



Bayfield Ratepayers Association

Annual General Meeting - August 2, 2014, 10 am at the Lions Building

Draft Minutes - prepared by Ainslie Willock, August 14, 2014

Board Members Present: Ainslie Willock, President and Carol Thornley-Hall, Director of Art and Culture.

Active Member: Paul Hill

Meeting called to order at 10 a.m. Everyone welcomed.

1. Membership Quorum: 25 voting members

2. Carol Thornley-Hall introduced Councillors Geordie Palmer & Tyler Hessel. Each addressed the membership. Mayor Dowson was absent. Councillor Palmer invited Bill Whetstone to update the membership on the revitalisation of the Arena, including the ice usage. A big thank you to all our elected representatives for all the time and work they have given to the community.

Housekeeping:

3. Moved by Paul Hill and 2nd by Ainslie Discussion: none - that the **Agenda be accepted. Carried.**

4. Moved by Ainslie 2nd by Paul Hill Discussion: None that the **Minutes of the of the Annual General Meeting August 4, 2013** prepared by Ainslie Willock be accepted. See here: http://bayfieldratepayers.ca/images/BRA_AGM_Aug2013_DrMinutes.pdf **Carried.**

5. Business arising from the 2013 AGM Minutes None.

6. Treasurers' May 2014 Statement of Funds: Ainslie Willock submitted on behalf of Robyn McClinchey see here: <http://bayfieldratepayers.ca/images/BRA%20Statement%20May%202014.pdf>

Moved by Margaret McBride Seconded by Ainslie Discussion: None - that the Treasures Report for May 2014 be accepted. **Carried.** ...2/

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7. **Ian Matthews' End of Year Statement to Us:** see here: http://bayfieldratepayers.ca/images/Ian_Matthews_StatementToBRA_2014%20RD-2.pdf His covering letter is on our web page.

Moved by Ainslie Seconded by Carol Thornley-Hall Discussion: None - that Ian Matthew's Year End Statement be accepted. **Carried.**

Note: Budget: We don't have a formal budget because our focus has been to eliminate fixed costs. We have some outstanding bills (\$75 to the Lions to cover 3 room rentals (paid Aug. 14, 2014) and \$120 unpaid to Scott Bradford for a year of hosting our new web page). Note: that we've combined all three bank accounts into one as BMO is not giving us interest anymore and has implemented new charges. The totals for the original three accounts are carried on the bottom of the Treasurer's Monthly Statement.

Reports - Not in order of presentation:

8. **Paul Hill** gave a power point presentation summarising how our taxes have been spent by Bluewater. Please see here: <http://bayfieldratepayers.ca/images/BRA%20AGM%20Bluewater%20Budget%20Highlights%202014-08-02-4.pdf> Thank you Paul!

9. Ray Letheren, Friends of the Bayfield River Presented his **Blue Community Motion** which **Carried** - Please see here: http://bayfieldratepayers.ca/images/BRA_RayLetherenMotion.pdf

10. Ainslie proposed a motion to give the **Bayfield Breeze \$50** to help defray the cost of an upgraded web platform for their Community On-line Newspaper rather than end this vital service - seconded by Paul Hill No Discussion **Carried** (check mailed August 14, 2014)

11. Ainslie reported on behalf of Sondra Buchner that we still haven't heard from the government if we will get a Community Safety Zone designation for along the highway to reduce speeding (can increase fines) - we'll keep you posted. The Bayfield Tree Project has now planted almost 300 trees since spring 2011 and plans to be planting on the north side of the River this fall. All donations welcomed see bayfieldtreeproject.ca. Communities in Bloom judging recently took place, we'll need to wait to hear the results.

12. The BRA has been asked to sit on the Project Advisory Team (PAT) for the redesign of Main St. Members include: BRA - Ainslie, BACC - Roger Lewington, Bluewater Heritage Advisory Committee - Dave MacLaren, Bayfield Historical Society - Bill Rowat, Bluewater Staff, and we learned at Tuesday August 5, 2014's Council meeting that Bluewater's Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Ward Councillor will sit on PAT. No date set yet for our first meeting.

13. We've done a lot on Watershed Water Quality. Please see Paul Hill's power point presentation page 26 here: <http://bayfieldratepayers.ca/images/BRA%20AGM%20Bluewater%20Budget%20Highlights%202014-08-02-4.pdf>

14. **Presidents Report: Due to time constraints**, Ainslie Willock deferred addressing the membership. Please see her Report here: http://bayfieldratepayers.ca/images/BRA_PresReport_2014.pdf

15. **Municipal Election 2014:** A BRA Election Committee needs to be formed. See Municipal Election info here <http://www.town.bluewater.on.ca/election-2014>)

16. **Past Presidents' Transitionary Board formed to reach out to the membership to seek a new Board as Ainslie has completed her two terms, Carol Thornley-Hall is stepping down to concentrate on the Bayfield Historical Society Presidency and Paul Hill's work commitments preclude his coming back on the Board and the Board has been lacking full representation. Transitionary Board Members: Dave MacLaren, Roma Harris, Bill Rowat and Ainslie Willock. To meet as soon as possible. Moved by Paul Hill Seconded by Carol Thornley-Hall Discussion None Carried**

New Issues:

Membership is keen to have a public pathway from Cameron St. to the new Foodland as it feels unsafe to walk along the highway and enter the parking lot etc... with all the cars. (Note: the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association is in conversation with the owners of the land abutting the back of Foodland.) The BRA is supportive of having a public path to Foodland as soon as possible.

15. Membership's Priorities List for 2014-2015

New Board, Election, Main Street Project Advisory Team, Zoning By-laws, Hold the Line on Taxes, Watershed Water Quality and Blue Flag Recreational Beach Water Quality Improvements, Arena/Community Centre, Community Safety Zone and support for Bluewater's approach to Industrial Wind Turbines.

16. Moved by Ainslie, seconded by Paul that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

18. Meeting Adjourned at: 11:40 am
