



Sturgeon Chutes, Wanapitei River, by Aleta Karstad

ONTARIO RIVERS ALLIANCE

ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28 OCTOBER 2012

Prepared by:

Linda Heron, Chair



Wanatanga Falls, Frederick House River, by Aleta Karstad

About Us:

Ontario Rivers Alliance (ORA) is a Not-for-Profit grassroots organization with a focus on healthy river ecosystems all across Ontario. ORA members represent numerous organizations such as the French River Delta Association, Vermilion River Stewardship, CPAWS-Ottawa Valley, Friends of Temagami, Paddle Canada, Whitewater Ontario, Council of Canadians, and Mississippi Riverkeepers, along with many other stewardships, associations, and private and First Nations citizens who have come together to protect, conserve and restore healthy river ecosystems in Ontario, and to ensure that development affecting Ontario rivers is environmentally, ecologically and socially sustainable.

The rash of proposed hydroelectric dams is our most immediate and pressing issue, however, ORA is concerned with all issues affecting Ontario rivers and lakes, including the numerous waste water treatment facilities, mining and industry across Ontario still releasing effluent into our waterways, forestry impacts, blue green algae, invasive species, overdevelopment of our shorelines, old dams no longer serving any useful purpose that block our waterways, endangered species, threatened fisheries, diminished water quality and water quantity, and of course the most daunting challenge of all, climate change.

Getting Started – No Time Wasted

In January of 2011 there were 87 hydroelectric proposals, of which 41 were actively moving through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, and the 2005 Hatch Acres Report listed over 2,000 potential waterpower sites for development in Ontario.

As Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner for Ontario, pointed out in his 2007-2008 Annual Report, “a no decision is not a possible outcome”¹. In addition, with a total lack of cooperation and transparency in a proponent led process, and municipalities and the public effectively bypassed by the Green Energy Act and Green Economy Act, it became obvious very early on that we were not going to protect Ontario rivers on our own through the EA process or by following the current rules. Consequently, a decision was made to come together with one unified voice to address the issues and challenges on a broader scale.

19 February 2011:

On this date, what was soon to be called the Ontario Rivers Alliance, held its inaugural meeting at the Clarion Resort Pinewoods Park, in North Bay. Twenty five people, representing a number of organizations and rivers across Ontario came together to discuss our common challenges, share resources, expertise, ideas, experience and skills, and to speak with one strong voice to educate, promote and advocate for significant change in government policy and legislation in matters concerning Ontario rivers.

Right from the beginning, members were determined to make significant inroads into building a strong and effective organization, and wasted no time in laying down its foundation. At this first meeting Linda Heron was unanimously voted in as Acting Chair, it was decided our name would be the Ontario Rivers Alliance, and the early beginnings of our Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives were initiated.

¹ ECO – Getting to Know, 2007-2008 Annual Report, P42

2 April 2011:

The Executive Board was elected and affirmed as follows:

1. Linda Heron, Chair
2. Jim Rook, Vice Chair
3. Jay Morrison, Treasurer
4. Kate Jacklin
5. Ken Buchan
6. Larry Robichaud
7. Roger Noganosh
8. Bob Olajos

25 April 2011:

ORA's Vision, Mission, Values, Strategies, Objectives and Code of Operation were adopted – Addendum 1.

Vision: *A world of healthy river ecosystems.*

Mission: *To protect, conserve and restore healthy river ecosystems.*

Values: *Truth, sensibility and wisdom in all matters pertaining to our rivers and their ecosystems.*

14 May 2011:

It was decided that membership fees would be charged - \$100 for an organization and \$25.00 for individual members.

ORA members also adopted a logo designed by Markus Clement:



6 June 2011:

ORA's Constitution and Bylaws were adopted, and in July an application was made to Government Services to incorporate as a Not for Profit organization – Addendum 2.

July 2011:

- Bob Olajos – Donated ORA's Nuans name search - Ontario Rivers Alliance.

- Mitchell Shnier – Donated the server space where our website resides.
- Bob Olajos got our Facebook and Twitter accounts up and running.
- Linda created the ORA website – OntarioRiversAlliance.ca.

