



Annual General Meeting

June 12, 2019 Agenda

6:30-7:00 p.m. **Social Hour & Refreshments**

- 7:00 Annual General Meeting **call to order** and welcoming remarks by President Miriam Mutton
[President's Report is in the Annual Report]
- 7:05 **Confirmation of Quorum** (10% of membership) by Recording Secretary Whitney Lake
- 7:05 **Acceptance of Agenda** as circulated by President Miriam Mutton
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
- 7:10 **Acceptance of Minutes** of 2018 AGM by President Miriam Mutton
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
- 7:15 **Treasurer's Report** by Treasurer Joan Chalovich (Financial report is in the Annual Report)
Approval of Financial Statements for 2018
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
Financial Reviewer's report and appointment of Don Nicholson as Financial Reviewer for 2019
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
- 7:20 **Committee Reports**
Committee reports are detailed in the AGM package.
The Chairs will answer any questions members may have at this time:

Motion to accept committee reports Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
- 7:25 **Resolution** to confirm the acts of the Directors and Officers of the Board for 2018
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
- 7:25 Report of **Nominating Committee**: Committee Chair: John Geale
Call for nominations from the floor

Resolution confirming new Board members Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
- 7:30 **Wallace Birdathon** results: as presented by Past President John Geale
- 7:30 **Motion to Adjourn** the AGM business Moved by _____
- 7:30 **Guest Speaker: Lorraine Johnson**: Gardening for the Future: Cultivating Land Stewardship in the Anthropocene: Introduction of the speaker by Miriam Mutton; Thanking of the speaker by Robert Fishlock



NLT GALA Fundraising Dinner Bob, Esther and Ken - Photo by Mallory Ford 2018

Annual Report 2019

Committed to preserving the natural, historical and cultural heritage of Northumberland County, our mandate is to establish, maintain and manage protected areas.

This annual report highlights our goals and achievements for 2018/2019 including our administrative and financial information.

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Board of Directors

The Northumberland Land Trust (NLT) operates under the direction of a volunteer Board of Directors, drawn from across the County. For this 2018/2019 annual report there were 10 board members working under the leadership of President Miriam Mutton. The current members of the Board of Directors are: Joan Chalovich, Bill Crowley, Grant Elliott, Robert Fishlock, John Geale, George Gordon, Whitney Lake, Jane McGrath, Miriam Mutton and Bill Newell. For profiles of the individual board members please refer to our website, www.NLTrust.ca under the “*about us*” tab.

Achieving our Mission

The NLT is committed to preserving the natural, historical and cultural heritage of Northumberland County. Our Board of Directors is an involved team of fiscally responsible individuals who are pleased to announce that they accomplished their mandate for the 2018/2019 year. They did this by obtaining and investigating new property acquisitions while continuing to provide stewardship for all of our existing properties. This board has raised public appreciation of the Trust, acquired and sustained valuable volunteers, is actively collaborating with other land trust and nature organizations, as well as building partnerships and fundraising for the monies necessary to ensure continued sustainability.



President's Report by Miriam Mutton

This AGM marks my second year as NLT president and it has been a full and rewarding year! Many thanks to the Board of Directors, a dedicated group of inspiring volunteers who work very well together and as leaders on committee work. And, much of our work as a Board of Directors would not have materialized as attained goals and completed projects without the support of our members, donors and volunteers.

Highlights from this past year include a number of milestones.

NLT as a major partner, donated \$10,000 and hours of volunteer support, towards securing the acquisition of 230 acres of important Brighton Wetland by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and Ducks Unlimited Canada.

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board celebrated 50 years at the LLOEC. The Outdoor Education Centre is visited by more than 3000 students every year. On-going projects encouraging the participation and education of young naturalists included the planning of Pollinator Gardens at Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre (LLOEC), an NLT property in the stewardship of Mark Rupke. The Pollinator Garden project involved a team of students collecting and analyzing site data and preparing plans. Participants came from the Ecosystem Management Course at Fleming College. As well, Director Whitney Lake conducted graduate research at LLOEC through Trent University.

Stewardship activities continued to be an important priority in the on-going management and care of NLT properties. Director Bill Newell continued his integral role on stewardship matters. For example, we are very pleased with the work of Blazing Star Environmental in the preparation of the management manual for Jack Van Nostrand Nature Reserve, our most recent property acquisition. As NLT continues to grow and expand in its responsibilities, fundraising will also continue to be important. This past year included ongoing negotiations for new acquisitions as well as the development and strengthening of collaborative partnerships. Each NLT property has a designated

steward who provides a watchful eye, important contributions to a charitable organization with properties distributed across Northumberland County.

