



# Bayfield Ratepayers Association

## BOARD MEETING

### Draft Minutes

**Saturday, July 6, 2013 - Bayfield Diner at 8:30 am**

**NOTE:** Visitors are welcome at our monthly meetings at 9 am on the first Sat. of the month. We do not officially meet in January or June.

**Annual General Meeting:** Saturday, August 3rd, 2013, at 10 am in the Community Building (Arena), 2nd Fl.

Confirmed meeting dates and locations here: [bra.camp8.org](http://bra.camp8.org)

**NOTE:** If you're interested in becoming a director, please let us know. Paul's 2nd term is up in Aug. but he'll continue helping Ainslie & Carol - a big thank you to Paul & Carol. Ainslie's 2 terms are up Aug. 2014 so we need a succession plan ASAP. We're almost on empty re # of directors...

### **Directors Attending:**

Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill, Carol Thornley-Hall

**Community Safety Zone Lead:** Sondra Buchner, BRA Member and Past Director

**REGRETS:** None

**GUESTS:** Geordie Palmer and Mayor Dowson

### **Opening:**

Everyone welcomed. Note: As this is the same day as the Town Hall's Art & Home event and two of the Director's homes are on the tour - we kept the agenda tight.

### **Housekeeping:**

1. Formally Accept June 18th Treasurer's Report (Robyn McClinchey) Moved Paul, 2nd Ainslie Carried
2. Formally accept May 4th's Spring General Meeting Minutes: Moved: Paul, 2nd Ainslie Carried
3. **New Web Site Update:** Ainslie & Paul to meet with Scott Bradford (web designer) re new web site (no monthly software fees) - with goal of launching it at Aug. AGM.

4. **Membership Renewal & Donations:** Ainslie to ask members to renew & lifetime members to give a donation at AGM. Ainslie to make a BRA Donation Box for AGM. A big thank you to all lifetime members who have stepped up to the plate and given us a donation.

#### **Policy Priorities Update**

1. **Work on Hwy #21 & Community Safety Zone Update (CSZ):** Sondra let Ainslie know that the OPP have told her that we are **NOT** approved for a CSZ (nothing in writing). Sondra will advise us re next steps.
2. **Revitalization & Greening of Main Street & Clan Gregor Square & Optimists' Splash Pad:** Ainslie to call Dave Kester at Bluewater to see if the Revitalization Committee can meet with the Drainage Study Engineer now that the contract has been awarded to BM Ross. The Splash Pad Opening was a huge event enjoyed by residents of all ages.
3. **Blue Flag Update & ABCA Grants:** Ainslie to speak with Tyler about efforts to ensure Blue Flag program for years to come - what is the plan? BRA has given tickets to the Mayor for the Friends of the Bayfield River's Maude Barlow September talk on work to improve the health of the Great Lakes. Council approved BRA's grant submission for ABCA to test River Water quality - and will ask that the ABCA fund it in future years as part of the overall levy as it is the responsibility of everyone who lives in the watershed.
4. **Public Beach Access on Tuyl St. S of Cameron St. Update:** As the woman who put her name on the deed there had no legal right to do so, the courts took her name off the deed. Ainslie to see if anything has changed.
5. **Revitalized Archives Building/Old Library Update:** Great excitement as Sat. July 13th at 11 am dignitaries from all levels of government and the architect Brad Skinner will be at the Library to cut the ribbon to officially open the new Library Complex. Plus, Friends of the Bayfield Library will introduce the plan for the Reading garden behind the Old Library and the Bayfield Historical Society will be lead tours through the Archives and Old Library to show the changes they've made to make the building fit.
6. **Industrial Wind Turbines Update:** Bluewater continues to do an excellent job standing up for residents - expected that our efforts have helped residents in area that were about to be impacted by Green Energy Act but not us. There will be a hearing in Seaforth.
7. **Communities in Bloom and the Bayfield Tree Project:** Sondra has asked Ainslie to represent the BTP's work to the Communities in Bloom Judges.

#### **Issues of Note:**

The Municipal Election is October 2014. This will be a key topic at the Aug. AGM.

#### **New Business:**

1. **Bayfield Highway Work & Signage:** Ainslie to arrange meeting with MTO re highway tree planting plan & Jowett's Grove intersection. Paul to speak with Sondra re "distance to" sign at Grand Bend North for Bayfield destination.
2. **Sobeys New Store & Location:** The proposal is at the Planning Dept. prior to being public. Ainslie has BRA's previous submission courtesy of Bill Rowat, a Past President, and has shared it with the Planning Department. BRA will submit a current comment once we have the report.
3. **BRA's Succession Plan:** We will appeal to the membership at AGM.

**Time of Adjournment 9:15 am. Moved: Paul 2nd: Carol**