

BLUEWATER SHORELINE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2016

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 no additional item to be added to the agenda (MMS Harley Johnson/Irene Hall) that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

With no errors or omissions to the BSRA Annual Meeting Minutes of August 23rd ,2015 as posted on BSRA web-site (MMS Dick Masse/Harold Denomme) that the minutes of Annual Meeting of Aug 23rd,2015 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/Andrea Hamilton) that the Treasurer's report be adopted as presented. Carried

Pres. Sue Haskett reported:

- that there has been a bear seen in the Tall Tree Acres area. Residents should be aware .
- reminded Associations to keep BSRA up to date with contacts and e-mail addresses. Option to receive newsletter and e-bulletin is available, please let BSRA know of how your Assoc. would prefer to receive them.
- Reported that the Municipal Strategic Plan has been accepted and is available to read on Municipal web-site. BSRA was included in discussions with the Plan.
- Stress that communication adds to quality of life and encouraged people to be part of these opportunities to discuss issues of concern. Also the Associations that belong to BSRA are getting a big bang for their buck.

Keith Locking reported, that from discussions with ratepayers along shoreline, assessments are generally lower. Also everyone should have their assessments as they were to be mailed out May24th. Deputy Mayor Jim Ferguson re-iterated the general decrease, mentioning that north of Goderich the percentage of decrease seemed to be more. Questioning whether the larger number of windmills in that area had an effect. Comments from the gallery stressed that MPAC need to take into consideration the presence of wind turbines and need to be approached in that regard.

Keith also reported that the properties sales report that he has been providing will no longer be

available. Unable to acquire information.

Jan Purvis reported that the budget for the ongoing water testing has been cut by another 10%. There will still be testing done at two locations along the shoreline and that data will be available on BSRA website. The sites will be Wildwood and Ridgeway. Testing has been done for ten years now. The results from last year's testing did not show any major changes from the previous year. Jan also thank those involved in shoreline clean up. Harley Johnson has forms that should be completed in order to monitor the refuse being collected.

Jan also provided handouts in regards to Shoreline Conservation, Dune Conservation and 2016 Bluewater Newsletter.

Questions from the Gallery:

1. Why from the four sites was Wildwood and Ridgeway chosen for testing over the others? The other sites are very close to sites already being tested by Health Unit.
2. What is the water being tested for? Ecoli only
3. What have been the grant reductions? 2015-40% and 2016 a further 10%
4. Are any areas being tested for chemicals? Yes

Shoreline Study Update: Keith Locking reported that the committee conducting the study is made up of 11 members. Two being Keith and John Gillespie. The study will cover beach and bluff erosion as well as water quality. The first draft report is due out soon. The report will contain what will or will not be allowed to be done along the lakeshore. There will be a public meeting in mid-August and everyone should try to attend. It will be very important to landowners of lakeshore property to react to this report both at meetings and with correspondence. Past Pres. of BSRA Bob McDonald re-iterated that everyone should be very vigilante of this report due to his experience on the topic in past years. Keith will be meeting with Jeff Cade from Ausable Conservation Authorities next week and will keep you updated.

Alex McDougall recognized both Patti Keller and Kevin Dooley in the gallery and that they would be both available to discuss wind turbine issues after the meeting. Alex reported that hopefully within 2-3 months the red flashing lights of the turbines will only flash when approached by small aircraft. Also reminded everyone to be vigilant of the future presence of wind turbines in the lake.

Alex reported on Health Issues Due to Wind Turbines. There are definitely people being effected both physically and mentally by the installation of wind turbines. Alex pointed out the urgent need for reporting these illnesses. Due to the latest decisions made by the Board of Huron County Health Unit to pause such a program, Alex presented a letter drafted by BSRA representing its membership to the Huron County Health Unit. The letter was to outline the disappointment and disprovable of the decisions made by the Board. The question was asked to the gallery for approval to present letter to Health Unit. It was unanimous for with two nay. Speaking in disapproval, the speaker felt the letter needed to be edited with regards to the challenging of the ethics of the Unit and accuracy of facts. BSRA agreed to review letter taking in consideration of comments.

Vibrancy Fund : Robin Glenny reported that the Vibrancy Fund has been discussed with both Next Era Energy Canada and Northland Power. The current position is that a contract of intent to establish a Vibrancy Fund is now in the hands of lawyers. Robin briefly gave an overview of some of the terms of a Vibrancy fund based on agreements in place with other Municipalities.

Pres. Sue Haskett introduced Lynne Peterson to give a presentation on Integrated Assessment of Extreme Water Levels. The presentation gave an overview of how quickly and destructively water levels can affect our coast line. Also some ways of identifying possible problems and remedial suggestions to protecting the bluffs and shoreline. Lynne's presentation also pointed that landowners should take advantage at the numerous lines of information that are available.

Jan thanked Lynne for a very informative presentation.

MMS (Dick Masse/ Keith Locking) meeting be adjourned.