

**WOODLAND BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday July 8, 2017 at 10 am
Bayshore Seniors**

1 Call to Order:

- Linda Lockyer called the meeting to order.

2 Information From the Township Mayor George Cornell, Deputy Mayor Steffan Waima and Councillor Richard Hinton:

- Linda Lockyer introduced each speaker
- **Key Issues Discussed:**
- Mayor Cornell mentioned **three upcoming events:**
 1. July 22 BBQ in Perkinsfield for Canada's 150 birthday
 2. Golf event to raise money for local charities
 3. Farm Fresh Food Fest hosted in Tiny Township
- **Flooding:** The Mayor also spoke about recent flooding in Woodland Beach resulting from the heavy rainfalls which stretched the drainage system
- He mentioned a new Director of Public Works had been appointed and he was developing a new drainage plan for the 2018 budget discussion in October of 2017
- He said the plan was 80% complete, but agreement was required from the Ministry of Fisheries to dump water into the Bay
- The Township will try to deal with the immediate flooding issue in the short term until the new plan is operational
- Some specific concerns were raised regarding the flooding issue:
 - Garbage pickup has been delayed by as much as a month for some residents
 - Standing water attracts mosquitos
 - Some drinking water is brown and smells
 - There is some septic seepage
 - Road safety is an issue because of the combination of surface water, potholes and speeding

Actions:

- **The Mayor committed to a permanent fix for Tripp Lane flooding**
- **Concerns about water quality should be addressed by taking water samples to the health Unit in Midland; they can provide results within 3 to 5 business days. Bottles were provided at the meeting to collect samples**
- **Councillor Hinton chairs the Speeding Committee and stated that pay duty officers have been approved for Tiny. Steve Harvey, the Chief Bi Law Officer will speak to John Price in the near future to ensure this is in place. The Mayor will raise this at Council on July 10.**

- **John Price stated that residents should contact the OPP if they encounter speeders. The OPP will only respond if residents continue to complain.**
- **Rezoning of Beach Plan 656:**
- Deputy Mayor Waima explained that the beach and been rezoned back to public land, “making it what it was before”. It had been public, then rezoned as private, and is now back to public. It was noted that two lots, 2048 and 2050 are still private, but the rest of the beach is public
- It was also noted that a new bi-law is being considered which would prohibit items such a boats, umbrellas and chairs being left on the public shoreline overnight. This bi-law will be enforced if and when residents complain about the shoreline being “clogged” by such items.
- **Action:**
- **Residents wishing to determine if there land is publicly owned should contact the Township Planning Department**
- **Urbanization of the Shoreline**
- Linda Lockyer explained that the replacement of small seasonal cottages with larger year round homes, significant paving, planting lawns, tree cutting, and increasing water usage, are among the issues which are forcing ground water into ditches, affecting both the shoreline and road sides of the cottages being affected.
- **Actions:**
- **Linda requested cottage owners not pave unless they use permeable materials, and not to cut trees on their property unless absolutely necessary. Deputy Mayor Waima stated that a tree cutting bylaw was being considered for the beach since no specific bi-law for cottages now exists**
- **Deputy Mayor Waima requested that property owners not grow lawns on the beach**
- **Councillor Hinton stated the Official Plan is coming up for public input in September; he strongly recommended members to get out and comment**
- **Rapid Response Paramedic Vehicle:**
- Deputy Mayor Waima stated one of these vehicles has been purchased which cannot transport patients, but can administer drugs and treatment while patients are awaiting transportation to a hospital.
- **Phragmites:**
- Deputy Mayor Waima is now the Chair of this Committee
- The Township committed \$15K to an 8 municipality partnership to manage invasive species.
- Linda Lockyer stated we would work with the Severn Sound Partnership on this issue
- **Septic Re-Inspection Program:**
- Councillor Hinton stated in response to a question that he believes the Township is receiving good value for money in the re-inspection program. He believes the program is proactive not reactive, and emphasized there is much

more to the program than simply a new minutes spent at the septic site; i.e. writing the report and contacting the Ministry.

