

What Happened to EBC?

You may know Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) from their advertisement and column on land conservation that has appeared in every issue of this magazine since 2013. These were made possible through Bob Barnett, a founder and long-time executive director of EBC. This issue there is nothing from EBC. The truth is that we don't know what happened at EBC beyond the most basic facts. Bob was removed from his position as executive director, against his will. We do not understand why. What we do know is that, similar to the people who wrote us detailed letters that appear in the current Readers & Viewers section, Mike Davis and I witnessed confusing and chaotic behaviour before and during the June EBC annual general meeting. Before the meeting, my membership fee was accepted but later membership was denied me because they said it arrived too late. Mike, whose membership was in good standing, attended the AGM with me by Zoom. The meeting swiftly descended into drama while some board members tried to expel a person who was physically in the meeting room, and then into disorganization as rules of order and motions for amendments were ignored. After two hours of discord, we were permanently removed from the meeting. Like the other letter writers, I too have a conservation agreement with EBC. Being disconnected from the meeting was not an accident on the board's part. I have not received an apology for this. We no longer have any constructive communication

with EBC, and because of this, they were not approached this time for their usual column and advertisement. I am extremely concerned about this organization. An objective party needs to investigate what happened at EBC, why, and where the charity goes from here.

Also In This Issue

Controversy also surrounds the development of a wastewater treatment plant in Erin which could harm the native Brook Trout that live there. Don O'Reilly looks into concerns raised by the Coalition for the West Credit River. Autumn is a brilliant time to explore the further reaches of Escarpment lands and Sandra J. Howe brings us the colours and scenery of Kimberley Forest in the spectacular Beaver Valley. Historian John Mark Rowe takes us 460 years back in time to an Indigenous village that has been discovered by archaeological studies on Scotsdale Farm north of Georgetown. We look at the dedicated work of Food for Life, a program for Halton and Hamilton residents who could use help getting groceries. Food for Life rescues and redistributes good food that's scheduled to be discarded.

As usual, there are other smaller stories and news items that make for good reading and viewing.

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P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.



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