



CAROLINIAN CANADA COALITION

CELEBRATING THREE DECADES OF CONSERVATION ACTION

May 22, 2008

Host
Bird Studies Canada
Port Rowan



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2007-2008

A BIG THANK YOU

OUR HOST

Bird Studies Canada

OUR AGM COMMITTEE

Kerrie Wilcox (chair), Brian Craig, Peter Carson, Nancy Walther

Michelle Kanter, Executive Director

Virginia Lambdin, Office Coordinator

OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

Nature Conservancy of Canada

Dr. Gordon Nelson

Peter Banks

Alice Casselman

Scott Peck

Nancy Walther

Association for Canadian Educational Resources

Bird Studies Canada

Conservation Ontario

Lambton Wildlife Incorporated

Long Point Basin Land Trust

Ontario Forestry Association

Ontario Professional Planners Institute

Society for Ecological Restoration (ON)

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Thursday May 22, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Program Agenda

10:00 a.m. **Field Trip - The Jackson Gunn Old Growth Forest**
Peter Carson, Leader, (carpool from Bird Studies Canada)

Noon **Lunch – The Boat House, Port Rowan (Buy your own)**

Natural Heritage Events Room, Bird Studies Canada

1:30 p.m. **“Caring for Nature in Norfolk” Factsheet Launch**
Local partners, landowners and media

2:15 p.m. **Chair’s Welcome**

Keynote Speaker

Gregor Beck, Co-Editor & Chair, Atlas Management Board

“A Bird’s Eye View on Conservation Collaboration” “Lessons from the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas project”

Gregor Beck will discuss the importance of conservation partnerships by highlighting the accomplishments of the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas project. He will provide an overview of this massive volunteer-based project and showcase results from the Carolinian Region and the province. Gregor will let the birds show us the importance of this ecologically-diverse region and possible priorities for future conservation action.

3:15 p.m. **Annual General Meeting**
Approval of the October 26th, 2007 Minutes
Treasurer’s Report
Appointment of Auditor 2008-09
Annual Report 2007-08
Object & By-law Amendments
Introduction of 2008-09 Slate of Directors
Elections
Recognitions

4:00 p.m. **Wine & Cheese Reception**
Sponsored by Bird Studies Canada



WELCOME

Dr. Gordon Nelson, Chair, Carolinian Canada Coalition

CELEBRATING THREE DECADES OF CONSERVATION ACTION

1980's Founding Members

1990's Heritage Members

2000's Greening Members

Whether you were involved in the early days of the Carolinian Canada Program or care about its future, today, we take this opportunity to celebrate together the unique features of this region and three decades of action to shape the future of conservation in Carolinian Canada.

The Coalition has quietly promoted a cooperative and collaborative approach working in harmony with current land uses since its inception in 1984. In the 90's, the Carolinian Canada Strategy strengthened its resolve to work across sectors. More recently, the Big Picture has been a rallying point for a sustainable landscape.

The response has been creatively positive - from landowners looking beyond property lines to national blueprints for conservation action. An immense grassroots stewardship movement has mushroomed with the growing realization that natural heritage is closely tied to our sustainable socio-economic health. New responsibilities, notably source water protection, innovative private stewardship initiatives and an array of new policy tools are beginning to be applied creatively in the urban and rural areas across Carolinian Canada.

Parks and other conservation agencies are involved in emerging new programs involving ecological integrity and biodiversity. Agriculture is increasingly concerned with nature conservation as part of a sustainable countryside. Communities are looking towards proactive management of ecological goods and services. Linking protected areas with rural landowners and communities through their shared interest in healthy, diverse and sustainable landscapes is a major objective for Carolinian Canada Coalition in the near future. We are cooperating with the Ontario Land Trust Alliance on this challenge at our forum this October

The Coalition is a rich mix of conservation allies, working hard for a measure of change on the ground. We have keen volunteers and landowners in the stewardship 'corridors of action' and leading-edge communities putting 'habitat corridors' on the map. Without the vision and dedication of our members through the decades, the southwestern Ontario landscape would not be as green as it is today. While, we can always point to the 'more' that needs to be done, today we can reflect on our collective progress, celebrate our shared success and envision the landscape that we can create together in the future.