8 August 2011:

ORA's Letters Patent No. 1854682 received – Not-for-profit status achieved.

ORA Submissions:

1. EBR Postings:

- April 2011: EBR No. 010-7895: [Site Release Policy Review](#)
- May 2011: Environmental Bill of Rights – Review: [Support for CELA](#)
- October 2012: EBR No. 011-6005: [Renewable Energy on Crown Land](#)

2. Environmental Reports for proposed hydroelectric generating stations:

- a. The Ivanhoe, Serpent and Frederick House River proposals were all “modified run of river”, proposed by Xeneca Power Development Inc. All three proposals were rejected by MOE as the requirements of the Class EA for Waterpower were not met, and the developer was sent back to do another year of studies. There has been no confirmation, but it appears that the Serpent River proposal has been dropped.
 - September 2011: Ivanhoe River – [ORA Comments](#) – [Part II Order request](#)
 - The Chute
 - September 2011: Serpent River, [ORA Comments](#) - [Part II Order Request](#)
 - Four Slide Falls
 - November 2011: Frederick House River, [ORA Comments](#) - [Part II Order Request](#)
 - Wanatango Falls
- b. May 2012: Kabinakagami River, Notice of Inspection – [ORA comments](#)
 A “strict run of river” hydroelectric proposal by Northland Power – Fort Albany First Nation citizens’ group requested ORA’s assistance.
 - Wahpeestan
 - Wapoose
 - Neeskah
 - Peeshoo
- c. Bala Falls
 Swift River Energy Limited proposed a 3 to 5 MW “run of river” hydroelectric facility near the south end of Bala's existing north dam, located in the Town of Bala,

Township of Muskoka Lakes, Ontario. The dam is owned by Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

- [Part II Order request](#) – May 2011
- [Comments to Muskoka Lakes](#) – August 2011
- [Comments to MOE](#) – April 2012
- [ORA to MOE, Re Addendum](#) – June 2012
- [Request to Review Director's Decision](#) – October 2012

3. Dam agreement renewals:

Periodically dam agreements come up for renewal, and this provides an opportunity to request mitigation measures for fish passage, environmental flows, etc. ORA submitted comments on the following:

- a. [EBR No. 011-3334: Agreements for existing hydro-electric generating stations](#)
- b. [Chaudiere Falls Hydroelectric – Waterpower Agreement Renewal](#)
- c. [Gananoque Dam and Hydroelectric Facility – Agreement Renewal](#)
- d. [Chats Falls Generating Station Renewal](#)
- e. [Chenault Hydroelectric Facility Agreement Renewal](#)
- f. [Mississippi River hydroelectric facilities – American Eel](#)

4. Comments on Legislation:

- a. April 2012: Bill 55 – Strong Action for Ontario Act (Budget Measures):
 - [ORA submission to The Honourable Dalton McGuinty – Bill 55](#)
 - [ORA submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs - Bill 55](#) - Presented at Ontario Legislature
- b. September 2012: [ORA comments](#) on Proposed Amendment to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower
- c. December 2011: Feed in Tariff [Program Review](#)

5. Strategies and Initiatives:

- a. September 2011: Questions to Politicians: [Provincial election 2011](#)
- b. March 2012: South River Open House – [ORA Comments](#)
- c. September 2012: Economic Impact of Waterpower Projects on Crown Land in Ontario, MNR commissioned report. – [ORA Comments](#)
- d. October 2012: Provincial Strategy on Waterpower in Ontario – [ORA Recommendation](#)
- c. May 2012: Petitions
One of ORA's strategies in addressing some of the more immediate and pressing issues Ontario rivers are facing is to send petitions to our government representatives to request a specific action.
 - [Budget Bill 55](#) - Stop Amendments of 69 Acts in 2012 Budget Bill-55

- Hydroelectric is not FIT – Remove Hydroelectric from GEA
- Dam Decommissioning – Provide up-front provisions for Dam Decommissioning

6. Press Releases:

- a. February 2011: Alliance concerned about River Proposals
- b. April 2012: Strong-arm Tactics to Take Away Protection for our Environment and Endangered Species
- c. May 2012: Ministry of Environment Rejects Hydro Developer's Environmental Report – 3 Ontario Rivers are Safe for Now

7. Requests for Meetings with the Ministers – 28 February 2012:

1. Minister Bradley, Minister of Environment
2. Minister Bentley, Minister of Energy
3. Minister Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources

8. Motions Passed by Municipalities:

1. June 2012 - Township of Nairn and Hyman
2. August 2012 – Town of Killarney
3. September 2012 – Town of French River

9. Currently working on:

1. Water Management Plan Guidelines Policy Review - ORA Comments – Aug. 2012.
2. EBR Posting No. 011-6751 – Modernization of Approvals.