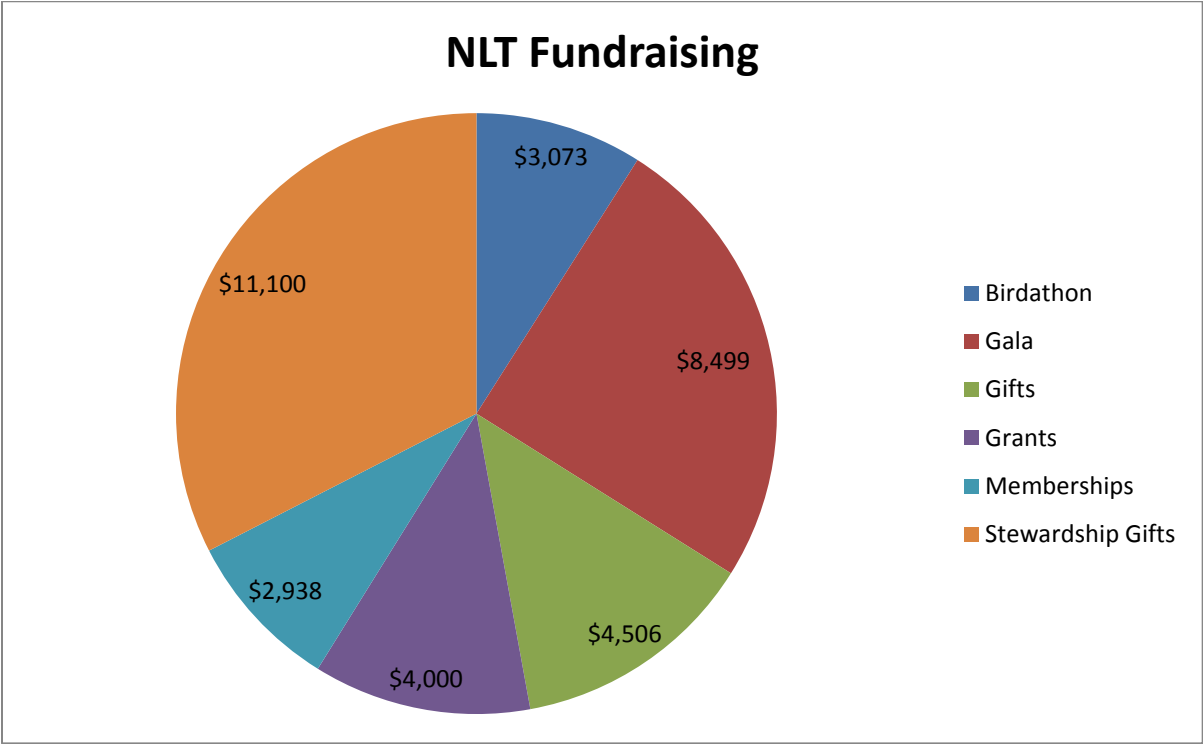
Important fundraising events included the Wallace Birdathon held in May, and the Gala Dinner in October which featured guest speaker Adam Shoalts who took us on a visual 4,000 km journey across Canada’s North. Gala Committee Chair, Director Jane McGrath will soon reveal exciting plans for this year’s Gala.

The revision of the Canadian Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices was completed earlier this year and this will inform NLT policies and the upcoming NLT web site refresh.

Outreach and advocacy by NLT included attendance at various community events including Fall Fairs. Director George Gordon organized NLT displays, and Directors Grant Elliott and Whitney Lake organized the Speaker Series in partnership with Lone Pine Land Trust. My work as president included sending letters of support for our partners, like Ontario Nature and NCC, in advocacy for the protection of sensitive natural systems and in support of legislation to protect species at risk. A special thank you to Directors Robert Fishlock, Joan Chalovich and John Geale in assisting me with these important outreach matters.

Moving forward I will remain involved with NLT. In closing, thank you to members of the Board for their support and guidance, and to our bookkeeper Marilyn McGarrell who has also helped me be organized with correspondence. A note of appreciation goes out to Director Bill Crowley who is retiring from the NLT Board after many years of service. And a heartfelt thank you to our members and donors who support the NLT in many ways - providing refreshments at our events, volunteering time as part of our work crews on NLT properties, and making financial donations which help NLT carry out its important work.

Achieving our mandate requires successful fundraising strategies. In 2018 was \$34,052 from six different sources.