**CAROLINIAN CANADA COALITION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre, London, Ontario
October 26, 2007**

Minutes

Present: Peter Banks, Brian Craig, Alice Casselman, Gordon Nelson, Jim Oliver, Scott Peck, Tara Tchir, Nancy Walther, Kerrie Wilcox, Ron Wu-Winter,
Regrets: Peter Carson, James Duncan, Mark Emery

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of the October 20th, 2006 AGM Minutes

Motion: Nancy Walther/Ron Wu-Winter that the Annual General Meeting minutes be approved as written. **Carried**

3. Chair's Report

The strategic plan is an important document and the Board identified four broad areas – catalyzing effecting action, promoting a researched understanding networking for stewardship & sustainability and building a viable coalition.

Motion: Peter Banks/ Scott Peck move that the strategic plan 2007-2012 be received as presented. **Carried**

4. Treasurer's Report

On March 31, 2007, the agreement between LWI & CCC was terminated. CCC became incorporated. Prior to that LWI supported CCC in many ways. Peter asked LWI President Malcolm Boyd and Past President Janet Bremner to pass thanks to the LWI Board of Directors for their support.

Banks stated that normally, at this time he would be presenting audited financial statements that had been reviewed by the Board. Unfortunately, the very last joint LWI/CCC audit is late, so the Treasurer did not have that statement. However, Peter did have an accounting statement for that period for review.

Motion: Peter Banks/Alice Casselman that this accounting statement be accepted in lieu of the audited statement at this time and that the Board be authorized to review and approve the audited statement when available on behalf of the Coalition. **Carried**

Motion: Peter Banks/Don Gordon that the Executive of the Board be authorized to approve an auditor and fees for 2007-08. **Carried**

5. Executive Director's Annual Report 2006-07

Michelle Kanter provided a snapshot of the projects and activities over the past year.

Motion: Nancy Walther/Jim Oliver that the 2006-2007 Annual Report be received as presented. **Carried**

6. Recognition of Retiring Directors

The Chair thanked the Retiring Management Committee & Directors. Jim Oliver, John Ambrose, Vicki McKay, Roxanne St. Martin and Cliff Evanitski helped shape the Coalition and many are still involved in CCC committees and projects. Alternates who were very involved include: Owen Williams, Donald Kirk, Jo-Anne Rzakki.

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AGM Minutes (con't)

The Chair recognized Jim Oliver's long service to the organization. Jim has represented Conservation Ontario on the Carolinian Canada Coalition Management Committee since 1988 (19 years). Last year, he retired from Long Point Region Conservation Authority but remained on the CCC board as an Individual, providing valuable input. He was recently elected as Municipal Councillor and is stepping down from the CCC board. The CCC Board is inviting him to take the title of **Honourary Director**, our first for CCC.

7. Introduction of 2007-08 Slate of Directors

A written nomination was received from Conservation Ontario for Tara Tchir to act as their representative. The slate of Directors is as follows:

INDIVIDUAL	3 year term
Peter Banks	Secretary -Treasurer
3 Year Term	
Dr. Gordon Nelson, Chair	University of Waterloo
Scott Peck	Ontario Professional Planners Institute
Ron Wu-Winter	Ontario Forestry Association
Mark Emery	Ontario Stewardship
2 Year Term	
Alice Casselman	Association for Canadian Educational Resources
Tara Tchir	Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Conservation Ontario
Peter Carson	Ontario Nature
Nancy Walther	Ontario Federation of Agriculture
1 Year Term	
James Duncan	Nature Conservancy of Canada
Kerrie Wilcox	Bird Studies Canada
Chip Bird	Parks Canada
Stephen Murphy	Society for Ecological Restoration
Honourary	
Jim Oliver	

Motion: Ric Symmes/Peter Banks that the membership acclaim the slate of Directors to the CCC Board.

Carried

8. Nominations/Elections

Motion: Scott Peck/Dolf Wynia that the Board install the officers.

Carried

9. National Treasures Book Launch

Lorraine Johnston provided background on the writing of the book and thanked all those who had participated in bringing the book to reality.