In Conclusion:

It has been a very sharp learning curve; however, as a result of addressing each policy review, proposal, EBR posting, Environmental Report and challenge as it arose, and allowing our Vision, Mission and ethics to guide us, ORA has made advancements in several areas:

1. ORA is part of a strong network of environmental, stewardship, and conservation organizations
 - Sharing, communicating, collaborating, joining our voices, experience and strengths
 - Coordinating efforts in addressing policy and other challenges
2. ORA is now at the table in agency policy reviews
 - MOE and MNR agency staff are automatically listing ORA as a stakeholder organization to be contacted in consultation with policy

- review
- Agency staff are inviting ORA to have input into policy
 - Agency staff are encouraging ORA to keep doing what we're doing
3. Recently ORA has been approached by organizations requesting assistance with removal of dams in southern Ontario
 4. 3 Environmental Reports which ORA made Part II Order requests on were rejected by MOE, and the developer was sent back to do more planning. This led to another year of studies which,
 - Provided more time
 - Weakened the position of the developer
 - Confidence of funding sources eroded
 - Confidence of developer eroded
 - Allowed time for other issues and campaigns to be pursued

In summary, ORA has accomplished a great deal in less than two years of operation, especially considering the proponents did their best to convince us that they were unstoppable. So far 3 waterpower proposals have been dropped, and 2 more are likely to be dropped. Now the political tides are turning, resulting in much uncertainty, but also much potential for the entire game to change.

ORA is very well positioned now to have greater input and influence on the numerous policy and legislative changes that are currently in the works, and anything is possible with a strong membership supporting our organization.

Thank you to all those people and organizations who have contributed funds and support to the Ontario Rivers Alliance. We offer a very special thank you to Whitewater Ontario, Brad Benson and White Pine Outfitters for your generous contributions. Our progress and achievements would not have been possible without everyone's combined effort.

Yours in sustainability,



Linda Heron
Chair
Ontario Rivers Alliance
OntarioRiversAlliance.ca

“Clean water, the so called “Blue Gold of the 21st Century” is an increasingly scarce commodity in the world of 6 plus billion people. Water quality can tell us a lot about the health and sustainability of a community. Like any health assessment, it starts by testing the fluids – those that flow through a body, or those that flow through a stream within a city.”²

² Dr. John Gunn, Greater Sudbury's Vital Signs, P-2

Addendum 1

ONTARIO RIVERS ALLIANCE

Vision & Mission Statement

Vision

"A World of Healthy River Ecosystems."

Mission

"To Protect, Conserve, and Restore Healthy River Ecosystems."

Values

"Truth, Sensibility and Wisdom in all Matters Pertaining to our Rivers and their Ecosystems."

Goals

1. Raise awareness that development must be both economically and environmentally sustainable and responsible;
2. Meet challenges, solve problems and make decisions in the best interests of rivers and their watersheds;
3. Speak as one unified voice;
4. Educate, Promote and Advocate for
 - i. healthy, sustainable and balanced River Systems;
 - ii. full public consultation in all matters pertaining to Rivers and their Watersheds;
 - iii. responsible, considerate and sustainable development; and
 - iv. the right of a Community to choose.

Strategies

1. Seek out partnerships, alliances, and connections with other individuals, groups & organizations who are working towards similar goals and means.

Code of Operation

1. ORA will demonstrate ethics and values that are consistent with professional conduct.
2. ORA will work always to be inclusive, constructive, transparent, and respectful.
3. ORA will communicate in a clear, accurate, truthful, direct, considerate and compassionate manner.

