



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 29, 2022 at 3:00pm EST

Meeting hosted on the electronic platform: ZOOM

Paul McNair	AGM Emcee, ACLT / ED, Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia
Renata Woodward	Outgoing Chair & Interim ED, ACLT
Justin Thompson	Co-Chair, ACLT Working Group / ED, Southern Alberta Land Trust Society

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Paul McNair

Meeting was called to order at 3:04pm EST.

### 2. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM – Paul McNair

Participants were asked to put their full name and organization in the chat to confirm quorum. See [Appendix A](#) for a list of those in attendance.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Paul McNair

*2022-1: Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Greg Wickware, seconded by Justin Thompson. Approved by consensus.*

### 4. CHAIR'S REPORT – Renata Woodward

Significant Activities (past year)

- The ACLT Board met on a bi-weekly and later monthly basis to legally register the alliance and develop by-laws, governance policies, a fundraising strategy, budgets, and a case for support.
- Partner meetings included NCC, DUC, CLC, WHC, Nature Canada, the Green Budget Coalition, COP15 national environmental group coalition and COP15 Quebec collectif, several indigenous groups, government representatives, MPs and as you might have seen in the recent newsletter, the work of Canadian land trusts was recently recognized in a parliamentary session.
- ACLT together with the provincial alliances hosted a national summit.
- Renata attended the Quebec conference – les ateliers sur la conservation des milieux naturels.
- The ACLT Board has been developing a strategic plan. Renata shared highlights of the working document including Purpose, Mission, Vision and Theory of Change.

## Financial Standing

- Since this is the first year of operations, there are no financial statements to share with members.
- The ACLT finances/budget have been managed by the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia.
- ACLT was able to raise funds for a part-time ED and to cover some expenses of the summit.
- The ACLT fiscal year is from September 30 – October 1.
- Starting in October 2023, ACLT will be managing its own finances.

Discussion - NIL

## **5. CANADIAN LAND TRUST WORKING GROUP REPORT – Justin Thompson**

Background – A four-year journey

- The group consists of representatives from alliances and executive directors from land trusts across Canada.
- The purpose of the group is to secure / spearhead additional federal funding for land trusts.
- Over 4 years ago ECCC announced funding through NHCP with an LCTF component to fund community and regional land Trusts.
- The CLTWG worked with ECCC, DUC and NCC under the NHCP and were able to increase funding from 1M under the old model, to 4.4M annually under LCTF for securement specific projects.
- A strong relationship was built with WHC to deliver LCTF and hopefully more programs in the future.

Successes of LCTF – A huge increase in delivery outcomes and metrics

- Total funding was 20M or 5M/year over 4 years (4.4M/year for securement).
- 166 projects in 7 provinces were funded. 13,500 hectares protected. 40 individual land trusts were supported and 80M in matching funds was raised.

Next Steps

- The group is hopeful that there will be a 3-year renewal of the LCTF program, with similar funding levels/targets to the current program, that will include a CA with WHC, giving ACLT and WHC more control over program design and delivery.
- The goal is to increase the membership and work of the group.

Discussion:

- Opportunities to work within the international community.

## **6. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS – Paul McNair**

As per the ACLT by-laws (#27) the board shall consist of up to 12 directors represented by 5 appointed directors from each region (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies and British Columbia) as voted by provincial alliance members or other collective means where no provincial alliance

exists. Each region with a provincial alliance will be entitled to 1 additional board representative determined by the respective alliance board. The ACLT board may appoint up to 4 skills-based directors who must represent at least 3 of 5 regions. Representatives from First Nations and other aligned organizations will be encouraged.

The following directors were presented to the membership for approval to the ACLT board of directors.

- Alison Howson, Ontario Land Trust Alliance
- Greg Wickware, Ontario
- Paul McNair, Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia
- Tim Ennis, British Columbia
- Brice Caillié, Réseau de milieux naturels protégé
- Joaquin Riesgo, Quebec
- Max Fritz, Prairies
- Bianca McGregor, Atlantic
- Bill Lougheed, member-at-large

Discussion:

- There are 3 vacant positions that can be filled as per matrix requirements.
- How long are terms? Terms are between 2 and 3 years and will be determined at the board meeting in January.

*2022-2: Motion to approve the presented nominees to the Board of Directors of the Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts. Moved by Justin Thompson; seconded by Paul Chapman. Approved by consensus.*

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS – Paul McNair**

A call for other business items was made. There were no items tabled.

Discussion:

- Confirmation that motion 2022-3 is standard governance practice.

*2022-3. Motion to ratify the actions of the ACLT Board of Directors over the past year. Moved by Ben van Drimmelen; seconded by Susan Walmer. Approved by consensus.*

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm EST.

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Drafted by: Bianca McGregor

Approved for circulation by: Renata Woodward

## **Appendices**

## **APPENDIX A – Attendance**

References:

ACLT By-law #9 Membership Conditions

ACLT By-Law #23 Quorum at Member's Meetings

ACLT Board Members (Interim and voting members)		
Name	Organization	Province
Max Fritz	Western Sky Land Trust	AB
Paul McNair	Land Trust Association of British Columbia	BC
Alison Howson	Ontario Land Trust Alliance	ON
Greg Wickware	Haliburton Highlands Land Trust	ON
Bill Lougheed	Georgian Bay Land Trust	ON
Bianca McGregor	Island Nature Trust	PE
Tim Ennis	Comox Valley Land Trust	QC
Brice Caillié	Réseau de milieux naturels protégés	QC
Renata Woodward	Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts *outgoing Chair	N/A

Voting Members		
Name	Organization	Province
Justin Thompson	Southern Alberta Land Trust Society	AB
Paul Chapman	Nanaimo and Area Land Trust	BC
Katharine Lavoie	Green Ways Trust	BC
Michael Dunn	Mayne Island Conservancy	BC
Denise Nicholis	Land Trust Association of BC	BC
Jean Wilkinson	Salt Spring Island Preservation Society	BC
Joanne Nielson	Fraser Valley Conservancy	BC
Catherine Slater	Heriot Bay	BC
Ben van Drimmelen	Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia	BC
Bonnie Sutherland	Nova Scotia Land Trust	NS
Peter Hannah	Rideau Waterway Authority	ON
Frank Shaw	Ontario Land Trust Alliance	ON
Susan Bryan	Thunder Bay Field Naturalists	ON
Michael MacDonald	Bruce Trail Conservancy	ON

Susan Walmer	Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trusts	ON
Robert Orland	American Friends of Canadian Conservation	ON
Bruce McLellan	Ontario Land Trust Alliance	ON
Dorthea Hangaard	Couchiching Conservancy	ON
John Kintare	Kawartha Land Trust	ON
Steve Knechtel	Rideau Waterway Land Trust	ON
Kristyn Richardson	Long Point Land Trust	ON
Jane Garthson	Oak Ridges Moraine	ON
Laura Bozelli	Northumberland Land Trust	ON
Courtney Baker	Couchiching Conservancy	ON
Carter Dorscht	Kensington Conservancy	ON
Corrine Wilkerson	Kensington Conservancy	ON
Veronique Vermette	Réseau de milieux naturels protégés	QC
Don Johnson	Georgian Bay Land Trust	QC
Patrick Demars	Conservation Lakefield	QC
Jaoquin Riesgo	Foundation Séthy	QC
Renny Grilz	Meewasin Valley Authority	SK

Non-Voting Members (self-identified)		
Name	Organization	Province
Barbara Heindenreich	Kawartha Land Trust	QC
Dave Hillary	American Friends of Canada Conservation	USA
Rebecca Goodwin		USA
Scott Nurse	ECCC	QC
Jordan Becker	ECCC	ON
Rebecca Goodwin		USA
Tom Harrison	Saskatchewan Stock Growers Foundation	SK
Michael Charles		
Duncan Ross		ON
Pascal Rousseau	CPAWS	QC
Acevedo Dagoberto		QC
Wesley Wenhardt		BC

Non-Voting Staff		
Name	Organization	Province
Renata Woodward	Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts	N/A

	*current acting Executive Director	
Denise Nicholls	Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia	N/A
Phyllis Lee	Ontario Land Trust Alliance	ON

**APPENDIX B – Acronyms List**

Acronym	What it stands for...
ACLT	Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts
CA	Contribution Agreement
CLC	Centre for Land Conservation
CLTWG	Canadian Land Trust Working Group
DUC	Ducks Unlimited Canada
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ED	Executive Director
LTCF	Land Trust Conservation Fund
NCC	Nature Conservancy of Canada
NHCP	Natural Heritage Conservation Program
WHC	Wildlife Habitat Canada