10. Adjournment

Carolinian Canada Coalition Amendments to By-law # 1

Recommended by the board (2/3 quorum) April 4, 2008
For consideration by the full membership at the AGM May 22, 2008

Additions are shown in bold, underlined

Deletions are shown in ~~strikeout example~~

ARTICLE 3 - OBJECTS

3.01 The Objects of the Coalition shall be the following:

- ~~1. Protect and restore natural heritage in the Carolinian life zone for healthy, balanced and sustainable landscapes.~~
- ~~2. Collaborate with individuals and groups who care about natural lands to enhance the effectiveness of conservation action in the region.~~
- ~~3. Promote a researched understanding of nature and its critical interdependence with humans.~~
1. **To preserve, protect and restore the flora and fauna of the Carolinian Life Zone in Southwestern Ontario, by organizing and participating in environmental projects.**
2. **To conduct research relating to environmental issues affecting the Carolinian Life Zone in Southwestern Ontario and to disseminate the results of such research to the public.**
3. **To educate and increase the public's understanding of the importance of conserving the natural features of the Carolinian Life Zone in southwestern Ontario by developing and offering educational materials and programs.**

3.01 Explanation: Allow for charitable registration. All current activities of the Coalition are consistent with the proposed new objects.

4.02 **Individual Membership:** Any person who supports the Objects of the Coalition may be granted an Individual Membership. An applicant for Individual Membership may become a member on his or her signed application **or electronic equivalent** being received by the Secretary in the prescribed form, payment of the appropriate fees and dues, and approval by the Board of Directors.

4.02 Explanation: Allow for on-line membership applications

5.03 **Term:** ~~Up to three (3) Directors from the Individual Member class and not less than three (3) Directors as representative Group Members from the Group Membership class~~ shall be elected by the full Coalition membership at each annual general meeting of members for a term of three (3) years. The total number of Directors to be elected shall include replacements for positions vacated for a one or two year term as outlined in Article 5.07 and shall complete the complement of ten (10) to eighteen (18) Directors in office.

5.03 Explanation: Allow for flexibility in the number of directors elected annually in order to remain consistent with the intent of the by-laws i.e. That the number of groups and individuals on the board may shift from time to time within the parameters outlined in 5.01.

(con't)

By-Law Amendments (con't)

18.01 The Board Development Committee: The Board Development Committee shall be a Standing Committee of the Board and shall consist of at least ~~five (5)~~ **four (4)** Board members...

18.03 Other Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall be composed of **at least** three (3) Board members including the Treasurer.

18.01 & 18.03 Explanation: Allow for a more flexible committee structure to respond to the needs and resources of the Coalition e.g. the Executive Committee act as the Finance or Board Development committee, as provided for in 18.04

CAROLINIAN CANADA COALITION

2008-09 SLATE OF DIRECTORS

Includes 12 Groups and 1 Individual

CONTINUING DIRECTORS	GROUP	OFFICE	TERM EXPIRY
Dr. Gordon Nelson	University of Waterloo	Chair	2010
Scott Peck	Ontario Professional Planners Institute	Vice-Chair	2010
Peter Banks		Treasurer	2010
Ron Wu-Winter	Ontario Forestry Association		2010
Mark Emery	Ontario Stewardship		2010
Alice Casselman	Association for Canadian Educational Resources		2009
Tara Tchir	Upper Thames River Conservation Authority / Conservation Ontario		2009
Peter Carson	Ontario Nature		2009
Nancy Walther	Ontario Federation of Agriculture		2009
HONOURARY			
Jim Oliver			
ELECTION SLATE			
James Duncan	Nature Conservancy of Canada		2011
Kerrie Wilcox	Bird Studies Canada		2011
Brian Craig	Parks Canada	Secretary	2011
Stephen Murphy	Society for Ecological Restoration		2011

2008-09 CCC MEMBERS

101 and counting as of May 16. In less than 2 months, 2008-9 is proving to be an important membership year for the Coalition. We are looking for the people that have supported conservation in southwestern Ontario over 3 decades. Together, we will demonstrate the collective strength and success of our conservation community.

