

Bayfield Ratepayers Association
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Saturday, September 8th, 2012 at 9 am at the Lions Building

Minutes by Ainslie Willock

NOTE: Members are welcome at our monthly meetings held at the Lion's Building, at 9 am on the first Sat. of the month. We do not officially meet in January or June.

Spring General Meeting: Saturday May 18th, 2013, at 10 am in the Lion's Building

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, August 3rd, 2013, at 10 am in the Community Building.

Meeting dates can be found on our web page: bra.camp8.org

Directors:

Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill, Carol Thornley-Hall

REGRETS: None Total # Directors: 3 Quorum: 3 Quorum: Yes

Community Safety Zone Lead: Sondra Buchner, former director and member - Regrets

Visitors: Councillor Geordie Palmer, Bill Webb, Justine Chojnacka, Barbara Martin, Trish Pemberton

1) Everyone welcomed.

2) No issues raised by visitors.

3) Ainslie to continue as President & Paul VP

Ainslie is waiting for a response from two Villagers she's asked to join us as Directors - and has spoken with Bud Robinson to recommend whom to invite to the Board. There was a discussion on how we can attract new Board members/members to help with issues. FYI: Bayfield is a very active retirement community made up of 1200 full time residents, as of the 1996 census.

4) Board will continue to meet the first Sat. of the month except June & January when there will be no official meeting.

5) August 4th, 2012 Annual General Members Meeting Draft Minutes will be ready ASAP

6) Robyn McClinchey has agreed to be our treasurer to help us out. She will provide the monthly updates to Ainslie to present to the Board. We will have an update shortly. A big thank you to Robyn for taking on this task. Sondra has met with Robyn and the Excel form for our banking record keeping has been forwarded to Robyn. Robyn has professional banking experience.

7) Ainslie will review past treasurer reports to recommend whom we'd like to audit our books, then we'll have an online membership vote to confirm

8) Paul updated us on his proposed plan for the new web site - Paul & Ainslie to set up a meeting with Dave MacLaren ASAP to discuss next steps for new web site to reduce costs and have an easier site for members to use. Interest was expressed to include Facebook, Twitter etc....

9) Membership Renewal & Donations: Ainslie will draft a notice to send out to the membership by e-mail for renewal and donations. After that the Board will call and meet with members to renew. Members have been generous in sending us renewals and including a donation to help pay for the expense of the web site soft ware licensing fee (about \$60 a month) and room rental.

Policy Priorities Update

- a) Village Main Street Renewal - request that the Bayfield Revitalization Committee, that Paul and Ainslie sit on, organize a meeting with Jim Vafiades: Landscape Architect - Stantec London to develop a "green" plan for Bayfield's Main Street.
- b) Village Tree Renewal: Planting will occur this fall, the extent is dependent on available funds.
- c) MTO (Ontario Ministry of Transportation) - Pedestrian Crossing & Community Safety Zone: Sondra asked Ainslie to update the Board - a letter has gone out to ask local groups for support - she's had 3 responses so far. She's contacted the OPP but hasn't heard back yet.
- d) MTO & trees between Bayfield and Goderich - there will be a closed door meeting with MTO concerning their proposal to cut down mature trees they've determined are too close to the highway to be safe.
- e) Integrating Bluewater Communities - we no longer have a rep on Communities in Bloom. Ainslie didn't get a chance to say this at our meeting but she put together the press release for the Bluewater Heritage and Advisory Committee (BHAC) and the Huron Junior Farmers' Club to promote the JFAO's Century Sign Program featured in the online Bayfield Breeze and Huron Bullet and in the flyer that Bluewater sent out with the tax notices.
- f) Industrial Wind Turbine Update: The Board is to write a letter to Council in support of their position against IWTs in Bluewater. Seven Bluewater Councillors are opposed to IWT's. [See home page of bra.camp8.org for links to more info on IWT's.] See New Business below for Town Hall Meeting on Watershed Water Quality.
- g) River/Watershed/Lake Water Quality: Paul will contact Bud Robinson to take over the July & August Blue Flag Program independent monitoring of the Main Beach as required by Environmental Defence; Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority wants to partner with the BRA to submit a Grant to the Ministry of the Environment to plant trees in the watershed - Paul felt that it would be a better fit for the ABCA to partner with the Bayfield Tree Project (BTP) - Ainslie to contact BTP & then ABCA. North Pier Repair was discussed. Geordie said that the Municipality has had no luck getting action from the owner - Federal government. Need a delegation from the fishermen, boaters and Chamber to meet with federal MP Ben Lobb to get action. Trish let us know that Bayfield is one of the biggest marinas on this side of the lake and is known as a good place to store and service boats; consequently, losing access to the lake would have a serious affect on our economy. Presently we have no one to take this issue on. [See home page of bra.camp8.org for links to water quality results.]
- h) New Library/Post Office/Public Washrooms and Old Library & Archives - no update
- i) 75 Tuyl St. & Nov. OMB - No Update - Ainslie will contact Planning Dept.

Issues of Note:

- 10) New Business:
- 11) FYI: Pioneer Park presented an engineer's letter to Council concerning road safety at the lake end of Bayfield Terrace. There was support for the Municipality securing the bank at the meeting and ultimately having a permanent aesthetically pleasing barrier to prevent cars going over the bank.
- 12) Paul will organize a strategy session with key individuals to determine how we can revitalize the Board.
- 12) **Bayfield Town Hall Watershed Meeting, September 26, 2012 at 7 pm at the Town Hall** to see a film and determine Villagers' Priorities to improve water quality in the Bayfield Main Watershed - hosted by BACC, ABCA & BRA. Refreshments. The Board asked that a video message from Ray Letheren be played at the meeting as Ray is unfortunately away for a period

of time. Ainslie has sent that request to Roger & ABCA. Posters, invitations and a press release will be sent out and posted by the ABCA on Monday.

11) FYI: Optimists will be presenting at BHAC on proposed splash pad they'd like to build for the Village in Clan Gregor Square directly south of play area.

12) Time of Adjournment 10:45 am Moved by Ainslie Seconded by Paul - Passed
