

Bayfield Ratepayers Association Monthly Board Meeting

Saturday, May 5th, 2012 at 9 a.m. Lions Building

NOTE: Members are welcome at our monthly open Board meetings held at the Lion's Building, at 9 am on the first Sat. of the month.

EXCEPTIONS: No January or June meetings.

Members' Spring Meeting: Saturday, May 19, 2012, at 10 am at the Lion's Building; and

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, August 4, 2012, at 10 am in the Community Building.

Directors:

Ainslie Willock, President; Paul Hill, Vice President; Sondra Buchner, Treasurer & Co-Director Membership; Michael Gubesch, Co-Director Membership; Alan Vihant, Planning

REGRETS: Michael Total # Directors: 5 Quorum: 3

Absent: Alan Vihant

Do we have Quorum?: Yes

Volunteer Membership Member: Donna Cartwright - present

Audience: Geordie Palmer and Bill Caradine

1) Everyone was welcomed - we all sat around the table together and informally discussed a range of issues with Geordie.

2) Accepted Susan Drew's resignation (dislikes coming to meetings) and a big thank you to her for her many years of service to the BRA and continued support of many Bayfield interests.

3) Director Recruitment - Ainslie: Still asking members if they're interested in becoming a director - notice in Bayfield Breeze

4) Minutes: Had quorum but discussions preempted vote.

5) Accept Treasurer's Report - Sondra Buchner - Voted to accept

6) Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Note: Spring General Members' Meeting - Victoria Day Weekend, Sat. May 19th at 10 am at the Lions Building. Suggestions as to how we'll present.

7) Membership Renewal - Sondra Buchner - Updated us on Lions' Home Show.

8) Once everyone is back in town - set date for special directors meeting to determine a plan for a membership renewal drive.

Policy Priorities Update 2011 - 2012

Listed with Contact's Name and in Members' order from September 3, 2011 AGM

a) Hold the Line on Taxes - Open

b) Village Main Street Renewal - Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill: No update. Mayor's Breakfast on Fri. of long weekend

c) Village Tree Renewal - Sondra Buchner - done

d) Municipal Facilities Review - Paul Hill - ON HOLD

e) By-law Enforcement - Open

RE: 75 Tuyl Street and Minor Variance - Update - NOTE: COA deferred decision until May 14th, 7 pm at the Varna Complex to allow applicant to prepare answers to ABCA questions & Planner's questions.

f) New Library, Washrooms, Post Office and Archives - Digging to start any day now and,

Bayfield Historical Society's proposal for expanding Archives into old Library when vacated (BRA has written their support) - now has support of Bluewater Heritage Committee

g) Integrating Bluewater Communities - Sondra Buchner - Communities in Bloom colours

h) Blue Flag Program & Marina & Pier: Federal Gas at the Bluewater Marina now fixed.

i) MTO - Pedestrian Crossing & Community Safety Zone (CZS): Sondra Buchner Update - will pursue preparation of community support for CSZ ASAP for MTO

k) Planning - Alan Vihant

Issues of Note:

9) New Business: It was recommended that we have regular updates in the Bayfield Breeze - we need someone to provide this useful service.

10) Next Meeting - Spring General Members Meeting - Sat. May 19th at 10 am at the Lions Building

11) Time of Adjournment: 11:00 pm