Action:

- **If a resident disagrees with the work the program requires them to undertake, Councillor Hinton suggest they try to work it out with C.C. Tatum, and if this is not successful, their final recourse is to take it to Council for a final decision.**

- **Septage:**

- Councillor Hinton stated that Tiny will not build a sewage disposal plant until the Provincial Government sorts out their septage policy, specifically:
 - a commitment to stop spreading septage in Tiny and
 - a commitment to using the facility for the Townships waste
- Councillor Hinton stated the Township can build a facility within 5 years once the Province finalizes their policy

- **Parking Program:**

- Councillor Hinton stated the program will be reviewed again in September
- It is a Township wide program and must workable in Woodland Beach
- A member from the floor thanked the Councillor for the No Parking signs placed by the old firehall

Action:

- **Parking surveys will be coming out in the September/October time frame and residents are encouraged to complete them.**

3 Environmental Concerns:

- **Phragmites Update:**

- Jenn George gave an update on the program:
 - The program is 4 years old; good progress has been made
 - 1 dig so far this year; three more scheduled
 - Next dig is July 15
 - When digs occur on Township property; the Township supports the Association financially; but when the digs occur on private property, they are solely funded by the Association

Action:

- **If you pick up phragmites off the beach or in the water, call the Township and they will pick it up**

- **Marine Toilets:**

- Susan Hayden gave an update on marine toilets:
 - They use .1 gallons of water per flush, compared to 7 gallons of water used by old fashioned toilets
 - They also reduce the pumping of the holding tank
 - They cost between \$300-\$400
 - The “Domestic Sealand” is a popular model

- **Drinking Water Quality - Testing For Nitrates:**

- Linda Lockyer stated the Municipal water program tests only for e coli; not for nitrates

- FOTTSA can perform a nitrate test for \$12, and asked if WBPOA is interested in participating.

Actions:

- **Linda will let FOTTSA know we are interested**
- **Linda will let members know if reverse osmosis eliminates e coli**

4 Beachwear:

- Ray Stittle showed the beachwear styles he has and asked anyone interested to come see him at the end of the meeting
- Linda asked the attendees what items they would like to have considered for next year. The suggestions were:
 - tank tops
 - beach bags
 - ball hats
 - hoodies

Action:

- **These suggestions will be considered for next year**

5 Woodland Beach Day:

- Linda Lockyer explained an Association sponsored Canada Day event was not held because of the other numerous events which were being held
- A boating day with events for children will be held at a date to be determined
- Volunteers are requested to help plan and oversee the various activities

Action:

- **Members interested in volunteering should contact an executive member of the Association, and identify any activities they would be willing to oversee**

6 Updates:

• Memberships:

- Tracy Price provided the update
- Membership is now \$25 annually; \$3 goes to FOTTSA
- Membership fees go to such items as painting the new trail signs and the new "Welcome to Woodland Beach" sign
- Memberships can now be paid by Interac
- We presently have 92 members which is on track; our high was 167 in 2015, dropping to 153 in 2016

• Finances:

- Gary Seagrave stated that as of December 31, 2016 our net was \$16,900, and now it is \$18,700, one third of which are net proceeds from the book sale.

7 50/50 Draw:

- The 50/50 pot was \$140 and the winner received \$70.

8 New Business:

• Beach Water Testing:

- Beach water is tested every 2 years by the Ministry but is tested by the Health Unit weekly, and posted.

• Beach Access:

Action:

- **The Environmental Committee will look at the possibility of installing a ramp to help residents get over the stones and into the water at the public beach. They will look into the ramp at Balm Beach**

9 Next Meeting

- The next meeting is the AGM, on Saturday September 2, 2017 at 10am in the Bayshore Seniors

10: Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned by Linda Lockyer at 12 noon.