

# **WOODLAND BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

Working together to encourage community spirit and wise environmental practices

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sat. Sept. 1, 2018 at 10:00 AM Bayshore Seniors Centre, Woodland Beach**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ITEMS**

#### **Call to Order:**

- Linda Lockyer called the meeting to order at 10:02
- Linda welcomed three new members to the WBPOA

#### **Minutes:**

- The minutes for the 2017 AGM are available on the website
- The minutes for the last meeting are not yet available, but will be posted on the website as soon as possible

#### **Treasurer's Report :**

- Gary Seagrave tabled the 2017 Year End Report (Attachments 1 and 2)
- The report was approved; moved by Gary Seagrave; seconded by Dana Bradshaw

#### **Appointment of Reviewer of Financial Accounts:**

- David Blair has agreed to review the financial accounts again in 2018

#### **Election of Directors for 2018/2019:**

- Linda Lockyer put forward the Board members serving the second year of a 2 year term (Gary Seagrave, Ray Stittle, Debbie Curry and Cindy Crane) and those members up for re-election; (Tracey Price, Tom Goldie, Linda Lockyer).
- Linda announced Bev Holmes was leaving the Board, and Sue Norwood had been nominated to replace her.
- Linda asked for nominations from the floor; there were none.
- The election of the Officers was approved; moved by Linda Lockyer ; seconded by Ron McKinnon
- Linda also mentioned the Board has appointed two Honorary Officers, John Price and Jenn George, who can attend Board meetings as non-voting members and take on special projects. Linda asked if anyone was interested in this type of position, and Elaine Stephenson and Paul Martin expressed interest.

**Action: Linda will follow up directly with Elaine and Paul**

#### **Ratification of the Actions of Directors during 2017/2018:**

- The actions were ratified; moved by Diane Kepcoe; seconded by Barryanne Fink.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **Treasurer's Current Report:**

- Gary Seagrave reported on the current financial situation as of August 27, 2018 (Attachment 3)
- The closing balance is approximately \$20,000
- Approximately \$5,000 (the profit from the Woodland Beach history book "Footprints in the Sand") is earmarked for the History Committee to use at their discretion
- The financial report was approved; moved by Gary Seagrave and seconded by Elaine Stephenson

#### **Membership Report:**

- Tracey Price and Debbie Curry reported the Association has 115 paid members as of September 1st, out of approximately 700 properties
- This is down by 37 memberships from last year
- It was suggested that reviving T shirt sales in 2019 may stimulate membership

**Action: Any member interested in helping organize T shirt sales for next year should contact a WBPOA Board member**

## **Updates On Current Issues:**

### **1 TBRs/Tripp Lane Stormwater Drainage Project:**

- Linda Lockyer explained the Township's plan to deal with stormwater drainage problems on Tripp Lane and TBRs: drainage pipes will direct the water underground to the Tripp Lane Right-of-way. The oil and grit will be filtered out, but not any other impurities such as E-coli, nutrients (from fertilizers), dissolved road salt etc. The stormwater will flow through an underground pipe, surface by way of a concrete culvert, then down a ditch lined with river rock and into the Bay.
- WBPOA executives have raised environmental concerns with the Township, but they state they have no other alternative
- Local residents have also raised concerns with Council
- Council is expected to make a decision on how to proceed on September 10th, but the project may not be implemented until next year if the bids come in over budget.

**Action: This project is detailed on the Township website (including many drawings) and can be accessed by WBPOA members if they are interested in more detail**

### **2 Shoreline Restoration:**

- Jenn George made a presentation on phrag issues, emphasizing the next phase is restoration and preservation of the area where phrag has been removed
- She stated this involves working closely with Tiny Township, Lake Huron Coastal Centre, and the Severn Sound Environmental Association
- Over the last 5 years, there have been 20 digs (4 this year), collecting 1,077 bags of phrag
- 1,761 person hours have been invested over this period, and assuming a value of \$15 per hour worked, over \$19,000 worth of labour have been invested in phrag reduction
- Jenn mentioned 5 other invasive weeds will also be dealt with in future digs, and a maintenance plan will be developed in conjunction with the Township in the near future

