

DRAFT Minutes from the 2017 Annual General Meeting – by Elizabeth Palatics, Recording Secretary

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[The Gull and Silver Lakes Residents' Association Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at the Muskoka Boat and Heritage Centre, Gravenhurst ("TOG")]. See list for attendees

President's Welcome

Donna McLean, President, ("DMc") welcomed the members in attendance and introduced the current Board of Directors (Jim Davis, David Friesen, Jonathan Hutcheon, Carole Ann Simpson and Liz Palatics).

Acceptance of Agenda

M/S/C to accept Agenda as presented.

Deferral of Minutes of 2016 AGM

As the Minutes for the 2016 AGM were not made available to the members in sufficient time for their review – it was proposed and agreeable to the members that said Minutes be deferred to the 2018 AGM. Draft Minutes for same will be posted to the GSLRA website.

TOG Activities Update – DMc introduced Councillors Heidi Lorenz, Sandy Cairns and Randy Jorgensen who came to provide an update of TOG issues and activities. The following is a summary of their comments:

Official Plan and Muskoka Regional Centre

- The Official Plan has been completed and is now in force; very little change for Gull Lake
- the proposed redevelopment of the former Muskoka Regional Center to become a Chinese private school would see 200 full time jobs created, many of which would be filled by local residents. Also, approximately 75% of the property would be designated as parkland

[Jim Davis advised that the money for the infrastructure for the Maple Leaf school proposal was coming from the Ontario government and that this was a joint venture with a Toronto developer].

TOG Finances

- asset management plan and infrastructure deficit has been subject to extensive review for prioritizing and planning
- (Jim Davis addressing issues re Taboo Resort/ other proposals for condominium development in MLA part of agenda)

Questions and Answers

Q: -what is the state of the lifeguard's shack at Gull Lake Park?

A:-at the last Council meeting, \$40,000 had been put aside for a new roof on the building, but the issue of the black mould inside the structure has not been addressed. Also, the Heritage Committee is looking into preservation of the structure.

Q:-what is being done about Pinedale Road, which is in terrible shape?

A:-the condition of and the traffic on all roads was assessed for the Asset Management Plan and there is a date for each road to be upgraded. James Street is being done this year.

Q:-as our property taxes are going up – and the major part of these monies are going into reserves, is there an increase in the operating budget?

A:-the operating budget is not increasing, except for increases as a result of inflation and salary increases

Q:-What is the status of voting for waterfront residents? online voting?

A:-for the October 2018 municipal election, there will no longer be a ballot by mail, but rather online voting and as in the past, voting by telephone.

Q:-notwithstanding new signage, the Church St. Parkette sees numerous off-leash dogs both in the parkette, and in the water.

A:-by-law officers are trying to show up more frequently, but they have to be there when the dogs are in the water to be able to issue warnings or tickets.

Financial Update

- DF provided brief overview of the financials presented
- Treasury has \$7,799 in our regular accounts and \$8,667 is invested in an interest-bearing account
- the financial status of the GSLRA is positive and there is a healthy reserve, which is imperative in the event of an issue suddenly surfacing
- in 2016 the GSLRA had 85 paid memberships, a substantial drop from the peak of 120 members when issues surrounding the Kendari lands were prevalent.
- it is important to encourage others to join as a means of communicating with the residents of our two lakes
- there being no further discussion, there was a M/S/C to accept the Financial Report as presented

Water Quality

- David Friesen walked the members through the slides on 2016 water quality results – results for Gull and Silver continue to indicate healthy lake levels; highest levels of E coli in front of Gull Lake Park
- Water is not drinkable without purification. Runoff bacteria will always be an issue.
- DMc thanked the Bertrand family for conducting the water testing for the Association.

GSLRA Priorities

- Safety: boating, fire, dwelling and property
- Communications:
 1. Membership drive to increase enrolment as close communities are thought to be safer communities – less crime, more awareness
 2. Lake Health Monitoring – safe, healthy water
 3. Continued Monitoring of Land Use, especially unwanted development
 4. Website Improvements – which may include animal sightings and fire danger ratings in real time

Development and Muskoka Lakes Association (“MLA”)

- Jim explained that the Official Plan, which municipalities are required to renew every 5-7 years, has returned all waterfront on Gull Lake back to residential, with the exception of the Pinedale Inn property, which is now up for sale
- he suggested everyone participate in the Safe, Quiet Lakes survey as well as the Second Home survey
- Jim advised he was elected as a member of the board of directors of the MLA
- One of the aims of the MLA is to reach out to smaller lakes and attempt to represent them as well in an effort to develop more political clout. While a membership on one of the larger lakes costs \$150, it has been proposed that “associate memberships” for people on smaller lakes be offered, which although would not include all the perks of a full membership, but would have the MLA on our side in a number of matters, such as assisting with opposition to the Kendari land development
- Jim proposed that the members of the GSLRA become associate members of the MLA and that for the year 2017, the GSLRA pay for each of its 85 members ($\$5.00 \times 85 = \425).

TWO motions were presented:

FIRST - allocate \$425 out of our reserve for our members to join the MLA as associate members

SECOND -increase fees for 2018 to \$35 to include the membership fee to the MLA

BOTH MOTIONS were made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Other Business

- advisories for the beach at Gull Lake Park have been issued this summer. These advisories are made available on the radio, Facebook and on the Town of Gravenhurst website.
- the Sawdust City Music Festival, spearheaded by Miranda Mullholland, is being held on August 4- 6.
- Save the Turtle event is being held this Sunday, 10:00 a.m. at Johnson’s Cranberry Marsh
- the GSLRA new logo was announced as seen on the banner in the room. It is hoped that this new symbol could be used for some potential fundraising or at least to increase awareness
- people who are opposed to the boat races held on Gull Lake need to make themselves heard and should contact their councilors either by phone or by email.

Nomination of Directors

The following Directors agreed to stand for nomination and serve for another year: Jim Davis, Donna McLean, Dave Friesen, Jonathan Hutcheon, Carole Anne Simpson, Liz Palatics. The President then called for nominations for new candidates. There being no new nominations, the nominations were declared closed and there was a M/S/C that those persons nominated above be elected to serve as Board members until the next AGM.

Adjournment

DMc then thanked those in attendance and accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting.