

Investing in Biodiversity for a Green Future

Carolinian Canada Members & Friends Tour / Annual General Meeting 2019

Tuesday, June 25 / Stoneridge Inn, London, Ontario

Connect, explore & tour green ideas for a healthy economy, environment & culture with Carolinian Canada. How can we efficiently invest in healthy, climate-smart landscapes as a path to a green future? How can we build leadership together across sectors for a resilient ecoregion? Join the leaders on the ground growing healthy landscapes. Join the discussion.

Feature speakers:

Lina Bowden & Andre Vashist, VERGE Capital

Tours featuring Landowner Leaders:

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

The Living Center

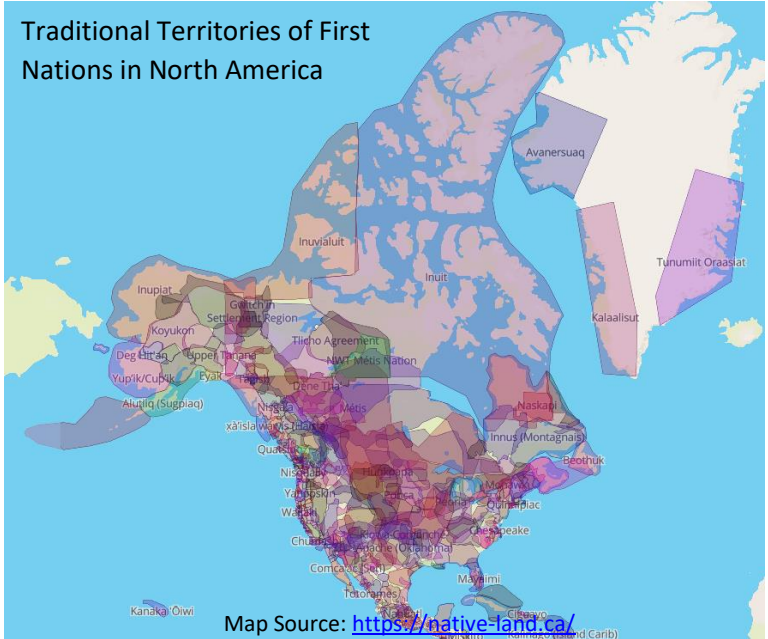
Land acknowledgement

We would like to take this time to express gratitude and appreciation to the Anishinaabe peoples who live on and care for this land. Land acknowledgements are a way for us to reflect on the ongoing colonial legacies of Canada and the ways in which settlers, ourselves included, continue to perpetuate and benefit from colonial violence. We acknowledge that we are hosting our Annual General Meeting on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral), and Wendat peoples. Today, we have been invited to visit land on Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

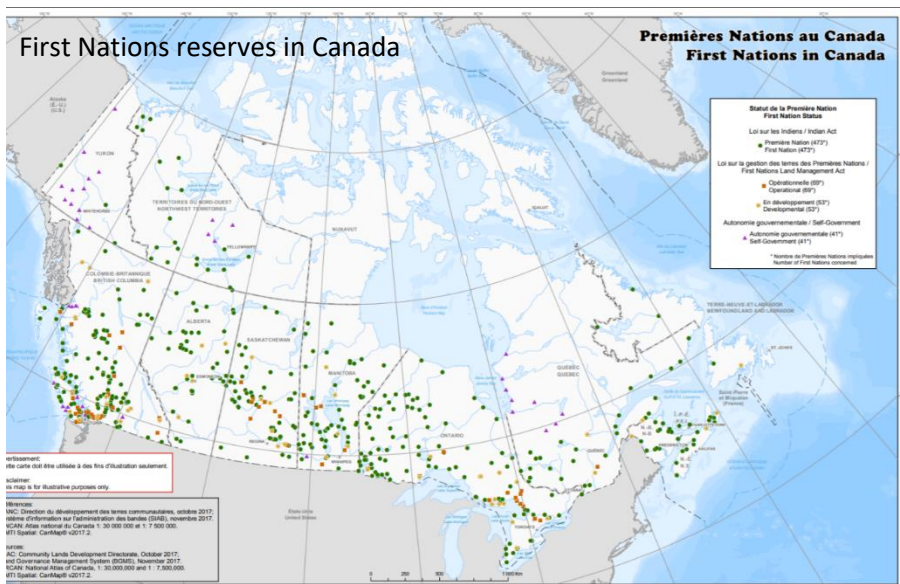
The Stoneridge venue we are in today is located within the McKee Treaty that was signed in 1790 by the Anishinaabe Nations also known as the Three Fires Confederacy that are currently located in Southwestern Ontario. We are also within Treaty 6, the London Township purchase signed in 1796 by Anishinaabe peoples and the Longwoods Treaty which was negotiated over several years from 1818 to 1822, where the sole signatories were Chippewas of the Thames leadership.

