

24th Annual General Meeting

June 22, 2021
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM EST

Board Members:

Susan Côté-Freeman (Chair)	Don Jack
Lida Preyma	John Sypnowich
Daniela Chimisso dos Santos	Joseph Weiler
Mark Morrison	Jon Allen
	Chris Stover

Voting Members:

Pat Poitevin	Patricia Alleyn
Kevin Comeau	Maccolm Aboud
Peter Dent	Kernaghan Webb
Corrine Bredin	Bruce Moore
Douglas Goold	James Francesco
Emeka Ichoku	Allan Cutler
Denis Meunier	

Regrets: Stefan Hoffman-Kuhnt (Treasurer), Ameer Sandhu, Gina Campbell, Jonathan Drimmer

Guests: James Cohen (Executive Director), Alexander Howes (secretary)

12:00 - 12:05 Registration and Welcome

Susan welcomes all attendees to 24th AGM. Announces the public portion of the meeting.

Susan passes the floor to James to introduce speaker.

James provides a land acknowledgement of TI-Canada Toronto office. James introduces the keynote speaker, Sam Cooper.

12:05 – 12:35 Keynote - Sam Cooper, Global News journalist and author of the newly-released Wilful Blindness, will speak of the book's investigation into the so-called "Vancouver Model" of money-laundering and its dire social, economic and security consequences.

12:35 – 12:40 Welcome and Call to Order

Susan welcomes all to 24th AGM and begins with a practice vote.

Item 1. Motion to approve the agenda of the 24th Transparency International Canada Annual General Meeting

John Sypnowich moved the motion and Pat Poitevin seconded. **Motion carried (unanimous)**

Item 2. Motion to approve the 23rd Annual General Meeting Minutes

Susan Côté-Freeman notes a typo on page 2 of the minutes: "Susan Côté-Freeman mentioned that Clarkson Rouble LLP has been TI Canada's auditor for a number of years" should instead read "Susan Côté-Freeman mentioned LLP **has been** auditor for a number of years".

Peter Dent moved the motion and John Sypnowich seconded. **Motion carried (unanimous)**

Item 3. Presentation of the Executive Director's Report

Susan states that it has been a very good year for TI Canada despite the pandemic. James and the staff deserve congratulations.

James notes that it has been a challenging past few months. Covid-19 captured the attention of the government. James explained that TI Canada tried to stay focused on its main activities. In Fall 2020, we had our most productive period with a number of reports, retreats and weeks of dialogues.

James explains that TI Canada had one of our biggest policy wins with the announcement of the beneficial ownership registry in the 2021 federal budget. James acknowledges the many volunteers who worked hard to help us advance our mission. The policy win is a great representation of what TI-Canada can achieve.

James discusses TI Canada's Accountable Mining program. Six reports were published that investigated transparency and accountability gaps in environmental assessments (EAs) in Ontario, BC and Yukon. Reports also examined gender and EAs and COVID-19's impact on EA consultations. Funding for the program ended in March.

For the rollout of the Accountable Mining report, TI Canada held three sessions with Indigenous communities to return knowledge that was shared with TI Canada, held a briefing with the Government of BC, made submissions to Ontario and Yukon official consultation processes, published an op-ed, and listed a number of recommendations in the national report.

TI-Canada published its new strategic plan. TI-Canada collaborated with volunteers and Board members to produce the strategic plan. James gives thanks to Susan and Jon Allen, in particular for their support. TI-Canada held an online 'Week of Dialogue' in October 2020 and received great feedback. TI-Canada is also involved in several hearings including the Cullen Commission and House of Commons Standing Committee of Finance.

James provides an overview of fundraising. TI-Canada had support through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy but that will come to an end. Open Society Foundation are in talks to renew the beneficial ownership transparency project. Accountable Mining program funds came to an end but also showed what grant funding can achieve. TI-Canada is looking for new funding from donors and always looking to expand membership, sponsors and donor lists.

James provides an outlook on projects going forward. On beneficial ownership transparency, a goal will be to ensure that 'publicly accessible' means free and open access with respect to a registry. The accountable mining work will continue. Finally, increasing the enforcement of the Corruption of Foreign Officials Act is also a priority.

Susan thanks James for his hard work during a very challenging year.

James thanks Board members for their assistance during the year.

Budget and Finances

a. Item 4. Motion to approve the 2020 Audited Financial Statements

James notes TI-Canada had a healthy surplus from 2020 to 2021. TI-Canada's future outlook is looking good, although there was no event revenue. James flags that the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidies are not listed as revenue the 2020 financial statement as they were attributed to salaries following guidance from TI C accountants. Susan stresses the overall sentiment that it was a healthy year. Fundraising should be top of mind since subsidies will end. TI-Canada lost two staff members tied to the Accountable Mining program in 2021 when funding ended.



Thanks to CEWS, TI Canada will have a part-time staff member for the summer. However, continuing staff can only be done with grant funding.

Jon Allen moves the motion and Chris Stover seconded. **Motion carried.**

89% Yes, 11% Abstain

b. Item 5. Motion to approve Clarkson Rouble LLP as TI Canada Auditors for 2021

John Synnowich moves the motion and Pat Poitevin seconds. **Motion carried.**

Motion carried: 94% yes 6% abstain

Item 6. Approval of new board members:

Item 6. a. Motion to approve Toby Mendel to the Transparency International Canada Board of Directors

Pat Poitevin moves the motion and Lida Preyma seconds. **Motion carried (unanimous)**

Item 6. b. Motion to approve Suzanne Legault to the Transparency International Canada Board of Directors

Susan Côté-Freeman moves the motion and Jon Allen seconds. **Motion carried (unanimous)**

Item 6. c. Motion to approve Anar Shamji Popatia to the Transparency International Canada Board of Directors

Forwarded: Denis Meunier moves the motion and Peter Dent seconds. **Motion carried (unanimous)**

Susan Côté-Freeman allows new members to say a few words.

Toby Mendel notes he has worked a lot with TI and is excited to learn more.

Suzanne Legault notes that she is looking forward to meeting everyone and is excited about what is happening on the beneficial ownership file.

Item 7. Acknowledgement of outgoing Board Members

Susan Côté-Freeman notes that Chris Stover is leaving the Board and thanks her for her work on the Board and her thoughtful approach to solving problems and staying focused on TI Canada's mission.

Chris notes her time on the Board was an incredible education and says it has been wonderful to meet so many great and generous minds.

James thanks Chris for her great institutional memory and guidance.

Susan thanks all members of the Board for their contributions and support throughout the year. Susan cites Joe Weiler's support as Board co-Chair and working on webinars during the year. Susan also thanks members for their support.

Item 8. Other Business



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Jon Allen adds to Denis' remarks and thanks Susan and James for a great year and welcomes the new Board members.

Adjournment