

**Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sept 2nd, 2020**

Directors Present: Steve Tory, Marsha Dufresne, Murray Smith, Larry White

Staff Present: Manda Maggs

Others: Lisa Mackenzie, Charles Helm

1. Call to Order – 6:07pm. *Failing to meet quorum, the Chair proceeded with meeting presentations and reports as planned, and will distribute suggested motions for e-vote to all directors.*

2. Acknowledgement -

TRGGS acknowledges the Indigenous communities surrounding Tumbler Ridge. This land is the traditional territory of the Dunne-za, Sauteaux, Tse'khene, Cree and Metis peoples, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Sauteaux First Nations and West Moberly First Nations, the Kelly Lake Cree First Nations, Kelly Lake First Nations and Kelly Lake Metis Settlement Society within Treaty 8 Territory.

3. Adoption of Agenda

with 2 additions from Manda:

- a.) that the Board formally acknowledge their support of exploring amalgamation with the TRMF and,
- b.) that the Board approve back-filing TRUGGs' T2 forms to 2015 at an estimated cost of ~\$3,000 in order to recover \$6,800 in unclaimed GST funds.

Motion: To approve the agenda with the additional items.

Moved by: Steve Tory

Seconded by: Larry White

CARRIED/FAILED

4. Executive Director Report

- a. Recommended Motions

- i. Signing Authority – TD & LVCU

Motion: To grant Manda Maggs as an authorized signer with both TD and Lakeview Credit Union accounts and to remove Sarah Gamble as an authorized signer from same accounts.

Moved by: Steve Tory

Seconded by: Al Kangas

CARRIED by EVOTE

- ii. Balance Transfer

Motion: To transfer the balance of the special project funds originating from grants (such as the Geo Interpretive centre, Geology field guide) to the currently empty TD account in order to separate them from the operational funds and to prevent further overdraft penalties.

Moved by: Steve Tory

Seconded by: Kristen Holmlund

CARRIED by EVOTE

- iii. Formal acknowledgement of exploring possible amalgamation with TRMF

Motion: To explore the ramifications, process, potential costs, and possible outcomes of amalgamating with the Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation.

Moved by: Steve Tory
Seconded by: Al Kangas
CARRIED

iv. CGN representative

Motion: To submit Manda Maggs as the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark's representative to the Canadian Geoparks Network

Moved by: Steve Tory
Seconded by: Larry White
CARRIED by EVOTE

- v. Thank you gift to Drs. Paul Griffith & Carolyn Ramsey that the Board approve back-filing TRUGGs' T2 forms to 2015 at an estimated cost of ~\$3,000 in order to recover \$6,800 in unclaimed GST funds and put TRUGG in better standing with CRA

Motion: To send a small gift (max value=\$100) and a thank you card to Carolyn and Paul thanking them for their work and report on karst and the new formations being explored.

Moved by: Steve Tory
Seconded by: Al Kangas
CARRIED by EVOTE

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of previous meeting
- b. Executive Director Report – *brief discussion over the procedure of handling grant applications. Consensus of those present is that ED may pursue grants for board-approved projects so long as they are not significantly time consuming (such as gaming grants). Successful grant applications will then be brought to the board for final approval. No motion was required.*

6. Dr. Helm Scientific Advisor Report

- a. New Geosite development – *In-depth slide show/report on the features and significance of known karst formations in the park. Recommends considering Dr. Carolyn Ramsey and Dr. Paul Griffiths as scientific advisors considering the prevalence of karst in the park and upcoming global event "2021: The year of Karst".*
- b. Health in Geoparks – *Update on modules being developed by Syncollab. Charles expressed his assertion that this theme of Geoparks and Wellness can easily be expanded upon locally and globally.*

7. Old Business

- a. Geo Interpretive Centre
- b. Branding Partners and Visitor Experience Protocol (formerly Partners/Friends of the Geopark Protocol)
- c. Amalgamation – *Steve presented briefly, next meeting for committee is set for Sept 11.*
- d. Sign Vandalism
- e. Dark Sky Reserve – *Murray and Larry gave brief description of next steps and reported on the Night Under the Sky event held earlier. Next Dark sky meeting will be*
- f. PRRD Funding
- g. VIC Operation Contract
- h. Able auctions animatronic and other paleo displays
- i. Staff Credit Cards & Reimbursement

8. New Business

- a. AGM
- b. Board meeting dates – 3rd Thursday at 7pm

9. Director & Guest Items

10. Next Meeting

11. Adjournment - 7:29pm

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm

Moved by: Steve

Seconded by: Murray

CARRIED