One of the ways that NLT raises funds is through our partnership with Canada Helps. This non-profit organization is designed to benefit Canadian donors, charities and corporations. The amount remitted to NLT from Canada Helps is included within the six fundraising sources. Please look at our website connection through this link. <http://nltrust.ca/how-you-can-help/cash-donation/>



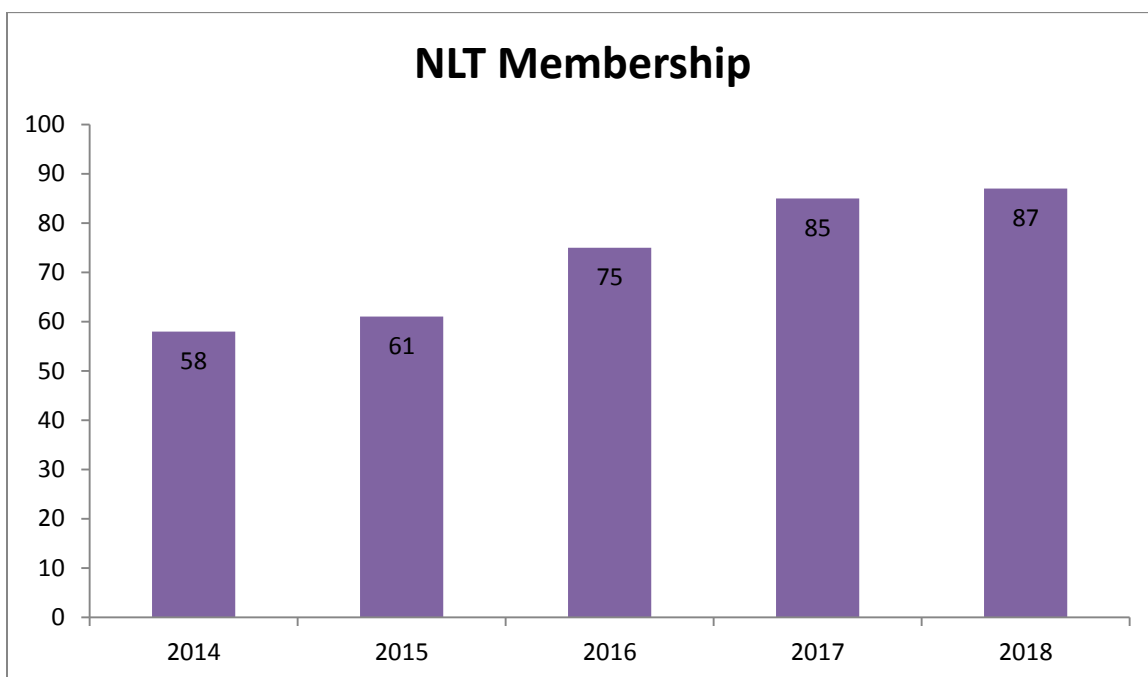
1. **The Wallace Birdathon** has been a favourite fundraising event for the NLT since 2016. It raises funds to support stewardship while also supplying valuable knowledge about wildlife, especially birds, on our properties. Inspired by Charlie and Norma Wallace, the Birdathon will be known from 2019 onwards as the Wallace Memorial Birdathon, as Norma died in February 2019. In 2018, as always, we owed much of our success to six local birders who donated their time and expertise to the project: Roger Frost, Kurt Appleman, Paulette Hebert, David Geale, Ben Walters and Doug McRae. Each of these birders explored one of the Northumberland Land Trust's Nature Reserves in the hopes of seeing as many different species of birds as possible. In doing so, they raised \$3073 for NLT's stewardship program. There is still time to contribute to the 2019 Wallace Birdathon. Please mail a cheque to the Northumberland Land Trust, P. O. Box 1153, Cobourg, ON, K9A 5A4 or visit our website <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/northumberland-land-trust/>, then select "Wallace Birdathon 2019" from the drop-down menu under "APPLY YOUR DONATION TO A SPECIFIC FUND SET UP BY THIS CHARITY".
2. Another successful **Gala Dinner** and Silent Auction was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at the Best Western Cobourg Inn. This year we had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets in the hopes of winning a weekend retreat in a lovely cottage in Haliburton. Adam Shoalts, our guest speaker, is one of



Susan Vivan, Marlynne Warling, Molly Leckey

Canada's greatest living explorers. An explorer-in-residence of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and also an historian and archaeologist. Adam 'took us with him' with pictures and stories of his 4,000 kilometer solo journey across Canada's North. The evening was very enjoyable and afforded us the opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new people who share our interest in the work of the Land Trust.

