

**Bayfield Ratepayers Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 4, 2012
Lions Building From 9 am to 11:30 am**

Prepared by: 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 or the PO Notice Board.

Directors Present:

Ainslie Willock - Acting President	yes
Paul Hill - Vice President	yes
Sondra Buchner - Treasurer & Co-Director Membership	regrets
Michael Gubesch - Co-Director Membership	yes
Susan Drew - Secretary	regrets
Ken Larone - Communications	yes
Alan Vihant - Planning	no

NOTE: Councillor Geordie Palmer sends his regrets he's in an in camera meeting of Council

Regrets: Sondra Buchner, Susan Drew
Absent: Alan Vihant

Total # Directors: 7 # Present 4 # for Quorum: 5 Quorum: NO

Volunteer Member, Membership: Donna Cartwright yes

Call to order, welcomed Guests:

Brynn Upsdell (ABCA,) Roma Harris (FBTP, BTP), Mayor Dowson, Dave Gillians, Bill Webb

Any business arising from previous minutes: No

Draft Agenda Approved. Yes

Draft Dec. 10, 2011 Minutes Moved by Ainslie Seconded by Paul Passed: Yes
(distributed by e-mail)

Treasurer's Report: Chequing \$1,405.40 Savings \$2,274.39 Def Fund \$956.61

Accept Treasurer's Report - Ainslie for Sondra Buchner: Moved by:
[Ian Matthew, Reviewer] Seconded by:
Vote Carried: No Quorum

Ainslie and high cost for use of Wild Apricot program (used for 2 years) for web:
- Paul Hill will discuss options with Ainslie

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: Ainslie
 - Revitalization Committee is made up of: Paul Hill BRA, Ainslie Willock BRA, Councillor Geordie Palmer, Janet Snider BACC, Roma Harris BHC, Dave MacLaren BHC, Douglas Barill Huron County Ec. Dev., Roger Lewington BACC. They had their first meeting, since money had come forward for storm water engineering study from the province, on Jan. 6, 2012. Janet and Ainslie are on the Communications Committee. Others are on a Green Committee to propose green initiatives for the revitalization of Main Street. Mayor let us know that there is no need for an Environmental Assessment re storm water plan. BM Ross are already carrying out a storm water report and until we have their report no decisions can be made as to the final "look" of the street. Plus, we don't know which streets will be affected by the storm water plan. Mayor asked us to coordinate a letter from all the local groups asking provincial MPP to direct economic development funds to implement the storm water plan and the revitalization of Main Street and copy the Municipality. Lions, Rotary, BHS, BHC, BTP, FBL, BRA, BRVTA, BACC...
3. Village Tree Renewal - Roma Harris for Sondra Buchner:
 - Over 70 trees planted in 2011. Thank you to all financial supporters. Streets proposed for 2012: Colina, Anne, Charles, Howard (Main Avenue to Beach), Lidderdale by apartments, with lots of luck: triangle on highway near Lion's sign NE of Sunsets.. Earth Hour Event will be at the United Church on Sat. March 31st at 8 pm - donations will go to Bayfield Tree Project. Donations of \$20 plus will receive a charitable receipt.
4. Municipal Facilities Review & Council Update - Paul Hill. No change.
5. By-law Enforcement - Ainslie for Susan Drew - currently no requests for help.
6. New Library, Washrooms, Post Office and Archives:
 - Roma let us/Mayor know that they are very pleased with progress. FBL are wanting to help with an exterior wifi library park - zoning change request for two properties explained by Mayor - Bill Rowat's request for a letter of support for Archives Building Plan - Approved by Board.
7. Water Quality/Blue Flag & Harbour/North Pier:
 - BRA to ask Huron County Board of Health to present on lake and water quality. NOTE: We met the 2011 portion of the Blue Flag qualifications required to retain the designation for 2012.
8. Integrating Bluewater Communities:
 - Ainslie re Bluewater Heritage Committee - Feb. 26th BHC will be honouring heritage supporters from across Bluewater
9. Public Access to the Beach and Public Beach Safety & Cleaning:
Ken - ON HOLD Due to ABCA presentation
10. Membership Renewal:
 - Mike Gubesch - Soups On - Ken, Mike to make soup, Paul & Ainslie will be there for BRA on Sun. Feb.19th, 2 pm
11. Planning - Alan Vihant - no report
12. Communication - Ken Larone - On hold due to ABCA Presentation

Issues of Note:

1. MTO - Foodland Crossing - Sondra Buchner's memo:
 - MTO is now saying there is no money and we aren't a priority. Sondra has called Lisa Thompson our provincial rep. We need to ask to see work that is planned for Highway upgrades. Mayor has always supported creating another lane from the bridge to the garage to help move highway traffic through.
2. MTO - Bluewater Highway North Access - Paul Hill:
 - The MTO Road is in the municipality of Central Huron's direction (not Bluewater) and Central Huron & MTO want the road access there closed. Consequently, our comments aren't of interest.
3. Industrial Wind Turbines:

- Ainslie Willock - Health Canada to determine voluntary set back guidelines, FOA now support a moratorium. The Mayor let us know that the main transmission centre is to be 5 miles out of town on the Babylon Line.

New Business

Letters of Support for Comment and Approval:

- Bill Rowat: Letter to Council re Archives Building as sent by e-mail - **Board Approved**

- Comments and Recommendations on ABCA Water Quality Report - **Mayor informed us that Council will invite us to present our comments and recommendations during budget review - Ken & Ainslie to draft a report.**

- **Port to Point** - Port of Goderich to Point Farms Provincial Park - pedestrian/bike lane on lake side beside farmers' fences to facilitate non vehicular traffic for 1800 people located directly north of Goderich.

Note: Grand Bend already has a lane for non-vehicular traffic. **Board approved BRA sending a letter saying we approve Port to Point concept and would like it to extend to Bayfield. Also to invite other local groups to sign on to the letter.**

PRESENTATION:

Brynn Upsdell, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority - presented their 2011 Report on the water quality of the Bayfield River Watershed (BRA initiated annual study almost four years ago) - Presentation & Question and Answer Period - please see ABCA report and presentation posted separately.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am

Next Meeting: March 3, 2012

Signed by Ainslie Willock, President