



Bayfield Ratepayers Association

**Board Meeting Draft Minutes
Saturday, October 5, 2013
9 am at the Bayfield Diner**

NOTE: Visitors are welcome at our monthly meetings at 9 am on the first Sat. of the month. We do not officially meet in January or June.

Spring General Meeting: Saturday, May 17, 2014, 10 am in the Lions Community Building

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, August 2nd, 2014, at 10 am.

Confirmed meeting dates and locations are here: bayfieldratepayers.ca (right side of home page)

NOTE: If you're interested in becoming a director, please let us know at: bayfieldratepayers@gmail.com

Directors:

Ainslie Willock & Carol Thornley-Hall

Community Safety Zone Lead: Sondra Buchner, BRA Member and Past Director

Regrets: None

Guests: Paul Hill, Mayor Dowson, Councillor Palmer

Opening:

1) Everyone welcomed and asked for agenda items.

Housekeeping:

2) Accept Treasurer's (Robyn McClinchey) September Report:

Moved by Carol 2nd Ainslie Discussion None Vote Carried

and Need to transfer funds from Savings to Operating (\$200 to be transferred)

3) Accept August 3, 2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes:

Moved: Carol 2nd Ainslie Discussion None Vote Carried

4) Membership Renewal & Donations: Members to be emailed prior to the Spring General Meeting and Annual General Meeting re renewals and meeting time.

5) New Web Site: Carol to send Ainslie a short/long bio. Ainslie to ask Scott for a web guide. Ainslie to approach Bayfield Breeze and community groups to put a notice out to members to email us to get on the email contact list.

6) Dates for our monthly meetings & availability:

No meeting in Nov. due to availability. Dates & time of future meetings to be discussed at Dec. 7th, 2013 meeting and in the New Year due to conflict with another regular meeting.

Policy Priorities Update

Work on Hwy #21 & Community Safety Zone Update

- the sides of the road through town are being graded so we suspect that the sides will be paved in town as promised [Note: Re. Short Hill Rd. hidden driveway signs aren't used when the speed limit is 50-60 kilometers as you're going slow enough to see the driveways & cars]
- Councillor Palmer let us now that money has been put aside in 2014's budget for a mobile speed sign specifically for Bluewater. Ainslie advised that there were security and mobility issues around using the sign for citizens and Bluewater.
- Sondra is working to change/reverse the OPP's position.

Revitalization & Greening of Main Street

- Ainslie Willock, Ruth Brown, Councillor Palmer and Roger Lewington met with BMR and Bluewater at the Arena to discuss the drainage survey. Ainslie advised that she's send out the survey to BRA members to reinforce the ones mailed out by Bluewater.

Blue Flag Update & ABCA River Water Testing Grant & comments re Maude Barlow's visit

- BRA will be applying for a grant again from Bluewater for ABCA to test water quality on the Bayfield River. This is an ongoing study to establish a base line. The Maude Barlow weekend was a big success. We learned a lot at the Town Hall talk. Very pleased that Mayor Dowson and his wife Joyce were able to attend.

Issues of Note:

BRA's Succession Plan: we're each to seek new Directors

2014's Municipal Election: Membership to decide on involvement at 2014 August AGM.

Last date for candidates to register for the municipal elections is September 1st, 2014.

October 27, 2014 is the election date.

Time of Adjournment 10:25 am. Moved: Ainslie 2nd: Carol Vote: Carried