



Annual General Meeting

June 21, 2018, 15:45-17:00 EST

Dentons Canada LLP, Toronto and Video Conference

Present:

Jon Allen	Don MacIroy
Gina Campbell	Corrine Bredin
James Cohen	Marc Tasse
Susan Côté-Freeman	Alesia Nahirny
Chris Steve	Ameé Sandhu
Paul Lalonde	Alan
Denis Meunier	Sylvain Ouelette
Huguette Labelle	Victor Soleviwe

Meeting opens with quorum

1. Presentation – Paul Lalonde, Chair and President

Paul Lalonde welcomed the 21st Annual General Meeting of Transparency International Canada and expressed his gratitude to the members of the board for all the accomplishments and success TI has earned throughout the years.

2. Approval of Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

Paul calls for approval of minutes. The motion was put forth by Jon Allen and seconded by Kevin Comeau. The motion was carried and **approved**.

3. Executive Directors Report for the year 2017-2018, -- Alesia Nahirny, Executive Director

Alesia thanked all the members for joining and contributing to the success of TI Canada. TI Canada continues to grow and for Alesia and the Board there are key priority areas of work, through projects such as beneficial ownership. Over time, the Board has been successful in creating a membership management system, securing an office space, and pushing for the production of reports and products to build TI Canada's brand. The continuation to coordinate their efforts with the Government, academic institutions, journalists and non-for-profits. TI has succeeded in the consistency of its messaging and remains relevant in the work it does by being timely. The goal has been to create cohesion and to gather all of the passionate and interested individuals and unite them to propel TI Canada's mission forward and fight corruption. Alesia recognized the impact TI Canada has had for the past three years, and thanked James Cohen, Director of Programmes and Policy, for helping in the expansion to Calgary and Vancouver. Alesia also made note that membership has doubled.

Alesia continued to speak about the challenges TI Canada currently faces regarding financial resources. The main challenge is the lack of funds to continue to do work, education and outreach. Most of the work TI Canada does is unfunded or with very little funding, thus, the members must focus on reaching out for ways to create more funds. For TI Canada to continue to do great work, it must have the available financial resources. TI Canada currently has many volunteers on the fundraising committee and Alesia encouraged members to continue their efforts to fundraise.

Alesia opens to floor Q & A. Most members thanked Alesia and James for their hard work.

4. 2017 Audited Financial Statement – Paul Lalonde, Chair and President on behalf of Stefan

Paul Lalonde opened the floor for any questions regarding the 2017 financial statement.

The members discussed the reason of the lack of financial contributions. Kevin asked why the membership fees and contributions were significantly lower. Alesia clarified that categories have changed, and that in fact membership has grown significantly (currently over 200 members), and support from the private sector has stayed the same; but the problem is that TI Canada is doing more as an organization with the same revenue. Denis Mueller asked if Paul or Alesia knew the reason why corporate support has been difficult, Paul addressed that support from commodity companies like energy companies has been difficult due to the oil crisis.

The adoption of the financial statement was motioned by Jon Allen and seconded by Denis Meunier. The motion was carried and **approved**.

5. Nomination of Clarkson Rouble LLP as the auditors for 2018 – Paul Lalonde, Chair and President

The adoption of the auditing nomination was motioned by Denis Meunier and seconded by Susan Côté-Freeman. The motion was carried and **approved**.

6. Nomination and Governance Committee Report – Gina Campbell, Chair of Nomination Committee

Gina Campbell, Paul Lalonde and Alesia Nahirny spoke about the open call for board members to be part of TI Canada. They all spoke to the high level of candidates that put forth their applications. The AGM recommended two new board members, and kept a third and final spot to be filled by the board in September.

The election for new TI Canada Board Members was motioned by Susan Côté-Freeman and seconded by Kevin Comeau. The motion was carried and **approved**, which included the appointment of:

- i. **Jonathan Lagaré**
- ii. **Denis Meunier**

As well as the re-appointment of Chris Stover for an additional 3-year term.

Mr. Allen suggested that there should be a way to keep all the people who applied committed to TI Canada and make sure that even if they were not successful in a nomination to the Board, they should be kept informed and engaged with TI Canada. Mr. Lalonde agreed with the idea and mentioned that TI Canada has thought to keep these individuals in contact and encourage them to keep being committed to TI Canada.

