

To: ACRE Membership
Re: Annual General Meeting 2021



This letter is to invite you to the annual general meeting of Action Chelsea for Respect of the Environment (ACRE) scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th at 7:30 PM.

This is an important meeting and we ask all members to attend.

Because there has been a significant increase in ACREs land trust activities, we have taken the opportunity to review the organizations bylaws, with the help of a specialist. We will provide an update on those bylaw changes.

The AGM will have an election of Directors. The majority of current Directors are re-offering their services for election. We are seeking new people who may wish to join the Board. Skills in any of the following areas would be particularly welcome: finance, accounting, a legal background in Quebec Civil Law, fund-raising and communication. If you would like to serve your community and work for the ecological integrity of Chelsea, please contact Stephen Woodley (woodleysj@gmail.com) and send a short bio no later than Wednesday, March 24th.

The exciting news is the community purchase of the 57 acre forest. We anticipate the purchase of the property will be fully complete for the AGM, so we will have a chance to celebrate. At the AGM we will table a management plan and establish a local stewardship committee for that property (*see the "Conservation and Management Plan" document on our website*). We will also provide updates on several other land trust activities.

ACRE has been working to provide meaningful input to the Chelsea Master Planning process (*see the "Proposed changes to Chelsea Master Plan" document on our website*). This included a survey of the value of nature to Chelsea. We will have a presentation from Board member Allyson Quinlan on the results of that survey, and a discussion of the recommendations.

We look forward to seeing you virtually on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:30 PM. Please remember you must renew your membership for 2021 prior to the meeting at (<https://acrechelsea.qc.ca/eng/whatsNew.html>). All members attending and voting must be current members. For those who donated to the acquisition of the 57 acre forest, you are automatically enrolled as members for 2021.

Best wishes,

The ACRE Board