

WOODLAND BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Working together to encourage community spirit and wise environmental practices

General Meeting
Sat. July 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Bayshore Seniors' Centre, Woodland Beach

1 Call to Order

- Tom Goldie called the meeting to order at 10:04.

2 Financial Overview

- Gary Seagrave reported on the 2018 results; the Association is in a strong financial position.
- Gary moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Dana Bradshaw, and approved by those in attendance.

3 Membership

- Tracey Price explained the FoTTSA discount program for Association members.
- Tracey reported on membership numbers: last year there were 135 members, there are presently 76.
- Tracey requested that members notify the Association of changes to the contact information.

4 Safety Awareness on Land and Water

4.1 Defibrillators and First Aid

- Dana Bradshaw, a retired paramedic, spoke on the importance of combining defibrillators and first aid when someone loses consciousness.
- As of 2015, CPR training teaches compression only, not mouth to mouth.
- CPR is used to keep a person alive until Emergency Services/defibrillators arrive.
- Dana addressed the question of whether the Association should purchase a defibrillator: response time in Woodland Beach is 9 to 10 minutes and a defibrillator can extend survival by 7 to 8 minutes.
- A barrier to having one owned by the Association is they must be stored properly inside without extreme cold or heat.
- Currently there is one at the Woodland Beach Fire Station.
- Dana suggested that a system of community volunteers (eg. Neighbours Helping Neighbours) may be the best solution for Woodland Beach.
- Dana would be interested on leading a CPR course at Woodland Beach.

Actions:

- **The Association will look into the practicality of a system of community volunteers to manage a defibrillator.**
- **The Association will look into arranging a CPR course for interested members.**

4.2 Water Safety

- Dana reminded everyone to wear life jackets when participating in water sports and using boats.
- Tiny Township bylaws state that speed for boats must be 10 km. per hour 30 metres offshore.

Action: The Association will look into the possibility of placing buoys on the beach to mark the 30 metre point.

4.3 Speeding

- Tom contacted with the Township regarding the possible use of speed bumps and a temporary radar sign.
- John Price reminded us that speeding is a complaint driven issue and to phone the OPP and give any information even just that you are unhappy to see speeding in the community.

Action: Tom will follow up with the Township regarding the use of temporary speed bumps and the temporary radar sign.

- **The Association will contact contractors that are observed speeding.**

4.4 Neighbourhood Watch:

- Tracey explained the importance of Neighbourhood Watch for Association members, emphasizing the need to have accurate addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to be able to contact members if a problem with their property arises.

5.0 Environmental Issues

5.1 Beach Water Testing

- Steffen Walma, Deputy Mayor, spoke regarding:
 - 1 the 2015 Severn Sound presentation that suggested E. coli at Tamarack Creek could be caused by septic weeping.
 - 2 the lack of response by the Township.
- Steffen apologized on behalf of the Township for the lack of response on this issue.
- Currently no resources have been allocated to find out what is causing the problem.
- Steffen reported there is no way to know the original cause but that the septic inspection program may identify the problem.
- Even if the septic problems are corrected, it may take years before the e coli levels drop back to more normal levels.
- Steffen also provided the following updates from the Township:
 - New bylaws are being considered which are more environmentally friendly, such as restrictions on hard scaping and paving; however, the Province has asked Townships to pause while they review amalgamation.
 - New projects are also on hold pending the amalgamation review.
 - The Official Plan has been adopted by Council and forwarded to Simcoe County for approval.

- Tiny Township is considering partnering with Innisfil to implement Taxi or Uber arrangements for transportation within the Township.
- Swift Broadband is coming to the Township; further details will be provided when available.

Actions: The Association will follow up on whether any of the Severn Sound recommendations on water quality can be moved forward.

5.2 Drainage Issue at Tripp Lane

- Linda made a deputation to council last September opposing the installation as planned.
- Council moved ahead with their plans in spite of the deputation.
- Keith Salt, a resident and consultant, voiced his concerns to the Township regarding the installation, primarily with the continued outflow of water even when there is no recent rainfall.
- The Township may request follow-up from Council who can then put it on the list for budgeting purposes.
- Steffen reported that if the water testing revealed harmful levels there would be further action.

Action: Keith Salt will report back to the Association at the next meeting after further discussions with Tim Leitch, Director of Public Works.

5.3 Water Levels

- Tom encouraged everyone to read the article posted on the Association's website regarding this year's high water levels.
- Beach grass planting has been suspended due to the high water levels.
- The issue of rocks on the beach near Hastings was raised, one member felt they are a safety hazard.
- A member suggested moving sand from the dunes to cover the rocks.
- Keith Salt stated that the beach is the jurisdiction of the township and the MNR.

Actions:

- The Association will arrange a speaker on the water level issues for the next meeting.**
- The Association will follow up on the safety issue with the rocks, and the possibility of spreading sand on the beach.**

5.4 Phragmites Update

- Dates for 2019 digs are as follows:
- Sun. July 14: Tripp Lane.
- Sat. July 27: Lawson Road.
- Sun. Aug. 11: Tripp Lane.
- Sat. Aug. 24: Lawson Road.
- A Volunteer Draw is being organized.
- Each time a person volunteers, their name will be entered into the draw for a chance to win a prize at the August 31 meeting.

5.5 Teedon Pit Issue Update

- A handout was available at the meeting with information on the issue.
- A petition to stop the pit expansion was made available for members to sign.
- FoTTSA is opposing the Teedon Pit on the Association's behalf, and although they have a law firm providing free legal services, they must cover expenses.

Action: The Association will arrange a speaker for the next meeting.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Survey

- Tom will be sending a survey to members to help improve attendance at the meetings and determine the issues the members want addressed.
- Any initiatives undertaken coming out the survey will require volunteer assistance so participants were asked to self identify their willingness participate in future activities.
- Lack of volunteer support will prevent new initiatives from being undertaken. As an example, the annual sale of beachwear was cancelled this year due to lack of available resources to manage the program.

6.2 Donations to Hospital

- Residents may designate their donations to Georgian Bay General Hospital to WBPOA to increase the Association's donation amount.
- This will help get the Association recognized on the hospital's donor wall, while still allow the individual donor to receive a tax receipt.

6.3 Bingo for Kids

- The Association has donated to the Kid's Bingo at Bayshores.

7.0 50/50 Draw

- Ben Anderson won the draw and donated his winnings back to the Association.
- The Association donated all of the proceeds to FoTTSA to cover the Teedon Pit legal expenses.

8.0 Next Meeting

- AGM Saturday August 31 at 10:00 am.

9.0 Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.