We acknowledge that Indigenous peoples worldwide had pre-existing systems of governance, education, diverse languages, economies of trade and ways of being before colonization, and that their ways of life were harmonized with the well-being of the natural environment. We acknowledge that First Nations identities pre-date colonization and the creation of treaties that have devolved entire economic and education systems, intersections of communities, languages and cultures into a delegation of reserve systems that today encompass only 0.2% of the land surface of Canada.

We are thankful for the resolve and leadership of First Nations peoples and appreciate their emotional labour of educating settlers and offering guidance on the way forward for decolonizing, unsettling and reconciliation.



Carolinian Canada as an organization continues to learn and commit to facilitating meaningful cross-cultural interactions to support environmental work, networking, movement building and peacemaking.



Map Source: <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca>

Investing in Biodiversity for a Green Future

11:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Brunch Stoneridge Inn</p>
11:30 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual General Meeting See Business Agenda Annual Report Carolinian Canada Director Elections</p>
12:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Investing in Biodiversity for a Green Future Lina Bowden and Andre Vashist, VERGE Capital</p> <p><i>Indigenous and environmental sectors have been underestimated and overlooked in our capital markets. VERGE Capital will share how we plan to complement, accelerate and amplify the conservation sector's impact in Southwestern Ontario through innovative finance partnerships.</i></p> <p><i>Lina Bowden, FCPA, FCMA, MA is the catalyst behind VERGE Capital, a community-led collaborative that creates local investment for local impact in London and Southwestern Ontario. André Vashist is a serial social entrepreneur passionate about inclusive, sustainable and resilient communities. As Director of Social Innovation at Pillar Nonprofit Network, he supports the team managing initiatives that facilitate complex collaborations between government, academic, business, finance and nonprofit sectors, such as: Libro Social Enterprise Incubator, VERGE Capital and CityStudio London.</i></p>
1:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Health Break</p>
1:10 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Tour departure</p> <p>Tour includes uneven and wet ground – dress for weather – bring water, tick and bug protection. At each site, the tour may be split into groups.</p>
1:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Chippewas of the Thames First Nation 320 Chippewa Rd, Muncey ON, N0L 1Y0</p> <p><i>The Chippewas of the Thames First Nations is a community supporting hundreds of acres of wildlife habitat, consisting of mature woodlands including wet woods and swamps, open savannas. Several species of rare wildlife and plants find their home here. We will visit a significant prairie and riparian habitat along the relatively shallow Antler River (Thames) which snakes through the community. http://www.cottfn.com/</i></p> <p>SAVE: Saving nature as the backbone for healthy communities & planning for 7 generations</p> <p><i>How do ancient local ecosystems and natural capital hold the key to a green future – for environment, community and economy? This community is a critical leader for protecting biodiversity and Mother Earth, as well as, working with Carolinian Canada on a Healthy Landscape Strategy for habitat investment with many community partners. On site, we will explore how communities can work together for healthy landscapes.</i></p>

