

**Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club – Special Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Chair: Owen Clarkin

Present: Ann MacKenzie, Annie Bélair, Janette Niwa, Elizabeth Moore, Bev McBride, Ken Young, Gordon Robertson, Katriina Ilves, Lisa Chamney

1. Business Arising - Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust (MMLT) request for donation towards the acquisition of the Aird Creek Property.

On July 15, MMLT had contacted Owen requesting that OFNC consider making a donation to help them acquire two new properties, with a focus on raising funds for the prospective "Aird Creek Nature Reserve". This property is near the Rose Hill Nature Reserve, which Owen knew to be very high-quality habitat. A subsequent visit to the property in question confirmed his view that it would be very deserving of protection. The deadline at that time was July 31 with an extension to the end of August having been applied for.

At a meeting of the limited number of Directors available on July 24, it was proposed by Jakob Mueller that the OFNC schedule a special meeting in August to vote on whether the OFNC will donate \$5K (outside of our normal budget) to the Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust (MMLT) to help them acquire the Aird Creek Property.

**Moved** by Gord Robertson, seconded by Janette Niwa, that the OFNC pledge a donation of \$5K (outside of our normal budget) to the Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust (MMLT) towards the acquisition the Aird Creek Property. **CARRIED**

It was suggested that OFNC would be in a position to donate a larger sum to MMLT in the event that they failed to reach their target. This funding request had, however, been brought to OFNC at very short notice. Several Members of the Board felt that, if OFNC were to consider donating a substantial sum to this or any future project, the membership should be consulted. It was suggested that a process, possibly a subcommittee, should be set up to determine whether the membership would be in favour of spending significant sums towards land purchase and perhaps more generally where they felt the Club's money would be best spent.

2. Adjournment – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Moore