



Bayfield Ratepayers Association

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 2, 2013 - Bayfield Diner at 8:30 am. Began at 9:00 am

NOTE: Visitors are welcome at our monthly meetings now being held at the Bayfield Diner (Mill Rd. at Hwy #21), 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 (Arena).

Confirm meeting dates and location here: bra.camp8.org

Directors:

Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill, Carol Thornley-Hall

REGRETS: Carol Total # Directors: 3 Quorum #: 2 Quorum: Yes

Guests: Mayor Bill Dowson, Geordie Palmer, Jane and Mike Bondy

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

Volunteer Membership Member: Donna Cartwright

- 1) Call to order & Welcome everyone.
- 2) List Agenda Items and request agenda items from members.
- 3) Vote to accept Treasurer's (Robyn McClinchey) February Report: Moved: Paul - 2nd: Ainslie - Carried
- 4) Formally accept February's Meeting Minutes: Moved: Paul - 2nd: Ainslie - Carried
- 5) New web site update: **Paul** - is seeking an alternate to help develop web site for us. We'll arrange a separate meeting to discuss prototype. Goal is to launch a new web site (with no monthly charges) in time for our August AGM. Thanks to TCC for hosting server & for a new domain name - both to come.

- 6) Membership Renewal & Donations: Paul & Ainslie to arrange a work night to call members for renewals and their e-mail addresses.
- 7) Community Safety Zone Update: MTO has sent us a letter of support. Thank you MTO! We are waiting for OPP's reply to our application. Note: our understanding is that MTO's work on resurfacing the highway is from the south end of Bayfield to south end of Goderich. The Mayor's understanding is that work begins just north of the highway bridge to Goderich i.e. does not include highway through Bayfield.
- 8) **75 Tuyl St. & OMB Hearing:**
Date: Wed. March 20th, 2013 at 10:30 am at the Varna Complex
NEW: Committee of Adjustment meeting Monday, March 11th at 7 pm at Varna Complex - Ainslie to write to Planning on behalf of BRA.

Policy Priorities Update

- 9) Update on landscaping around the new Library Complex and Old Library: Council has agreed to the Friends of the Bayfield Library and the Bayfield Historical Society draft plan for a Reading Park. The final plan will be presented to Council soon.
Note: Council does not yet have a plan for the future of Archives Building/Old Library. The BRA is on record as supporting the Bayfield Historical Society's plans submitted to Council for the building. Steve McAuley is in talks with Bill Rowat/BHS.
- 10) Greening and Revitalization of Main Street: This Village Committee met on Friday, Feb. 15, 2013. A Municipal Request for Proposals is going out in the next few days to come up with a Storm Water Study for all of Bayfield south of the River (the north side already has a system in place). The study will likely be finalized and submitted to Council in December. Main Street Improvements can't go forward until we have that study and the money to implement a storm water plan etc...
- 11) Harbour Renewal - Water Levels - Blue Flag Update: No update on North Pier's need to be fixed. (Note: This is best led by the Chamber of Commerce as piers are a federal responsibility under the Ministry of **Fisheries** and Oceans.) Lake water levels are below a 50 year low. Bluewater has requested that the Blue Flag be issued for 2013's beach season for both the Marina and Main Beach. Main Beach is requested on a "Dispensation Basis" as more than the allowed 20% of Main Beach e-coli readings were above Ontario's Recreational Standard that Environmental Defence follows. Environmental Defence will announce Blue Flag locations on June 5th, 2013. Bluewater has an informal "Bayfield Beach Working Group" - composed of Mari/ABCA & two Huron County Health Unit Reps and Arlene Parker Planning/Bluewater. The BRA has let the Mayor, Mari and Arlene know that the BRA would like to contribute. This would be a good fit as the BRA is already active in asking for a municipal grant for water testing on the River; sits on the Landowner Committee and we now independently monitor the harbour and beach on behalf of the Blue Flag program (previously provided by Bud Robinson on behalf of the Pioneer Park Association now taken on by Paul Hill).
- 12) Village Tree Renewal: We don't yet have the names of streets to be planted by the Bayfield Tree Project this spring. **NOTE: Communities in Bloom Announcement: Sat. April 20, 2013** from 10 am to noon - Tree Sale to the Public at the Varna Complex - all welcomed - wide variety of trees. E-mail Notice will be sent out to BRA Members and it will be posted on our web site closer to the time.

Issues of Note:

New Business:

- 13) Member need to be notified of New Parking By-laws. For example, no parking 1 metre from edge of road from Nov. 15th to April 15th due to snow ploughing needs.
- 14) Concern expressed for sloped Public Beach Access on Tuyll St. South of Cameron known as "Lot 4".
- 15) Paul to advise on locations for signs announcing # of miles to get to Bayfield - likely on MTO land north of Grand Bend etc... Paul to meet with Sondra when she's back to determine how to move forward given her expertise.
- 16) Planning for parks. The Mayor let us know that there is a budget funded by severances etc.. to care for existing park land. There isn't a plan for where parks will be needed in the future. The BRA is supportive of coming up with a plan for future park (as earlier residents planned for our benefit) needs. A park plan is needed for all of Bluewater but as most of the development is occurring along the water front including Bayfield it would be wise to address this area sooner rather than later.
- 17) Ainslie thanked Councillor Palmer and his fellow Councillors for their persistence in fighting for the interests of Ratepayers vs Industrial Wind Turbines (IWT). Ainslie was at the Tues. night Council meeting on building permits for IWT. The white outs made getting to the meeting and home very difficult.
- 18) Time of Adjournment 10:30 am. Moved: Paul - 2nd: Ainslie Carried