3. **Gifts and Donations** are received by the NLT throughout the year. It is important to develop a significant and gratifying charitable plan that reflects personal values, traditions and experiences. Giving to the NLT can be both meaningful and rewarding and is easily done by mailing a cheque to the NLT, P. O. Box 1153, Cobourg, ON, K9A 5A4 or by visiting our website <http://nltrust.ca/how-you-can-help/cash-donation/>; all gifts of \$20 or more receive a charitable tax receipt. The Northumberland Land Trust has a comprehensive recognition program recognizing its supporters in print and online. Of course if you wish your membership or donation to remain anonymous, this is acknowledged and respected at the time of your contribution.
4. In 2018 our **Grant** monies of \$4,000 were gratefully received from *The Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA)* and were used towards stewardship activities.
5. **Membership** in the NLT provides access to our newsletter, coming events, updates on Trust activities, as well as the knowledge that you belong to a team of dedicated individuals preserving lands of special interest in the County. Membership provides voting rights at the Annual General Meeting as well as a receipt to claim as a tax deduction. Our total membership in 2018 was 87 and we are pleased to announce that it has been increasing yearly, an important trend we would like to see continue. Please know that you can renew your membership in person at the Annual General Meeting, by mail, or on-line membership forms can be found on our website: <http://nltrust.ca/how-you-can-help/renew-membership/> Information can be mailed to the Northumberland Land Trust, P. O. Box 1153, Cobourg, K9A 5A4. Please invite your friends to join us!



NLT Memberships for the past five years

6. Sometimes funds are received specifically designated for **Stewardship** projects. In 2018 Stewardship dollars of \$11,100 provided opportunities for the NLT to improve our nature reserves and protect the flora and fauna living there. \$9,200.00 was generously donated by Valley Voices, \$123 from the Northumberland Photography Club and the balance of stewardship dollars came from donated by individual donors.



Speaker Series Committee Report by Whitney Lake

The 2018/2019 Speaker Series was held at the Venture 13 building in Cobourg, and produced in collaboration with the Lone Pine Land Trust (LPLT). The speaker series is entertaining as well as educational, as we expose our community to a diversity of thought provoking topics so that we may develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues. We started with Allie Anderson on migration strategies of shorebirds along James Bay, followed by Dr. Dianne Saxe, the outgoing Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO) who provided a talk on environmental issues facing Ontario. Lastly, Blazing Star Environmental (pictured left) explained how they have been finding and protecting 'lost' populations of species at risk (SAR) reptiles and amphibians in Northumberland County. Everyone enjoyed these free presentations with refreshments graciously provided by Marlynne Warling.

Governance Committee Report by Miriam Mutton

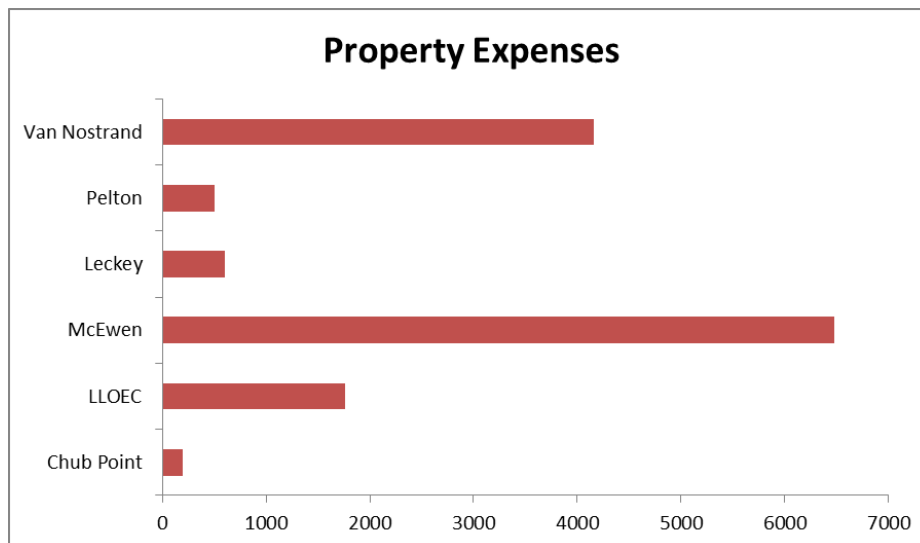
The Governance committee is formed of NLT Board members Miriam Mutton, Robert Fishlock, Jane McGrath and George Gordon. This committee reviews changes in regulations which may affect our existing policies. It is also revising our Directors Handbook to guide future board members as they understand their Board responsibilities. NLT policies are aligned with standards and best practices of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA) and Canadian Land Trust Alliance (CLTA).