4. Individuals may not speak on behalf of the ORA without permission granted by the Executive.
5. Each person will choose whether to participate in any particular campaign.
6. Members are encouraged to take part in Committee work, especially where their interests and knowledge will benefit the whole.
7. Make decisions by consensus whenever possible.

Addendum 2

ONTARIO RIVERS ALLIANCE (ORA)

CONSTITUTION

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BY-LAWS

ONTARIO RIVERS ALLIANCE

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as the Ontario Rivers Alliance (the “ORA” or the “Alliance”).
- 1.2 The ORA shall be incorporated within Ontario as a not-for-profit organization.
- 1.3 The ORA shall be a not-for-profit organization and shall maintain itself as non-partisan and non-sectarian.
- 1.4 The ORA is made up of persons and organizations that have current paid-up memberships, or memberships in kind.
- 1.5 The ORA head office will always be located in Ontario.

ARTICLE 2: VISION

- 2.1 "A World of Healthy River Ecosystems."

ARTICLE 3: MISSION

- 3.1 "To Protect, Conserve, and Restore Healthy River Ecosystems."

ARTICLE 4: VALUES

- 4.1 "Truth, Sensibility and Wisdom in all Matters Pertaining to our Rivers and their Ecosystems."

ARTICLE 5: OBJECTS

- 5.1 To raise awareness that development must be both economically and environmentally sustainable and responsible.
- 5.2 To meet challenges, solve problems and make decisions in the best interests of rivers and their watersheds.
- 5.3 To speak as one unified voice.
- 5.4 To educate, promote and advocate for
 - a) healthy, sustainable and balanced River Systems;
 - b) *full and meaningful consultation with local communities, and the right of communities to reject inappropriate development projects;* and
 - c) responsible, considerate and sustainable development.
- 5.5 To receive, acquire, hold or solicit donations, gifts, grants, bequests or other real or personal property for the furtherance of these objects.

ARTICLE 6: CODE OF OPERATION

- 6.1 The ORA will demonstrate ethics and values that are consistent with professional conduct.
- 6.2 The ORA will be inclusive, constructive, transparent, and respectful.
- 6.3 The ORA will communicate in a clear, accurate, truthful, direct, considerate and compassionate manner.
- 6.4 Individuals may not speak on behalf of the ORA without permission granted by the Chair.
- 6.5 Members may not distribute internal ORA documents unless authorized by the Chair.

ARTICLE 7: CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

- 7.1 Any proposed alterations or additions to this Constitution shall be made as prescribed in the By-Laws of the ORA.

By-Laws

ARTICLE 1: INTERPRETATION

In these bylaws, unless the context requires otherwise, the following interpretations are made:

- a) ORA means Ontario Rivers Alliance.
- b) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- c) Words such as “he”, “her”, “chairman” etc. used herein are to be regarded without significance to gender.

ARTICLE 2: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.1 NUMBERS: The ORA will have a Board of Directors consisting of eleven (11) persons who may exercise all powers and do all acts and things as may be exercised except as may be otherwise prohibited by the by-laws, resolution or statute.

2.2 QUALIFICATION: Directors will be eighteen (18) years of age or more and be members in good standing.

2.3 ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE:

- a) The applicants for incorporation shall be the first Directors of the ORA until their successors are elected or appointed.
- b) Directors are elected by the members in a general meeting on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded, and if a poll is demanded, such election will be by ballot.
- c) In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, such vacancy may, provided there is quorum, be filled by the Directors from among the members if they so choose, otherwise such vacancy may be filled at the next general meeting of members; and any Directors appointed or elected to fill any such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the Director who caused the vacancy.
- d) The person ceases to be a Director if she or he becomes bankrupt, is found by a court to be mentally incompetent, resigns in writing or ceases to be a member in good standing.
- e) The membership may, by resolution passed by at least two thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at a general meeting duly called in this regard, remove any Director before the expiration of his or her term and may, by majority of the votes cast at such meeting, elect any members in his or her stead for the remainder of the term.
- f) The initial term of office for members of the Board of Directors shall be for a term of three (3) years. Subsequent to the initial term of three (3) years, five (5) of the new Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years and six (6) for a term of two (2) years, which thereafter all terms of office will be for a term of two (2) years. The decision to choose which Director shall be eligible for a term of two (2) or three (3) years will be determined by a draw.

