

# *CREDIT RIVER ALLIANCE*

## Summary of the Meeting and Annual General Meeting of September 21, 2015

Early arrivals enjoyed networking over coffee and treats provided by CVC and Dave Beaton, who also provided the venue for the meeting. Our deep thanks.

**Attendees:** Paul Newall, Alton Grange, Acting Co-chair  
Andrew McCammon, Ontario Headwaters Institute, Acting Co-chair  
Brenda Dolling, EcoVillage  
Carolyn Martin and Tunde Otto, Willow Park  
Dave Beaton, CVC  
Doris, Manfred, and Daisy, POWER  
Susan Robertson, Credit Valley Heritage Society  
Theresa Nadeau, individual

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Acting Co-chair Paul Newall

**Appreciation was extended to Rosemary Keenen** for her service as Chair, along with best wishes for her effort in the federal campaign and an open invitation to return to the CRA at her convenience.

**A Round-table Discussion** enabled each participant to say a few words about their organization and some of their initiatives of concerns. The latter included:

- The broad need to promote natural and cultural heritage;
- Concerns about development, including adequate water supply and the impacts of both storm and sanitary discharges downstream;
- Pits and quarries and their impacts on water and communities;
- On-going efforts to establish a Credit trail and increased stewardship;
- Initiatives focused on agricultural stewardship, including edible forests;
- Targeted efforts to promote public engagement, especially with the public and children. Examples included the use of walks, school projects, a film festival, and programs on issues such as invasive species; and,
- A dizzying array of agencies and current efforts to amend key land use planning, natural heritage, and watershed management initiatives.

### **Short Updates**

- It was brought to the attention of the group that the province is currently pursuing changes to four plans under the Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review, a Great Lakes Protection Act, a review of the Conservation Authorities Act, and the development of a new wetland conservation strategy. The group asked that links be provided in a meeting summary. See below;
- The website has been refreshed and more updates will occur. A hat was passed and \$100 was collected toward URL and ISP fees of \$120 due in January.

The meeting was recessed for the AGM

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Alliance selected a steering committee for the next 12 months, consisting of the members below. Members were also asked to identify areas of interest. There are noted where possible, while others' roles may emerge organically.

Paul Newall, Chair  
Brenda Dolling, Secretary  
Kirushanth Gnanachandran - TBD  
Carolyn Martin – TBD  
Andrew McCammon, Policy  
Tunde Otto – TBD  
Susan Roberston, Events  
Theresa Nadeau – at large, non-voting

The meeting was called back to order following the AGM

### Other Business

- It was suggested and agreed that the steering committee seek input from the other members of the Alliance on priorities for the year
- It was suggested that the Alliance explore ways of better allowing the members to share news on issues and events.

The meeting asked the steering committee to arrange the next meeting of the Alliance.

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 9 pm.

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URLs for the 4 provincial reviews currently underway

**Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review:** <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10882.aspx>

**Draft Great Lakes Protection Act:** The draft bill passed second reading on Sept 29 and has been returned to the legislature for third reading. See [http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills\\_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2718&detailPage=bills\\_detail\\_stat](http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2718&detailPage=bills_detail_stat) [us](#)

**Conservation Authorities Act Review:** Comments due October 19 - <https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI1Mzgx&statusId=MTg4ODg5>

**Wetland Conservation in Ontario: A Discussion Paper:** Comments due October 30 - <https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI1MzM3&statusId=MTg4ODE3&language=en>