

Cordova Lake Cottage Association – Annual General Meeting

Date: July 14, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Cordova Mines Community Centre

Minutes: Clare Matthews

Executive Present: Melanie MacLeod President
 Sandy Rice Vice-President
 Juanita Magill Treasurer
 Clare Matthews Secretary

Road Reps Present: Gord Bertrand (FR 54), Paul Carroll (FR 18), Sandy Rice (FR 57), Dave Simons (FR 59)

Members Present:

Mike Bailey	Tammy Cole	Judi Pater
Lori Barton	Darrell Epp	Lia Skelding
Nicole Bean	Elaine Epp	Josh Skinkle
Gord Bertrand	Bob Gubb	Steve Sharpe
Wallace Boustead	Nancy Grozelle	Melissa Burns Smit
Sarah Boustead	Brian Harper	Ben Spoelstra
Perry Bowles	Bill Harris	Linda Spoelstra
Bob Brace	Kirsten Hildebrandt	Ian Sturdee
Les Buck	Sean Hogue	Sue Tilley
Liona Buck	Joy Hollett	Stan Trevisan
Joanne Butkevics	Darcy Huber	Jane Turchin
Carolyn Callam	Dan Lamers	Hank Vandermeer
Tony Callam	Wayne Lunau	Fred Varty
Dan Cariglia	Larry Mackie	Kim Woods
Dave Carr	Catherine Mossop	
Paula Cicci-Bowles	Jan O'Neill	

Guests Present: Mayor Jim Martin

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Melanie welcomed the attendees to the 2019 Annual General Meeting and introduced the guests.

Approval of Minutes from 2018 AGM

Motion to approve 2018 AGM Minutes made by Lori Barton, seconded by Elaine Epp. All in favour. Carried.

Special Guest - Mayor Jim Martin

- Mayor Martin thanked the Association for the invitation and said it was his 6th presentation to Lake Associations this summer.
- The mayor confirmed that there would be a 2.6% tax increase this year. He provided updates on road construction in the area, including County Road 48 which will have work done this year from Freeman's Corners to just north of Preston Road at a cost of \$1.5M. Other roads in the area that were damaged last winter will be upgraded but not hard topped until next spring to see how they hold up to the winter weather.
- Construction on the new long-term care facility in Havelock is anticipated to begin in early Spring 2020.
- The Township is reviewing waste management practices and will be introducing a clear bag policy early in 2020. HBM is the only township in the County that has not yet implemented such a policy. Advance notice will be given to residents. The Township is also looking into the possibility of a composting initiative.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is completing an assessment of 8 public buildings, including the Cordova Mines Recreation Centre. A report will be available shortly.
- The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has had its annual funding recently reduced by 48% from \$116,000. HBM is working with other townships to think about how to work differently given the new funding model.
- The Fire department had 430 calls last year, 95% were medical. The Building department issued 294 permits last year.
- Council is very focused on improving communications. They are using social media (Facebook and Twitter) to provide updates on council meetings and other items of interest. A new newsletter, Havelock Rail, has just been published and is distributed to anyone with a Havelock area mailbox. The next one will be available on August 2nd.
- Council and members of the public met with MPP Dave Smith last week regarding the closure of the Cordova Lake dam. It was suggested that the dam would likely be reopened after work by Algonquin Power was completed. He has been good to work with. Mayor Martin ended his updates with the comment that Cordova Lake used to be the best kept secret and now there is a lot going on!

Discussion

Ian Sturdee asked the mayor if he had any updates on cell service and tower upgrades. Mayor Martin said that Bell is upgrading its towers, but there are sightline issues. He recommended that cottagers contact Bell for information. Jan O'Neill said that the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus has targeted 2023 as a completion date for Xplornet services.

The Mayor will look into the possibility of increasing Nexicom's bandwidth and including other internet service providers.

Treasurer's Report

Juanita Magill presented the fiscal report and outlined expenses and revenue. She clarified that the Reports covers the period August 1, 2017-July 31, 2018.

Discussion

Joanne Butkevics asked for clarification on the Seacan expense for 2017. Clare Matthews explained it had been purchased in 2017 as a permanent storage solution for regatta supplies and other CLCA needs.

Nancy Grozelle asked why the executive doesn't run the budget on a calendar basis. Doug Carr explained that the timing is tied to the term of the executive who has accountability. Melanie suggested that the executive will review and determine if that still makes sense.

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Ian Sturdee, seconded by Paul Carroll. Carried.

Regatta 2019 (Nancy Grozelle)

This will be the 3rd and last year that Clare Matthews and Nancy Grozelle will run it. They encourage another family to run it next year. It's a lot of fun and not a lot of work. Many volunteers are willing to help, and they have a robust project plan in place!