Acquisitions Committee Report by John Geale

The NLT Land Acquisition Committee's mandate is to assess potential properties and make recommendations to the NLT Board regarding their acquisition. The acquisition may be by way of purchase, acceptance of a donation of title, acceptance of a conservation easement or a combination of both purchase and donation. The committee is comprised of John Geale, Robert Fishlock, Bill Newell and Whitney Lake. Each potential property is assessed using a formal process of weighted value as well as an on-site exploration. All negotiations remain confidential.

Achieving our mandate to establish new properties to preserve the natural, historical and cultural heritage of Northumberland County

The Northumberland Land Trust currently holds secure 482 acres of land in Northumberland County. Our responsibility to these protected areas includes paying property taxes, maintaining or installing fencing and signage, planting seedlings, removing invasive species, sustaining a network of well-maintained trails, and developing management plans. The NLT property expenses in 2018 included \$10,000.00 spent on the Brighton Wetlands, \$1,500.00 was spent on property taxes and \$13,698.52 was spent on individual stewardship activities.



Leckey Nature Reserve – Steward Bill Newell: 177 acre Conservation Easement in Cramahe Township, Part of lots 28 and 29, Concession 9, Township of Cramahe.

This Conservation Easement is in the reliable care of current owners Frank Prest and Jeff Devine, with whom it has been a pleasure to work. All aspects of the Conservation Agreement are completely satisfactory. We saw the last of



the Scots pine removed, DSV controlled, and the trails cleared; although this property is in relatively good health from the point of view of invasive plant species, we continue to keep a watchful eye out for areas that may need attention. Two more nest boxes have been installed in this good Eastern Bluebird and Tree Swallow habitat for a total of five and we are happy to report that Bluebirds and Tree Swallows are currently using the boxes.

Pelton Nature Reserve – Steward Tom Jackman: Alnwick/Haldimand, adjacent to Peter's Woods Provincial Park & NCC Schultz property.

Spring & Fall work parties occurred during the period and focused on the following: maintenance and cleaning of the Fleming-built bird boxes, the maintenance of a loop trail that permits easier access to the marsh and stream environments and finally continued thinning of the red pine plantation.

In addition, the annual bird survey was conducted by Paulette Hebert as part of the NLT birdathon. She observed 51 species including two that had not been seen before (Least Flycatcher & Blue-winged Warbler). This brings the total species that have been observed in the annual surveys to 93.

McEwen Nature Reserve-Steward-John Geale: 100 acres in Hope Township donated by the McEwen family to the Nature Conservancy of Canada and transferred to the Northumberland Land Trust



As planned, we mounted a serious attack on dog-strangling vine at the McEwen Nature Reserve in 2018, with several volunteers helping out on July 7. The view from the top of the drumlin showed clearly the positive effect of this work on the area we had been able to cover, but continued progress will be an ongoing battle over the coming years. On the other invasive front, the Phragmites patch in the pond was severely reduced, and a close eye will be kept on it to continue this pattern.

The Grasshopper Sparrow census revealed that this "special concern" species was present in both the burned and the unburned sections of the south field and in the north field. Tree Swallows and Eastern Bluebirds used many of the nest boxes, but the very hot and dry conditions in the critical nestling-feeding period limited their success.

In the spring of 2019 we conducted a successful prescribed burn of the north part of the south field. Our plan is to continue with a cycle of burns, probably burning the north field in 2021. This will maintain conditions suitable for the many grassland species that do well in this habitat. Other operations at McEwen included more work on the west fence, changing the horse trail to prevent erosion in the woods and on steeper sections of the fields, removing more Scots pines, and the usual nest box checks.

The Chub Point Nature Reserve-Steward Ted Nasmith: 17 acres of wet woodland complete with many vernal pools located on the northeast corner of Station Street, south of Grafton.

As the main goal here is to protect existing amphibian breeding habitat, not a lot of action is needed except for invasives control. With this in mind, stewardship teams worked on dog-strangling vine, Phragmites, and European buckthorn. An interesting development occurred here during the 2019 Wallace Memorial Birdathon. Our "birdathoner", David Geale, recorded 76 species, including 29 that had never been reported in three previous years of Birdathons. This brings the total number of species known to occur here in May to 93, clearly demonstrating that on the right (lucky) day during migration, even a small patch of protected habitat can be important to migrating birds.

Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre (LLOEC)-Steward Mark Rupke:

The LLOEC is a 100 acre woodlot at 8000 Telephone Road. It is a wonderfully diverse area with a cold water creek, vernal pools, riparian zone forest, mature forest, and early successional forest.

At the LLOEC more exotic invasive species have been removed and more native trees and flowers have been planted. This year the ongoing effort is taking the form of trying to establish a pollinator garden along the hydro lines coming into the property. We had a team from Sir Sandford Fleming College design the garden, and are working to clear the space and begin to establish it. This winter we hope to apply for grants to obtain plants, and transplant from local sources as well as peoples' gardens. This should help to increase the biodiversity of the property while helping to retain pollinating insects in the area.