ALUS Middlesex is a non-profit, farmer-delivered organisation established in 2017. ALUS Middlesex works alongside local farmers to establish ecological projects. In essence, we are taking environmentally sensitive, marginal lands out of agricultural production and appointing them to the production of cleaner air, cleaner water, increased wildlife habitat and other ecosystem services. This tour will visit a future ALUS site, where a 30-foot tall grass prairie riparian buffer is to be planted along the Thames River that will help filter water, reduce erosion, sequester carbon, and provide wildlife habitat for species at risk. <https://alus.ca/>

STEWARD: Stewarding productive landscapes & improving sustainable landowner benefits

How is nature good for your bottom line? With ALUS we will discuss innovative ways to grow local to protect productivity; improve climate resiliency; save water; and scale-up healthy habitat.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Living Centre

5871 Bells Rd, London ON

The Living Centre is a small business operated by Lorena and Shantree Kacera, leading the way in combining the principles of permaculture with high quality ecological restoration. They protect a 25 ac mature Black Cherry woodland. This eco-spiritual educational sanctuary promotes biodiversity best practices through events, mentorship, demonstration, research and low impact buildings including an earthship. <https://www.thelivingcentre.com/>

SEED: Seeding a native plant EcoTrail & exploring innovative ways to generate revenue

How can we cultivate a green economy with native plants? We will explore the early stages of converting 25 acres to climate-smart natural landscapes including wetland, woodland, wet meadow and tallgrass prairie. They will demonstrate how they are transforming permaculture, researching and integrating native plants into extensive gardens for beauty, wildlife, sustainable food, foraging and ceremony. We will share and explore ideas about how healthy landscapes are economically sustainable.

Carolinian Canada Coalition

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Friday June 25, 2019 11 am
Stoneridge Inn, London, ON



1. Welcome

2. Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the 2018 Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual General Meeting be approved.

2. Chair's Report – Chris Turner for Don Pearson

3. Treasurer's Report - Chris Turner (2018-19 Financial Audit)

Motion: That the 2018-19 audited Financial Statements be accepted.

4. Appointment of Auditor

Motion: That the following auditor be appointed for the 2019-2020 fiscal year:

Tom Moore, CPA, CA, LPA, BA - Partner
Baker Tilly Sarnia LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants
1350 L'Heritage Drive
Sarnia, ON N7S 6H8

5. Annual Report - Michelle Kanter (Annual Report 2018-2019)

<https://caroliniancanada.ca/annual-report>

Motion: That the 2018-2019 Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual Report be accepted.

7. Recognition of outgoing and continuing directors

8. Election

<https://caroliniancanada.ca/board-directors>

9. Adjournment

Motion: That the Carolinian Canada Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Carolinian Canada Coalition
Annual General Meeting Minutes



Friday June 15, 2018 2pm

The Braatz Cottage, 1660 Couture Beach Rd. Tilbury, ON

Directors Present: Don Pearson, Chris Turner, Owen Williams, Mari Veliz, Maria Ramirez,

Regrets: Paul General, Dawn Bazely, Kristen Bernard, Alistair MacKenzie, Kristyn Richardson, Brian Craig, Suzanne Perry, Ron Wu-Winter

Staff present: Michelle Kanter, Koral Wysocki, Tristan Bentley, Ben Porchuk, Karolyne Pickett

Members / attendees: 33

1. Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the 2017 Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual General Meeting be approved.

Carried Marjorie Braatz/ Stan Caveney

2. Chair's Report - Don Pearson

Motion: to adopt the chairs report

Carried: Walter Petryschuck/ Owen Williams

3. Treasurer's Report - Chris Turner (2017-18 Financial Audit)

Motion: That the 2017-18 audited Financial Statements be adopted.

What drove up the revenues from the previous years was the number of successful grant applications

Carried: Marjorie Braatz/ Walter Petryschuck

4. Appointment of Auditor

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Collins Barrow Sarnia

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1350 L'Heritage Drive

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Carried: Chris Turner/ Walter Petryschuck

5. Annual Report - Michelle Kanter (Annual Report 2017-2018)

Motion: That the 2017-2018 Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual Report be accepted.