Count Yourself In. ReNew Today.

F = Founding Member (1980's)

H = Heritage Member (1990's)

G = Greening Member (2000's)

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Ronald Allensen	Dave Martin
John Ambrose	Nikki May
Debbie Anderson	Linda McDougall
David Bailey & Zile Zichmanis	Glenn McKelvey
Peter Banks	Angus McLeod
Bonnie Bergsma	Helen Moore
Malcolm Boyd	Larry & Karen Moore
Dianne Bravo	David Morris
Donald & Ruth Bucknell	F Cecil Morris
Ken Bulgin	Gordon Nelson
F Craig Campbell	John Nolan
Neva Carmicheal	F Jim Oliver
Peter Carson & Mary Gartshore	Mary-Jean Page
Gordon Catterson	G Scott Peck
Tom Chatterton	George Rapai
Brian Craig	F Ann Redish
G Alan Dale	Carole Ritchie
Bill DeYoung	H Alan Robinson
F George Francis	Diane Salter
Don Gordon	Kerrie Sant
Scott & Michelle Guthrie	Stella & Trevor Shelly
Judith Harris	Don & Jane Shirley
H Jim Hodgins	Mary Simpson
Steve Hounsell	Tiffany Smith
Olive Ireland	G Bernie Solymar
Jarmo Jalava	Gerry & Sue Stephenson
Eugene Jankowski	Ruth Stoner
G Lorraine Johnson	H Ric Symmes
H Doris Kanter	John & Dorothy Tiedje
Michelle Kanter	Irene Tietz
Ruth Kernohan	H Doug Van Hemessen
Bohdan Kowalyk	Gerry Waldron
Virginia Lambdin	Nancy Walther
Doris & Alex Landon	Brian & Elizabeth Wheeler
Marvin Lefler	Kerrie Wilcox
Michael Leonard	Rick & Doris Wukasch
Brenda Lorenz	Ron & Sonya Wu-Winter
James MacDonald	John Zinger
Andrew Macpherson	David Linn (Rev.)

GROUPS

Ausable Bayfield C. A.
 Catfish Creek C. A.
 David Suzuki Foundation
 Essex Field Naturalists' Club
 Faculty of Environment, U. Waterloo
 Haldimand & Area Woodlot Owners Assoc.
 Hamilton Naturalists Club
 Ian Seddon Planning Services
 Kuntz Forestry Consulting
 Lambton Wildlife Inc.
 Lower Thames Valley C. A.
 Ontario Professional Planners Institute
 Ontario Resources Aggregate Corp
 Parks Research Forum of Ontario
 rare Charitable Research Reserve
 St. Clair Region Conservation Authority
 Tallgrass Ontario
 The Lower Grand River Land Trust Inc.
 The Naturalized Habitat Network
F The Nature Conservancy of Canada
 Trees Ontario
 Upper Thames River C. A.
 West Elgin Nature Club

Carolinian Canada Coalition Conservation Awards CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Submit by November 15, 2008

Carolinian Canada Coalition is pleased to invite nominations for the Carolinian Canada Conservation Awards to recognize outstanding contributions of people and groups that care about Carolinian Canada's unique nature.

Group, Individual, Youth, Lifetime Achievement

It's time to show our appreciation.

Do you know a person that inspires? ... a landowner with vision? ... a youth with passion?
a business that cares? ... a community that takes action? Do you know...?

Call 519-433-7077 or visit www.carolinian.org for details.



IT'S A DATE!

Carolinian Canada Coalition - Ontario Land Trust Alliance
Parks Research Forum of Ontario - Thames Talbot Land Trust

Engaging Passion & Partnership to Protect the Land we Love

Collaborative Conference 2008
October 23 – 25, 2008
Lamplighter Inn, London

Southwestern Ontario's severely threatened Carolinian landscapes are full of stories of hope & regeneration, driven by passionate individuals & partners.

*Join Carolinian Canada Coalition & partners
to connect, converse and act for the land we love. www.carolinian.org*

See You at the Conference
Great Place, Great People, Great Challenges, Great Ideas!