

Friends of the Petawawa Research Forest
 Annual General Meeting (#17)
 Tuesday, November 28th, 2018; 7 p.m. Deep River Public Library

Attendance:		Regrets:
Robin Cunningham Frank Knaapen Tom Moore Hilary Veen	Jordon MacMillan Melissa Vekeman Dave Lemkay +12 other members/guests	John Pineau Ronnie Huang

1. Introduction of BOD to members/guests by Robin Cunningham.
2. Hilary gave overview of last year's AGM and minutes are accepted.
3. Melissa presented treasurer's report. (attached).
4. Robin presented presidents report (attached). He reminded those present of rationale for keeping gates closed while fire hazard is high.
5. Frank gives update on the trails system, including new snowshoe trail and distributed map.
6. Motion to accept existing board, i.e. no new board members, no election.
7. Steve d'Eon gave an update on publications about the PRF surrounding our 100th anniversary. 1st product was impact stories, 2nd product was about the history of science at the PRF. The first was rejected by the director of the fibre centre. The second could be pushed forward by the FPRF for publishing (i.e. Burnstown?).
8. Melissa gave an update of the professional activities occurring on the PRF, including:
 - 1918-2018 birthday celebration
 - Tree Plant
 - Emerald Ash Borer traps
 - Stand Assessments
 - Harvesting blocks (2)
 - Fire detection and suppression
 - LiDAR
 - Climate change and vulnerability
 - Biomass study
 - PRF centennial bridge
 - FP innovation testing/marketing of wood bridges
 - Knowledge exchange - Tours
9. Guest Speaker. We were pleased to have Dave Lemkay give a talk entitled "Making Tracks – Making Waves; Innovation in the Forest". The first part of the talk chronicled the making of the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway by timer baron J.R. Booth. The second part of his talk outlined the development of the Alligator Steam Warping Tug boats by the West & Peachey company of Simcoe Ontario. The talk included some rare historic photos which told an engaging story of our forest history in the area.