2.4 REMUNERATION: The Directors will serve as such without remuneration and no Director will receive any profits from his or her position. A Director may be paid reasonable expenses incurred by him or her in the performance of his or her

duties.

2.5 MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS:

- a) The meetings of the Board may be held at an agreed upon location or using appropriate electronic communications technology, to be determined by the Chair, and may be convened by the Chair or two Directors at any time.
- b) Each Director must be given reasonable prior notice of meeting of regular and special Board of Directors meetings; provided that meeting of the Directors may be held at any time without formal notice if all the Directors are present or have given their assent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence.
- c) A quorum at any meeting shall be at least half of total Directors.
- d) Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes.
- e) A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of Directors is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors.

2.6 ADVISORS: The Directors may from time to time appoint members to be Advisors to assist in conducting the affairs of the ORA. The advisors will generally serve for a limited time, will be entitled to attend all Directors Meetings, but will have no power to vote.

ARTICLE 3: OFFICERS

3.1 The Board of Directors shall annually appoint a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer and, if deemed advisable, may appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries. All of the officers must be members of this Alliance.

3.2 CHAIR:

- a) The Chair may act as spokesperson and liaison with media, government and other organizations. The Chair may appoint one or more spokespersons at his or her discretion.
- b) The Chair shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his or her signature. The Chair shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the ORA and shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for the coordination of all affairs of the organization. In all matters affecting the ORA, the Chair shall be deemed to be an agent of the organization acting under the authority and at the express intention and express direction of the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, as the case may be.
- c) In addition to any other authority of duties conferred by direction of the Board of Directors, the Chair shall exercise general and active supervision over:
 - i. The selection, employment, supervision and discharge of all employees, subject to ratification of same by the Board of Directors.
 - ii. The preparation and submission of such reports and statements as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct be prepared and submitted to the Board, to any Director or officer of the ORA, or to any meeting of the members of this Alliance.
 - iii. The preparation of the annual budget for the ORA showing expected

revenues and expenditures; and

- iv. The execution of such contract, documents or instruments in writing and shall have such other powers and duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

3.3 VICE-CHAIR: The Vice-Chair shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all duties of the Chair. The Vice-Chair shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his, her or their signature(s) and shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him, her or them by the Board of Directors.

3.4 SECRETARY: The Secretary shall, when present, act as Secretary of all meetings of Directors and members and shall have charge of the minute books, documents and registers of the ORA. The Secretary shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his or her signature and shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors or as are incident to his or her office. The Secretary shall have a sound understanding of the ORA Constitution and Bylaws and shall refer to them where appropriate.

3.5 TREASURER: Subject to the provisions of any resolution of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all the funds and securities of this Alliance and shall deposit the same in the name of the ORA in such bank or banks or with such depositary or depositaries as the Board of Directors may direct. The Treasurer shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his or her signature and shall have such other power and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors or as are incident to his or her office. The Treasurer may require to give such bond for the faithful performance of his or her duties as the Board of Directors in their uncontrolled discretion may require, but no Director shall be liable for failure to require any bond or for the insufficiency of any bond or for any loss by reason of the failure of the ORA to receive any indemnity thereby provided.

3.6 LOSSES: The ORA will pay the cost to defend its Directors and Members and indemnifies the Directors and Members from any and all losses resulting from their activities on behalf of the ORA.

3.7 COMMITTEES: The Board of Directors of the ORA shall from time to time appoint Committees or Subcommittees to carry out duties as specified by the Directors.

- a) Committees and Subcommittees can be temporary or permanent.
- b) The purpose of a committee must be in accordance with the Constitution.
- c) Each Committee shall have at least a Chair and if possible a Co-Chair.
- d) Each Chair shall direct the activities of that Committee and shall submit these activities to the Directors for approval.

ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

4.1 The ORA will hold at least one Annual General Meeting (AGM) in each calendar year.

4.2 Frequency, timing and location of AGMs shall be determined by the Board of Directors. All Members are entitled and encouraged to attend these meetings.

