

**DRAFT  
Bayfield Ratepayers Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, December 10, 2011  
Lions Building From 9 am to 10:50 am**

**Prepared by: Susan Drew & Ainslie Willock**

NOTE: Members are welcome to observe our monthly open meetings held at the Lions Building and will be asked if they have an issue they would like us to consider addressing, please see our web page for meeting dates: [www.bra.camp8.org](http://www.bra.camp8.org)

**Directors Present:**

<b>Ainslie Willock - Acting President</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>Paul Hill - Vice President</b>	<b>“</b>
<b>Sondra Buchner - Treasurer &amp; Co-Director Membership</b>	<b>“</b>
<b>Michael Gubesch - Co-Director Membership</b>	<b>“</b>
<b>Susan Drew - Secretary</b>	<b>“</b>
<b>Ken Larone - Communications</b>	<b>“</b>
<b>Alan Vihant - Planning</b>	<b>no</b>

NOTE: David Nearingburg has resigned from the Board but is pleased to help us with any tax issues.

**Total # Directors: 7                      # Present          6**

**Regrets:**

**Absent:**                                        
**# at Meeting 6      Dave Nearingburg, Alan Vihant      Quorum:      Yes**

**Volunteer Member, Membership: Donna Cartwright    Regrets**

**Call to order, welcomed Guests: Geordie Palmer, Bill Webb, Roger Lewington, Clair Soper, Roma Harris, John and Annette Kalms**

**Any business arising from previous minutes: NO**

**Draft Agenda Approved by All.**

**Treasurer’s Report: Chequing 1510.38 Savings 2274.35 Def Fund 956.59**

**Accept Treasurer’s Report - Sondra Buchner:              Moved by: Sondra**  
**[Ian Matthew, Reviewer]    Seconded by: Paul**  
**Vote Carried: Accepted**

**Sondra summarized her discussion with the Bank, cashable G.I.C. best alternative for us.**

**Constitution to be reviewed by Ken Larone. Ainslie advised ken to set up a committee. Any changes would have to be voted on at the AGM. Paul agreed to be part of the committee. Geordie Palmer said he’d help and that we’d need legal council.**

**Policy Priorities Update 2011 - 2012**  
**Listed with Contact's Name and in Members' order from AGM, September 3, 2011**

1. **Hold the Line on Taxes - OPEN**
2. **Village Main Street Renewal** - Paul Hill, Ainslie Willock, Geordie Palmer, Janet Snider and others will be part of a meeting regarding Main Street on Jan. 6, 2012. Geordie let us know that the drainage study done in the 1980's by B.M. Ross is out of date. An EA study needs to be done - once done it will be valid for 10 years.
3. **Village Tree Renewal - Sondra Buchner:** Summary of trees planted in 2011
4. **Municipal Facilities Review & Council Update - Paul Hill.** No change.
5. **By-law Enforcement - Susan Drew** - currently no requests for help.
6. **New Library, Washrooms, Post Office and Archives** - Geordie Palmer indicated that turf or eco pavers for the 7 car parking lot and driveway are already recommended. Steps to be taken: final design, planning department review, prepared for tender etc... etc..., Roma Harris let us know that she spoke on behalf of the FOBL about supporting Library Plans to the Mayor & Council. They have 100 members and formed in May of this year. Small park may be planned for behind the current Library/Archives building.
7. **Water Quality/Blue Flag & Harbour/North Pier:** Geordie let us know that the gas pump belongs to the federal government and there are 3 proposals on how to proceed. One option is to privatize - no decision has been made
8. **Integrating Bluewater Communities** - Sondra Buchner - Bluewater received 4 blooms again this year, has a Heritage Tree Program for Bluewater run by Clinton MNR, a Blue Flag for its Harbour & Main Beach and a Governor General's Award was received by the St. Joseph Historical Society for its production of the play Narcisse. Support for meeting with various interests across Bluewater to come up with an election platform supported by all. Election is in 3 years.
9. **Public Access to the Beach and Public Beach Safety & Cleaning:** Any further clean-up of the two beaches would have to be in the budget & parts of the beaches are privately owned. There already is a clean up but not necessarily after big storms that carry garbage onto the beach. [NOTE: To protect the beach, it's best to pick-up garbage by hand]
10. **Membership Renewal - Mike Gubesch & Sondra Buchner** Mike suggested different ways to raise funds - will draft letters for foundations - Clair suggested letters and calls to lifetime members asking for renewal. A message in the Bayfield Breeze to welcome new members and tell how to renew.
11. **Planning - Alan Vihant** - no report
12. **Communication - Ken Larone** - No report

**Issues of Note:**

1. **MTO - Foodland Crossing - Sondra Buchner** - MTO has promised a decision soon about how to make this area safer. MTO is currently upgrading the highway outside Grand Bend. Highway upgrade including our section will be completed by 2014. They need to act now to implement any solutions.
2. **MTO - Bluewater Highway North Access - Paul Hill** - Under Central Huron's direction and they want the road access there closed.
3. **Industrial Wind Turbines - Ainslie Willock** - reported on IWT public meeting she attended in Varna. Closest one to the Village will be on Bronson Line. All locations can be viewed on NextEra's web site. A NextEra Heritage report will be available in the spring - Ainslie will get a copy when it is made public. Roma expressed interest to see if it would include any references to heritage sight lines and views.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:50**

**Next Meeting: February 4, 2012.**

**Signed by Ainslie Willock, President**