Work continues to try and find a source of salamanders whose habitat is going to be threatened. We would like to introduce those species at the LLOEC as a way to enhance the local ecosystem. The Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre continues to host over 2500 students and almost 600 teachers each year from local schools who take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a day of outdoor studies at the Centre. This outdoor centre is also appreciated by many other local residents and visitors who use the trails for walking and connecting with nature.

The Jack van Nostrand Nature Reserve-Steward Dylan Radcliffe. Jack's Marsh consists of 20% mature deciduous and mixed forests and 80% great lakes coastal wetland that includes a cedar swamp, thicket swamp and cattail marsh. This 35-acre property is an important contributor to connectivity and biodiversity due to its proximity to other intact environmental areas nearby on the Lake Ontario shoreline.

Control of invasive exotic plants continued at Jack's Marsh, Bill Newell having worked on both dog-strangling vine and Phragmites, and volunteer crews having removed significant numbers of European buckthorn trees. To assist observers in monitoring at-risk species, a tree stand has been installed overlooking a significant



portion of the marsh. Blazing Star Environmental completed a very comprehensive Property Management Plan which will give us lots of ideas to work with in the coming years. Included in this plan are recommendations for further control of invasives, protection of turtles and their nests, planting butternut trees that may be resistant to the canker disease that is decimating this species, and consultation with neighbouring landowners with a view to enlarging the protected area.

Nomination report to the 2018 AGM

Directors up for renewal for a three year term are John Geale, Robert Fishlock, and Jane McGrath.

Directors continuing in their second year of a three year term are Joan Chalovich, George Gordon and Miriam Mutton.

Directors continuing in their third year of a three year term are Grant Elliott, Bill Newell and Whitney Lake.

Bill Crowley will be retiring from his position and we thank him for his years of dedicated service.

Please Join Us

Please take this opportunity to consider a position as a board member with the NLT. Our meetings are held monthly in Cobourg. Board members spend varying amounts of time doing Board activities depending upon their interest and commitments. You can spend a few hours a month doing administrative duties like taking Board meeting minutes and correspondence (3-6 hours a month) or increase the donation of your time by including responsibilities such as property reviews for acquisition, hands on stewardship work (12-20 hours, variable with season) or community outreach and education (8-16 hours, variable with season including such things as attending a public event or helping out with the speaker series or Gala). There are a variety of challenging and rewarding positions you could fill. Please approach a member of the board for more information on a specific committee or Board position.

NLT-Donor recognition

The NLT wishes to recognize the contributions of its donors who support the on-going activities of the NLT. A matrix was developed under the branches of trees. As financial donations are accumulated over the calendar year donors will advance from one branch to the next. The NLT treasurer tracks the information and the donors will be recognized at the Gala, the AGM, on the Website and in our Newsletter. If a donor wishes to remain anonymous that would be respected. We are grateful to the generosity of all of our membership and thank everyone for their gifts. We also wish to give special thanks to those individuals who donate their time, services and expertise. Although they may not be reflected here, their gifts are valued by the NLT.

DONORS based on the time frame May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019

Graceful Ash Branch \$100 -\$499		Enduring Pine \$500-\$2,499	Sturdy Maple \$2,500- \$4,999	Mighty Oak \$5,000 & upwards	Hearty Acorn Notice of bequest while alive
John Apostolides	Gordon Berry	Anonymous (11)	Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA)	Valley Voices Residents Association	George Gordon
Tyne Bonebakker	Marion Boys	Mary Bedford-Jones			
Nora Camps	Robert Carman	Joan Chalovich		George Gordon	

Bob Coleman	Bill Crowley	Robert Fishlock			
Olga Cwiek	Anita De Jong	Dr. Doug Galt		Nature Conservancy of Canada	
Marguerite Doritty	Karin Fawthrop	Marie Gordon			
Margaret Fleming	John Geale	Reg Gordon			
F. Godfrey	Jane Haworth	R. Lake			
Barbara Heidenreich	P. Hebert	Brian Maxwell			
Tom Jackman	John James	John van Nostrand			
J. Johnson	Kawartha Credit Union				
E. Kellogg/R. Frost	H. Knapper				
Susan Laing	Whitney Lake				
Sandra Lane	Anne Luken				
Jane Mc Grath	Simone Merey				
Patricia Monteith	Claire Mowat				
Roger Nainby	Bill Newell				
William Nicholls	Eva Nichols				
Northumberland Photography Club					
Irena Orłowski	Reno Piccini				
Mark Rupke	Mark Stabb				
Sue Stickley	Nina Szpakowski				
Naomi Taylor	Tora Foundation				
Richard Tyssen	Susan Vivian				
M. Warling	Wm. Wensley				
Heather Whalley	Trish Whitney				
Audrey Wilson	Cheryl Wilson				
Jane Zednik					