- 4.3 Location and timing of the AGM, shall be determined by the Directors. The Agenda for the AGM shall contain:
- A review of the activities of the ORA of the previous year
 - A projection of the activities of the ORA for the coming year
 - Financial results of the previous year and a budget for the coming year
 - An update on the ORA, including active Directors and committee chairs
 - Election of Officers when required.
- 4.4 **PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The ORA will hold Public Meetings as required and at locations determined by the Board of Directors. The purpose of these meetings shall be to advance the Mission, Goals and Objectives of the ORA.
- 4.5 **NOTICE:** The ORA shall communicate to its members using modern methods of mass communications and regular Canada Post mailings at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any information sent by email shall have the same effect as having been mailed by Canada Post.
- 4.6 **VOTING:** Every question submitted to any meeting of the members shall be decided by a majority of votes given on a show of hands unless otherwise specifically provided by statute or by these by-laws. In case of an equality of votes, the Chair of the meeting shall, both on a show of hands and on a poll, have a second or casting vote. Each member shall be entitled to one vote if present at a meeting in person or by proxy.
- 4.7 **QUORUM:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of Members shall consist of a majority of all ORA Members. Voting can be done at a meeting or using appropriate modern communications technology. A record of such voting must be kept by the Secretary.

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The ORA Board of Directors will strive to ensure that membership remains as broad as possible.
- 5.2 A nominal membership fee will be suggested but not required if service in kind is offered.
- 5.3 Membership in the ORA is open to any person or organization that has paid the annual fee or service in kind as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors and agrees to uphold the ORA Constitution.
- 5.4 Nobody shall act for the ORA, represent the ORA, or make statements or publications using the name of the ORA without having obtained prior approval from the Chair.
- 5.5 By way of a Directors resolution, and a vote of 2/3rds majority, membership may be terminated where it can be shown that a member has:
- Demonstrated neglect of or lack of interest in ORA matters;
 - Is disruptive, or an impediment to ORA proceedings;
 - Undermines, or interferes with ORA objectives; or
 - Is philosophically at odds with the ORA's stated Vision and Mission.
- 5.6 Any person may be designated by a majority of the Board of Directors to be an Honorary (limited time) or Life Time Member (unlimited time). Members designated as such will not pay any membership fees.
- 5.7 Any member in good standing can have their name put up for a seat on the ORA Board of Directors.

- 5.8 The intention of ORA membership is to represent a wide range of interested stakeholders, and to create a voice to achieve our Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives.
- 5.9 The membership year for the ORA shall be fixed from time to time by resolution.
- 5.10 ORA shall respect the privacy of all its members and shall not release the names and addresses of its members to any person or organization unless they have specific permission to do so, or as required by law.
- 5.11 Any member may resign at any time by written notice to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6: FINANCIAL

- 6.1 The Board of Directors may by resolution fix the financial year-end of the ORA and may from time to time by resolution change the financial year-end of the ORA.
- 6.2 The ORA will be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to this Alliance will be used in promoting its objects.
- 6.3 Upon the dissolution of the organization and after paying all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed or disposed of to a charitable organization which carries on its work solely in the promotion of environmental issues anywhere in Canada.

ARTICLE 7: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

- 7.1 Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be made by vote at any Annual General Meeting of the Alliance, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing or electronically to the Board of Directors at least 30 days before such meeting. The Board of Directors shall include such notice of amendment in the notice calling meeting.
- 7.2 A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all votes cast shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment.
- 7.3 Upon approval of the revisions to the Constitution of By-Laws, each Director shall sign in the appropriate space on the revised document and initial each page of the document.
- 7.4 Should any article contained herein be found to be in conflict with any existing provincial or federal legislation governing the existence and operation of a not-for-profit organization, then that applicable section of this Constitution shall be amended to conform to such laws without affecting the remaining parts.

This Constitution and By-Laws are hereby approved by the Board of Directors of the Ontario Rivers Alliance. This approval is evidenced by the respective signatures of the Chair and Secretary on this

This 6th day of June, 2011, by vote of its members.



Linda Gale Heron (Chair)

Kathryn Esther Jacklin, (Secretary)