Carried: Stan Caveney/ Rick Robertson

6. Strategic Plan

Motion: That the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan be accepted.

Carried: Marion Robertson/ Marjorie Braatz

7. Recognition of continuing and outgoing directors

Motion thanking outgoing directors for service

Carried Veliz/ Williams

Thank you to **Ron Wu-Winter and Brian Craig** for their strong contributions to the board over many years as they step off after 2 full terms plus. Both helped transition CCC to a corporation and charitable organization and then again to a renewed structure, required by a new Act. Both were part of the Executive and several committees throughout their time, providing excellent leadership and vision to keep our work on track. We will miss them on the board and they are invited to participate in other capacities such as the Big Picture Task Force.

8. Election

Slate presented includes:

- Starting a second term: Paul General
- Starting a first term: Suzanne Perry Forests Ontario, Maria Ramirez Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Kristyn Richardson Long Point Basin Land Trust.

Nomination from the floor: Heather Don Gingerich

Nominated by: Vic Bernyk/ Stan Caveney

Heather introduced herself as being with the Tri-nation source water protection project. She has worked with Paul General; been a special representative to United Nations; member of the American association for Advancement of Human Rights Coalition; has worked with settler and Indigenous communities within the Grand River and Antler / Thames River Watersheds – focus on treaty renewal. Her work combines Indigenous knowledge, science and tech for a courtroom/auditor standard to educate decision-makers on water quality in our landscape. Started ‘water school for decision makers.

Motion to elect the proposed slate plus nomination from the floor - five directors for three year terms.

Carried: Linda McDougall/ Stan Caveney

9. Carolinian Canada Conservation Awards 2018 Announcement

Five 2018 Recipients are leading the way to a green future:

- The New New Age: Growing Healthy Habitat in Aylmer – Caring Landowner, Smart Business
- Crieff Hills Conference Center: Raising Birds in Puslinch – Caring Landowner, Smart Business
- Michelle Walmsley: Saving Wildflowers in Mississauga – Caring Landowner, Good Neighbour
- Hydro One: Saving Snakes in Windsor’s Ojibway Prairie – Caring Landowner, Smart Business
- Brian Craig: Protecting Extraordinary Places in Port Rowan – Lifetime Achiever

10. Adjournment

Motion: That the Carolinian Canada Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Carried: Unanimously

Carolinian Canada Coalition Directors - June 2019

	Directors	Groups	Term	Start	Term End	Status
	CONTINUING					
1	Kristen Bernard	Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)	2	2014	2020	Continuing
2	Dawn Bazely		2	2014	2020	Continuing
3	Chris Turner		2	2014	2020	Continuing
4	Mari Veliz	Conservation Ontario (CO)	1	2017	2020	Continuing
5	Maria Ramirez Giraldo	Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA)	1	2018	2021	Continuing
6	Krysten Richardson	Long Point Basin Land Trust (LPBLT)	1	2018	2021	Continuing
7	Heather Gingerich		1	2018	2021	Continuing
	RECOGNITION OF SERVICE					
	Alistair MacKenzie	Ontario Parks	2	2013		3 rd term approved
	Paul General		2	2015		Resigned April 15, 2019
	Suzanne Perry	Forests Ontario (FO)	1	2018		Resigned April 24, 2019
	ELECTION SLATE	June 25, 2019				
8	Don Pearson		3	2013	2022	3 rd term approved
9	Owen Williams	Ontario Invasive Plant Council (OIPC)	3	2013	2022	3 rd term approved
10	Daniel Fuentes		1	2019	2022	
11	Dr. Michael John		1	2019	2022	
12	Stephanie Chamberlin	Forests Ontario	1	2019	2022	

CCC Policy: The number of Directors will total up to eighteen (18) and not less than nine (9); The Board shall maintain a balance between Directors serving as individuals and Directors representing a group; Only one representative from a particular Group Member may be elected as a Director; Board Groups agree to support their nominee to participate on the Board of Directors and are formally affiliated with the board. The nominee may be an employee or volunteer who acts as a liaison between Carolinian Canada and their group.