The Regatta will run from 11-3 on Saturday, August 3rd and will include a bouncy castle, silent auction, horseshoes for adults, kids' races, bbq, and tug of war contest between the North and South End. As in previous years, if members come to the CLCA table and update their information, pay their cottage or road dues, buy tokens for kids' games, or just introduce themselves, they will be given a token for a free hotdog and drink. Melissa and Rich Smit have offered the use of their beach for the regatta and for members to tie up their boats. On Sunday night, August 4th, there will be a flotilla followed by fireworks at the beach. Please decorate your boat!

Clare and Nancy need volunteers to help with the regatta. Please let them know if you can help. This is a great opportunity for your teenaged children or grandchildren to earn high school community hours which start the summer after Grade 8!

South end boat launch & parking lot (Sandy Rice)

A meeting was held last year with members from the South end to determine the key issues (parking, signage, and lighting). The CLCA has made an application to MNRF to make changes and Sandy presented the plan to the membership. Highlights include trailer parking, day parking, solar lighting in parking lot and at launch, spots to tie up and lock boats, and improved signage. We hope to complete work by end of the year. The CLCA will do the work and will fund the project which is estimated to cost approximately \$7000. A more accurate estimate can be determined once the final permits are in place. A signed agreement with MNRF is required before proceeding.

Discussion

If Cordova Lake cottagers are paying for these improvements, and members of the public are using the launch, can we install a donation box or make it mandatory for people to pay to use the launch and parking lot? Sandy explained that since it is a public launch, we can't make people pay to use it. Concerns were also raised about theft and who would manage the box. A suggestion was made to

create a sign to say that the area is funded and maintained by cottagers and visitors can make donations by e-transfer if they wish. The executive will discuss this option.

There was discussion about the state of the launch and whether the executive was considering improvements to that. Melanie explained that the South end initiative has been a very large project and that is the focus for now.

Melanie provided an update on the closure of the dam bridge and the meeting with MPP Smith. His sense is that the dam will be opened up again, so stay tuned for more information.

Water Quality (Sandy Rice)

Cordova Lake is continuing testing for Phosphorus and clarity through the Lake Partner's Program Ontario. Sandy thanked Dan Lamers for his ongoing work on sample collection for this program. Phosphorus levels taken in the North end of the lake have consistently been in the 7.6 to 9.6 level. Last year the level increased to 10.2. Previously samples taken in the mid lake area were much higher. An additional site was sampled this year at the deep section of the lake across from the mouth of the river to determine if it was significantly different from the South end. Results will be reported next year. Our lake remains mesotrophic which can allow for the growth of algae but is not serious at this point. As levels are slowly increasing, this is a reminder to all of us to be diligent about the use of phosphates in detergents and fertilizers in our cottages and on the properties around our lake.

Last year we started surface water testing for E. coli to determine the safety of our water for recreational purposes such as swimming. Six sites were chosen in areas that could potentially be a problem and samples were submitted to SGS Laboratories in Lakefield. The results from last year are posted on our website. There was a concern with levels after a rainstorm exceeding the safety level where beaches would be closed to swimming. This year we have only chosen to sample two sites in problematic areas. The sites are on the river just above the mouth and in front of the beach area on FR 57. Levels during the first sample showed the river at 66 E. coli/100 mL water and the beach at 11 E.coli/100 mL taken during a dry spell. Sandy reminded members that Peterborough Health closes beaches at 200 (which was recently increased from the 100 level). SGS Laboratory still sets the safety level at 100. It was also mentioned that Kawartha Lake Stewart Association flags areas as potential problems as soon as the level exceeds 20 E. coli/100 mL. The river level at 66 should remain as an area of concern. Canada Geese feces and faulty septs should be considered. Discussions with Peterborough Health reveal that mandatory septic inspections are not being considered at this time and only performed on a formal complaint basis.

At last year's AGM, there was extensive discussion on Canada Geese control, deterrence and shoreline naturalization. This year a permit from Environment Canada was obtained to perform an egg-oiling program on private lands on Cordova Lake. Only one nest was located on the lake and it had already hatched. An egg-oiling program is not likely going to be successful, so perhaps we could bring someone in to talk to us about goose deterrence and shoreline naturalization.

Discussion

Members suggested different reasons for the water quality: lawns that attract geese, septic systems, and agricultural run-offs. Mayor Martin will speak to Kathleen Shepherd at the Peterborough Public Health Unit regarding a more focused approach in problem areas.

Social Events

Melanie provided a list of social events that members could vote for. The top 3 were a dock yard sale, picnic on the beach, and a photography contest. Stay tuned for more details.

Elections

All four members of the executive were acclaimed in their positions for another 2-year term.

- Melanie MacLeod: President
- Sandy Rice: Vice-President
- Juanita Magill: Treasurer
- Clare Matthews: Secretary

Guests and members were thanked for coming and the meeting adjourned at 11:30a.m.