Bernardi put forward a motion to adjourn the business part of the meeting which was seconded by Bob Mitchell and carried.

9. Then we had our presenter Victor Doyle who has an extensive Ontario background in land use planning and management. He worked in the Golden Horseshoe from 1988 to 2017 for the provincial government. He is a geographer by training who believes in thinking globally and acting locally. It was an amazing depth of knowledge, care and passion that he shared with our group. Just some of the details included:

- the Oak Ridges Moraine would never have happened without citizen engagement
- 87% of Ontario is not privately owned; rather it is Crown Land and Indigenous Land
- 50% of all Canada's Class 1 soils are in Southern Ontario (and we continue to destroy them)
- 1/5th of global fresh water is in the Great Lakes (increased urbanization means they are less and less able to absorb the impacts)
- the Niagara Escarpment Commission was created in 1973 with the NEC plan completed in 1985 with revisions in 1994, 2005 and 2017. The escarpment was formed 450 million years ago.
- the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan was in 2002
- the Greenbelt Plan came out in 2005 (and continues to be threatened)
- the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe was released in 2006 and addresses where growth will increase including intensification targets
- the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan was presented in 2006
- on many environmental parameters we are losing out. The assimilative capacity of most inland streams and rivers are maxed out. Forest conditions continue to deteriorate and be depleted. There is increased ground water stress and we continue to lose farmland.
- we do not have to encroach further on protected land as there is already lots of appraised land available**
- we need to keep close track of what is happening in Dufferin.
- Dufferin is projected to grow by 25,000+ people, Mono by about 1,217 and Mulmur by about 4,439.
- ability of the Grand, Boyne and Credit rivers have already or are reaching the limit of their ability to assimilate sewage and storm water all of which contain contaminants that are not treated

The presentation was followed with a lively Q&A mostly about local issues which still have their provincial involvement. For example the Ministry of the Environment has a Fill Management Plan which means a licensed engineer has to show it is clean, tracking both the source and receiving sites.

We need to engage youth to increase the numbers, power and effectiveness of our opposition as well as vote for leaders who genuinely want to protect the environment.

10. Elaine closed the meeting with thanks all around to those directly participating and those who continue to support the work of MC².

Rita Reitsma, Secretary for the Board