

BLUEWATER SHORELINE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

GMB 411, R.R. 2, Zurich ON N0M 2T0

Minutes of the General Meeting, Saturday, June 30, 2001

1. The meeting, held at St. Peter's Parish Hall, St. Joseph, was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Don Brazier who welcomed everyone and introduced the members of the Executive Committee.

2. Jack Johnston moved that "the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of September 9, 2000, be adopted as circulated". Seconded by Cec Southward, carried.

3. Doug Banks introduced the guest speaker, Bill Dowson, Mayor of the Municipality of Bluewater, who gave a brief personal history and outlined his extensive background in municipal politics. Mr. Dowson then presented an overview of the three villages, Zurich, Hensall and Bayfield, and the two townships, Hay and Stanley which now comprise the Municipality of Bluewater, and acknowledged that there are concerns and priorities unique to each. He stressed the need for patience, understanding and co-operation in sorting out these concerns and promised that the new council would do its utmost to deal with everyone in a fair and equitable manner. He was thanked by Don Tuckey.

4. Ann Kertesz reviewed correspondence from Janisse Zimmerman and Ansberth Willert as Clerks of the former Hay and Stanley Township Councils respectively, Bayfield Village Voice, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (Fall and Spring newsletters), Michael Walker, President of the Bayfield Ratepayers Association, Chuck Box (letter of resignation from the BSRA Executive Committee), and Janisse Zimmerman, Clerk Administrator of the Municipality of Bluewater. Correspondence was sent to the Reeve of Stanley Township (large item garbage pick-up for Stanley), Reeves and Councils of Hay and Stanley Townships and Transition Board (re inequities of service and assumption of roads), Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (application for BSRA incorporation), Clement Kent (thanks for response on behalf of BSRA to Galt/Barrett Report), Candidates for Municipal Office, 2000 municipal elections (letter and questions), Janisse Zimmerman, Clerk Administrator, Municipality of Bluewater (request to make a presentation to Bluewater Council on Inequities re Municipal Road Services).

5. The Treasurer, Bob Worthy, submitted his report showing a closing balance as of June 29, 2001, of \$893.00, with a further \$174.00 collected in fees on June 30. He recommended that

the current fee structure be retained for the year 2002 and noted that the BSRA was now incorporated. Acceptance of the report was moved by Jack Johnston, seconded by Gord Brodie, carried.

6. Jim Chapman, Membership Chairman, reported that 44 of the 51 lakeshore associations in Bluewater have become BSRA members, and that 8-10 individuals are associate members.

7. Don Brazier reported on behalf of the Executive Committee. He noted that the BSRA has had representation at all meetings of the former Stanley Township Council, several of the former Hay Township Council meetings, all meetings of the Transition Board, and, since amalgamation, all meetings of the Bluewater Municipal Council.

He noted that in the ward of Stanley, a number of water meters are still not able to be read. This situation is expected to be resolved by mid-July, but meanwhile, residents will be billed a flat \$31.50 for the second quarter of 2001, with reconciliation of consumption with charges to occur when the meters are actually read.

8. Bob Worthy reported that he has done considerable research into obtaining a favourable alternate long distance telephone service plan for the Hay-Stanley area. This project is near completion and details will be available in a future newsletter. Mr. Worthy has also been very active in comparison shopping for insurance for Bluewater shoreline associations and for individual residence owners. Excellent Liability and Directors and Officers packages, as well as individual residence rates, are available from Westlake-McHugh, Grand Bend. Members are encouraged to check with them before renewing policies.

9. Doug Banks, Newsletter Editor, thanked all contact persons for the efficient distribution of the newsletter, and asked that anyone with suggestions for future newsletter items contact him.

10. Bob Campbell reported on the Inequities of Services initiative, undertaken following a motion passed at the Annual General Meeting of September 9, 2000. A copy of the brief Inequities in the Provision of Municipal Road Services was presented to the Bluewater Municipal Council on May 14, 2001, and one copy of this was distributed with the Spring Newsletter to each association along the shoreline. At this time, each residence also received a copy of the paper Assumption of Roads by the Municipality of Bluewater. Council dealt with the issue at their meeting of June 4, 2001, setting up a Roads Committee, as suggested in the BSRA brief, to examine the issue in depth and report back to Council. An organisational

meeting of this committee was held and committee members have already begun their assessment of the current road situation. On June 8, the BSRA sent a survey to all shoreline associations to help the BSRA committee members determine the current state of access road ownership, the wishes of each association in respect to road assumption, and to obtain a demographic overview of the types of residences presently within the shoreline developments.

A lively discussion followed and many questions were fielded by Mr. Campbell. He stressed that the resolution of the inequity situation as it pertained to roads would be lengthy and complex, that residents would be kept well informed of the committee's progress and updated as to potential developments as its work proceeds.

The Roads Committee will meet again on July 16, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Offices in Zurich and Mr. Campbell expressed hope that a good number of residents would attend the meeting as a show of support for this initiative.

11. Stephen Savage moved "that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the BSRA, make a written request to the Bluewater Municipal Council for the provision of a large item garbage pick-up in the wards of Hay and Stanley each spring and fall, beginning in the fall of 2001". Seconded by Jim Chapman, carried.

12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. on motion by J. Gill and Bill Halloran. Carried.

Ann Kertesz, Secretary