7. Acknowledgement of Out-Going Board Members – Paul Lalonde, Chair and President

Paul Lalonde thanked John Ritchie, Martin Mueller and Frédérique Lapointe for their contributions over the past years. Mr. Lalonde acknowledged the contributions each member made in their own to the advancement of TI Canada. Mr. Lalonde expressed that they were fantastic colleagues and exemplary members invaluable to TI Canada.

8. Other Matters

None.

Mr. Lalonde adjourned the meeting.

Fireside Chat with Ryan Hamilton – Detective Constable, Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit, Organized Crime Enforcement bureau, Ontario Provincial Police

Alesia welcomed and introduced Ryan to the meeting. Alesia reminded the members that Ryan was there in his personal capacity and not as a representative of the OPP. Anything Ryan said was his own personal beliefs and opinions.

Q & A with Ryan Hamilton

Ryan is a 6-year member of the OPP, currently assigned to the provincial asset forfeiture unit. He has had a number of positions, such as: seconded to the RCMP; 5 years prior in TD Bank private trusts and private banking and client services. Ryan graduated from U of T, certified in Bitcoin, mortgage, etc.

Alesia asked Ryan how he became involved in this assignment. Ryan spoke about his interest in financial crime, and his background in finance, as well as a business owner in mortgages. He applied to the posting and was successful after having worked with the RCMP on international money laundering.

Alesia asked Ryan about certifications. Ryan said certifications are a good way to demonstrate to be the best you can be and the fact that he had a lot of context in banking and the skills he learned during his roles in banks helped him achieve the certifications. In regards to expertise, Ryan mentioned that within the next 5 years there will be major retirement, and in a specialized unit you need to have the expertise. Although the current employees have gained expertise through their time, certifications are a good way to gain this expertise.

Next, they spoke about the budget for training and opportunities to gain expertise in the unit. Ryan spoke of the furthering education programs through the OPP in regards to tuition coverage, and suggested that the OPP should implement something similar to the military.

Alesia made a comparison with the fact that TI pushes for training, so she asked Ryan if there is money in the OPP for this sort of training. Ryan spoke to the financial difficulties this generation faces in regards to cost of living, the significant costs to go back to school. He mentioned that there should be more funding and that the OPP should change their plan. This would be very beneficial for long-term stability and for retention of talent.

Alesia opened the floor to the other members.

Paul Lalonde asked Ryan what things government should focus on to combat white-collar crime. Ryan suggested that white-collar crime should be taken out of the criminal justice system, and instead be a stand-alone body. From Ryan's perspective, the system is broken and there needs to be a different one. Ryan suggested that there needs to be a middle ground, which is the right approach. A reverse onus if there is an investigation. To defend the extreme point of view, Ryan mentioned that enforcement has no time or resources to investigate everyone. Denis Meunir then asked Ryan if there is a certain factor (ie. lack of resources, low threshold, etc) that is more challenging or all of the above. Ryan said that it is all of the above, but they are case-specific. It can be challenging to engage the Crown at a certain point, or disclosure challenges in terms of giving the defense all the information. The threshold is low when it gets complex and there are errors and it depends on the crown.

James Cohen mentioned working with other provinces and how this works. Ryan explained that it depends on contacts. Working internationally is the biggest problem as that is where there is the most white-collar crime. There is no real financial law that is global. So for us to get info on international cases it could take

a year from that jurisdiction to send to us, when it goes international it is a big, it takes a lot time and it may be shut down, as within the tight timeframes the unit may get other calls for other investigations and it gets lost.

The conversation then turned to the housing crisis in BC and ultimately in Toronto.

Ryan spoke about the current housing crisis. It is very clear in BC, but it does happen in Ontario. Cryptocurrency has become the way for people to buy and sell their houses. Ryan was asked if he knew why these condos are left empty. Ryan believes that in certain countries people cannot invest, so engaging in real estate is a good way to hide the money.

Mr. Lalonde asked to what extent it would be beneficial to have a real estate transparency unit, and having experience from both the OPP and the RCMP are there any observations to be made. Ryan expressed that the main difference is money. In the OPP there is not a similar availability of funds as the RCMP. He also said that a real estate agency would be very helpful but the only concern is how to maintain the integrity of the system since there are many players (lawyers, clients, CRA).

Finally, Ryan ended with stating that his job can be very rewarding, that ultimately it is about taking the asset back. It is the integrity part of it and protecting those who are paying the price for others luxurious life.

Alesia wrapped the chat up, thanked Ryan and welcomed him back.

End of fireside chat.