

# **BLUEWATER SHORELINE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 3, 2017**

President Sue Haskett welcomed everyone for attending and called the meeting to order.

Deputy Mayor Jim Ferguson, Councillor George Irvin, John Gillespie and the Board of Director of BSRA were introduced.

With one additional item to be added to the agenda being report on Council Composition (MMS Harley Johnson/Glenn Giller) that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

With no errors or omissions to the BSRA Annual Meeting Minutes of August 22,2016 as posted on BSRA web-site (MMS Dave Crockett/Mel Kay) that the minutes of Annual Meeting of Aug 22,2016 be adopted as published on BSRA web-site. Carried

Tony VanBakel gave the Treasurer's report and with no errors or omissions (MMS Tony VanBakel/Grant Montieth) that the Treasurer's report be adopted as presented. Carried

Pres. Sue Haskett reported:

- That the BSRA had been informed two years ago of the proposed rewriting of the The Shoreline Protection Plan and have been involved and will continue to be by attending meetings and reporting back to our members.
- Sue also reported that the steering committee originally set up for the SPP has been dissolved and acknowledged Keith Locking for being part of that committee.
- The BSRA continue to be represented at all Council meetings, monitoring issues and keeping our members up to date.

Director Jan Purvis that as previously reported the water testing budget had been reduced two years ago. As a result only two sites were tested last year being Wildwood and Ridgeway. Reports are available on web-site. Jan also pointed out that there are forty creeks that feed into the lake in our jurisdiction. The testing is now being done by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authorities. The funding is taken from the funds paid to ABCA by the Municipality. The testing is being done for E.coli. Other sites are being tested by the Health Unit with those results being posted on their web-site. Jan also reminded all that any sub-division doing a shoreline cleanup to be sure to register your cleanup with Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup via their web-site.

Director Alex Macdougall reported that Northland Energy has fulfilled their obligation to better control the flashing lights from wind turbines. This submission is in for Ministry's approval. Alex also reported

that a study of health issues resulting from the operation of wind turbines is being prepared by the University of Waterloo. Details of the study and format of reporting can be found on Health Unit web-site. The study is to last one year.

Director Robin Glenny reported on the vibrancy fund agreement between Northland Energy and the Municipality of Bluewater of which has now been signed and active. The annual amount to be paid to the Municipality will be \$350,000.00 The monies for 2016 have been allocated in the 2017-18 budget as follows: 30% Future Sustainability Fund, 60% Council current projects(2017) and 10% Community Grants. Informal conversations are taking place with NextEra Energy Power on a potential agreement.

Pres. Sue Haskett reported that bsra.ca has been updated. Also that we are in the process of creating a page dedicated to the Shoreline Management Plan. The transfer of data base to mail chimp has now been completed. In order to truly be effective with these changes we need to have a Prime Contact for each member association, we need to know where the invoice for fees is to be sent to, and a contact for each member association to distribute newsletter whether it be electronically or hand delivery. Sue also acknowledged Harlie Johnson for his long time guidance and assistance with BSRA communications and web-site.

Pres.Sue gave a brief report on some discussion at Council in regards to revamp imping the structure and number councillors that may or not be required. Will keep all posted as discussions progress.

Nominations are welcomed for new members to the BSRA board by our annual meeting in August.

Meeting Adjourned