

OFNC Conservation Committee - Terms of Reference

Composition

At least seven members.

Mandate

1. To act in support and promote conservation of our natural history heritage with emphasis on the Ottawa-Gatineau region, but also considering the wider context of the provincial, national and international scale.
2. To be informed on general conservation problems and policies both locally, and on a wider scale.
3. To make decisions based on the best available scientific evidence. Where possible, to be up-to-date on relevant scientific literature relating to conservation, especially locally, in terms of both traditional peer-reviewed literature and also citizen-science projects with verifiable data. The OFNC Conservation Committee is a science-based committee.

Duties

1. Providing leadership on conservation issues by supporting and promoting conservation activities outside our organization: this leadership emerges by drawing on committee members' collective scientific and organizational expertise.
2. Where possible, also generating primary content on conservation issues (e.g. original research and documents produced by the committee) and initiating projects of our own (e.g. monitoring of biota at significant local sites).
3. Cooperating with other OFNC-Committees and other organizations carrying out activities related to conservation.
4. From time to time as the opportunity presents itself, making input to various organizations, government or otherwise, on matters related to conservation.