### **3 Water Quality Test Results:**

- Water quality testing is organized by FoTTSA and performed by WBPOA every second year
- Debbie Curry coordinates this activity for the Association
- Readings are taken every Sunday evening at 5 locations along the beach
- There has only been one reading requiring a "no swimming" notification this summer
- The biggest issue is the creek water flowing into the Bay with historically very high E-coli counts

**Action: WBPOA Board will follow up with the Township on the creek readings**

### **4 Volunteer Appreciation:**

- Linda Lockyer thanked all the volunteer groups for helping out during the last year, and gave particular thanks to the Woodland Beach volunteer fire fighters
- One of the fire fighters was present, and gave a short update on the new equipment the team acquired over the last year
- Linda also expressed how much members missed the Beach Frog

**Actions: WBPOA Board will send a letter of commendation for the Woodland Beach firefighters to Chief Ray Miller**

**: WBPOA Board will get an update on the new equipment acquired by the volunteer fire fighters and provide it to all WBPOA members**

### **5 Speeding:**

- Tracey and John Price updated members on the speeding issue
- The OPP say they get very few speeding complaints from Woodland Beach, therefore they do not allocate many resources to our roads
- However, the Traffic Division did set up monitoring to determine the days and times when excess speeding occurs
- **ACTIONS: John will follow up with the OPP on the results of their date and time study**
- **John will also look into the options of (1) seasonal speed bumps June to Sept. on major roads in Woodland Beach, and (2) photocell speed signs.**
- **WBPOA members are strongly encouraged to call the OPP if they encounter speeders. Members do not have to identify themselves, nor do they need the license number of the speeder. The more calls the OPP receive, the greater the chance they will come out and monitor the situation. The OPP contact number is 1-888-310-1122 for the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment**

### **Response to Request for Suggestions Regarding a Project:**

- Linda reminded members that at the last meeting, they were asked for any suggestions which the Board could undertake using some of the Association's surplus funds
- Only one suggestions was received, and that was for benches on the beach to watch sunsets.
- The following suggestions were made from the floor:
  - Funding for the speed signs noted above
  - Kids playground in the park
  - An outdoor gym in the park
  - Accessibility for disabled members to the beach
  - General upgrading of the public beach
- It was suggested that the north end of the beach be involved in whatever is done with the available funds

**Actions: WBPOA Board will contact the Township regarding removing the old snow fence in the public park**

- **WBPOA Board will review the suggestions regarding potential projects**
- **WBPOA Board will look into the beach accessibility issue with the Township**

### **New Business:**

#### **1 Tiny Township Annual Community Contribution Fund:**

- Linda Lockyer explained this new funding program from the Township which will provide funding for community projects which are consistent with the Township's vision and values
- Applications for funding need to be made by September 19th
- Some of the projects noted above may be candidates for this funding

**Action: WBPOA Board will look into this potential funding**

#### **2 Donation to Georgian Bay General Hospital:**

- Linda Lockyer stated the Executive wanted to make a donation to the hospital as it did last year, since so many Woodland Beach residents use the facility
- This request was approved; moved day Dana Bradshaw and seconded by Ron McKinnon
- **Action: WBPOA Board will determine the dollar value for the donation**

#### **3 Councillor Richard Hinton:**

- Linda mentioned the sudden passing of Councillor Hinton and expressed the Association's condolences. The Councillor was a strong supporter of WBPOA and he will be missed.

#### **4 Carp Issue:**

- Elaine Stephenson raised the carp issue in Georgian Bay, explaining they not only eat native fish, but also destroy wetlands which serve as spawning grounds for fish
- Elaine also mentioned that a significant contributor to Georgian Bay's high water level is Lake Superior being lowered to accommodate building which has taken place on the water plain.

#### **5 Teedon Pit Water Issue:**

- A member raised the issue of the application made to the Minister of Environment from this pit to continue to take millions of litres of water per day for aggregate washing purposes
- This has been an ongoing issue in Tiny, and it appears that the Council opposes a renewal, but the Provincial Government is supportive

**Action: Tracey Price will get some background information on this issue and send it to WBPOA members**

#### **50/50 Draw:**

- The 50/50 draw was won by Doug Curry; the gross was \$80; and Doug won \$40
- Doug generously donated his share back to the Georgian Bay Hospital

#### **Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10