Financial Report

Ordinary Income/Expense January through December of 2018

Income: Tax-receipted gifts

Birdathon	\$3073.37	Corporate	Individual	\$3,902.50	Other	\$604.00
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Total Donations 7,579.87

Memberships

Family	\$1002.24	Individual	\$896.80	Supporting	\$1,039.00
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Total Memberships \$2,938.04

Gala Dinner Receipted	\$5,357.00	Tax-receipted gifts other	\$526.00
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Stewardship	\$11,099.74
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Total Tax-receipted gifts \$27,436.08

Other gifts - not rctd by NLT	\$88.45
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Canada Helps Birdathon	\$64.57
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Total other gifts not receipted by NLT \$875.00

Fundraising Income - not receipted:	Gala Dinner Tickets	\$5,534.92	and Silent Auction	\$2,518.00
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Total Fundraising Income - not receipted by NLT \$8,117.49

Grants \$4,000.00

Total Income \$40,428.57

Expenses

Advertising and Promotion	\$124.72	Annual Meeting	\$357.06
Bank Service Charges	\$51.35	Dues & Fees	\$1,845.00
Gala Dinner Expenses	\$5,785.72	Lecture Series Expense	\$310.07
Liability Insurance	\$1,487.15	Newsletter Expense	\$995.71
Office Expenses	\$4,373.25	Professional Fees	\$1,039.40

Property Expenses

Chub Point	\$200.00	Leckey	\$600.00
LLOEC	\$1,763.00	Pelton	\$500.00
McEwen	\$6477.64	Van Nostrand	\$4,157.60
Brighton Wetlands	\$10,000.00		

Total Property Expenses \$ 23,698.52

Property Taxes: Chub Point \$226.13 Pelton \$656.03 Van Nostrand Wicklow \$620.24

Total Property Taxes \$1502.

Total Expense \$41,570.35

Net Ordinary Income \$-1,141.78

Less Interest income \$865.48

Net Income \$-276.30

BALANCE SHEET-As of 31 December 2018

ASSETS: Current Assets: Chequing/Savings

Chequing Account #6	\$4,995.87	Premium Savings #1	\$8,355.91
Stewardship #7	\$755.34	Stewardship Restricted 003	\$12,919.75
Member Shares Held #2	\$108.17	Lottery Account	\$821.05
Total Chequing/Savings	\$27,956.09		
Accounts Receivable GST	\$786.88	Total Accounts Receivable	\$786.88

Other Current Assets: Undeposited Funds/ Short-term investments

Term GIC #1 – Stewardship	\$10,840.61		
Term GIC #2 - General	\$10,840.61	Term GIC #5 - Legal Defense Fund	\$2, 050.51
1 year GIC Fixed 0004	\$5,062.50	Term GIC #6	\$2,531.25
Term GIC #7	\$10,125.00	Term GIC #8	\$10,125.00

Total Short-term investments **\$ 51, 575.48**

Total Other Current Assets **\$51, 575.48**

Total Current Assets \$80,318.45

Fixed Assets: Land \$823,162.58

Total Fixed Assets \$823,162.58

TOTAL ASSETS **\$903, 481.03**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity: Retained Equity	\$459,922.74	Unrestricted Net Assets	\$443,349.23
Net Income	\$-276.30		
Total Equity	\$903,481.03		

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$903, 481.03**

Communications and Outreach Activities

The Northumberland Land Trust continues to explore ways to effectively use a range of communication techniques to connect with our stakeholders in meaningful ways.

- ✓ The speaker series is well attended, informative and entertaining
- ✓ The Gala Dinner attracts new community members and leaders and promotes fellowship
- ✓ Please join us on our Facebook page
- ✓ The newsletter is either mailed or e-mailed to our membership and local politicians
- ✓ Our new website will be up-dated with news and events
- ✓ Media releases of events of significance are in local newspapers, radio and Northumberlandnews.com
- ✓ Board members could be seen with a booth at various community events
- ✓ Enlightening hikes on the properties bring like-minded individuals together
- ✓ Our board members attend provincial meetings and workshops where they can network with others
- ✓ Distribution of brochures at NLT and community events
- ✓ Letters to the Town of Cobourg and the Province have been sent on items of significant interest

The Board Members of the Northumberland Land Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support and contributions. Your volunteer support and guidance is critical to our success as we protect significant grasslands, wetlands, forests, watersheds and other significant natural ecosystems across Northumberland County.



NORTHUMBERLAND LAND TRUST: MEMBERSHIP FORM

Our members make the conservation work of the Northumberland Land Trust possible.

We hope we can count on your support. Members receive:

- You know that you are supporting the Trust in its work;
- A tax receipt (minimum \$20 donation - Charitable Registration #89257-5930 RR0001);
- Newsletters and invitations to events such as our dinner, hikes, and lectures;
- The right to vote at the Trust's annual meeting if paid before May 31;
- Memberships are for a Calendar Year - January to Dec or any portion thereof;

If you prefer, you may now submit your membership online using Paypal

at <http://nltrust.ca> and select the How You Can Help" Icon. Otherwise

Please fill out the form below, make cheques payable to

Northumberland Land Trust, and mail to:

Northumberland Land Trust, P. O. Box 1153, Cobourg, ON, K9A 5A4

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Renewal ☐ **New membership** ☐ **Please contact me to volunteer** ☐

Dr. ☐ **Mr.** ☐ **Mrs.** ☐ **Ms.** ☐

Last name _____ **First name(s)** _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **e-mail** _____

Individual: \$25 ☐ **Family: \$40** ☐ **Supporting: \$50** ☐ **Corporate: \$100** ☐

Donation: \$250 ☐ **\$500** ☐ **Other** ☐ _____

I wish to remain anonymous: ☐ **The NLT recognizes its supporters in print and online. If you wish your membership or donation to remain anonymous, please indicate this at the time of your contribution. To view the NLT privacy policy please visit our website at <http://nltrust.ca>.**

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Northumberland Land Trust

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Hamilton Township Mutual Insurance Company

Building-Cobourg **June 12, 2019**

6:30-7:00 p.m. **Social Hour & Refreshments**

7:00 Annual General Meeting **call to order** and welcoming remarks by President Miriam Mutton. The President's Report is in the Annual Report; Miriam made special mention of the generous gift of space offered to us by the HTM. Miriam also thanked the blue box who provided us with coffee mugs for our meeting tonight.

7:05 **Confirmation of Quorum** (10% of membership) was confirmed by Recording Secretary Whitney Lake. There are 45 total people in attendance at the 2019 AGM. There are 73 paid members of the NLT with 39 in attendance at the AGM.

7:05 **Acceptance of Agenda** as circulated by President Miriam Mutton
Moved by Joan Chalovich Seconded by Janet Lake

7:05 **Acceptance of Minutes** of 2018 AGM by President Miriam Mutton
Moved by Bill Crowley Seconded by Audrey Wilson

7:10 **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Treasurer Joan Chalovich. The Financial report was printed in in the Annual Report and made available to the membership. Joan highlighted the monies received as gifts and also through the NLT fundraising activities as well as the NLT donor tree. Joan thanked our bookkeeper Marilyn McGarrell for her valuable assistance. There were no questions from the floor.

Approval of Financial Statements for 2018
Moved by Joan Chalovich Seconded by Russell Lake

Financial Reviewer's report and appointment of Don Nicholson as Financial Reviewer for 2019 was
Moved by Joan Chalovich Seconded by Tom Jackson

7:15 **Committee Reports**

Committee reports are detailed in the AGM package. The Chairs of the NLT committees were available to answer questions. Being no questions from the floor the motion to accept committee reports

Moved by John Geale Seconded by George Gordon

7:15 The **Resolution** to confirm the acts of the Directors and Officers of the Board for 2018

Moved by Robert Hall Seconded by Tish Godfrey

7:20 Report of **Nominating Committee** by committee Chair John Geale. The NLT board must have a minimum of 7 members and a maximum of 11. John provided a review of the board members and their years served with special thank you to Bill Crowley for his service to the Board. John then made a call for nominations from the floor, three times called, with no new nominations, consequently the nominations were closed. Resolution to renew John Geale, Robert Fishlock and Jane McGrath to a three year term and the appointment of the complete slate of board members.

Moved by John Geale Seconded by Russell Lake

7:20 **Wallace Birdathon** sadly saw the loss of Norma in 2019 but the Wallace Memorial Birdathon will continue. Our 2019 results were presented by John Geale. 126 species were identified and Martha Oden was the winner of our maple syrup with a guess of 125.

7:20 **Motion to Adjourn** the AGM business was moved by Bill Newell.

7:25 **Guest Speaker: Lorraine Johnson:** Gardening for the Future: Cultivating Land Stewardship in the Anthropocene: Introduction of the speaker was given by Bill Crowley and Joan Chalovich thanked the speaker.