



# Bayfield Ratepayers Association

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Saturday, February 2, 2013 - moved to Bayfield Diner at 9:15 am**

**NOTE:** Visitors are welcome at our monthly meetings held at the Lion's Building, 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.

Meeting dates can be found on our web page: [bra.camp8.org](http://bra.camp8.org)

### **Directors:**

Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill, Carol Thornley-Hall - all present

**REGRETS:** 0    Total # Directors: 3    Quorum #: 2    Quorum: Yes

**Guests:** Bill Webb, Mayor Bill Dowson    **Regrets:** Councillor Geordie Palmer

**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 - none.
- 3) Vote to accept Treasurer's (Robyn McClinchey) January Report: Moved: Paul - 2nd: Carol - Carried
- 4) Formally accept December's Meeting Minutes: Moved: Paul - 2nd: Carol - Carried
- 5) New web site update: **Paul** - Chris, in Ottawa, will develop a prototype for us to view by the end of March. 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. Board interested in including a calendar on the site to show meeting dates etc... and to have a way of directing members to new posts etc... Thanks to TCC for hosting server & for a new domain name - both to come. Note: No charge for web site prototype.

- 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: Ainslie - on behalf of Sondra - Sondra has put a lot of work into an excellent report/application to OPP for the Community Safety Zone. Looks like MTO won't lower the speed limit due to speeding only occurring during certain months of the year (same reason as why a preferred crosswalk isn't doable for us). Once the OPP responds, Sondra will let us know the results of our application. Ainslie to forward Sondra's e-mail re paving the sides of Hwy #21, from MTO, to the Board (done).
- 8) **75 Tuyl St. & OMB Hearing: New date: Wed. March 20th, 2013 at 10:30 am at the Varna Complex**

### **Policy Priorities Update**

- 9) Update on landscaping around the new Library Complex and Old Library: Friends of the Bayfield Library and the Bayfield Historical Society have been to Council to have their plan to create a plan for a Reading Park behind the old library approved - Council agreed to their offer. We are all looking forward to seeing the final plan approved by Council so that trees can be planted there this summer. Note: No final Council plan yet concerning future of Archives Building and Old Library & BHS.
- 10) Greening and Revitalization of Main Street: This Village Committee has set up a meeting for Friday, Feb. 15, 2013 to discuss how to move forward. A Request for Proposals has now gone out to carry out the Storm Water Study for Main Street.
- 11) Harbour Renewal - Water Levels - Blue Flag Update: No update on North Pier's need to be fixed. (Note: Recent Village Discussion Group determined that this was best led by the Chamber of Commerce. Piers are a federal responsibility under Fisheries and Oceans Canada). Water levels are at 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 Defense follows. Ainslie asked the Mayor if the BRA could sit on Bluewater's new "Bayfield Beach Working Group" - composed of Mari/ABCA & two Huron County Health Unit Reps - the Mayor will get back to the BRA on this. Ainslie to forward Council's Blue Flag application to Paul (done).
- 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:**

- 13) New Business: Ainslie to let Roger know that the BRA won't be participating at this year's Soup's On (done).
- 14) Next meeting we'll discuss the upcoming new Parking By-laws.
- 13) Reviewed draft "Walk Bayfield" map showing walkable Village Municipal Right of Ways - no action.

- 14) Idea for Bayfield Harbour Live Web Cam & Weather Network information shared with Roger and Dave MacLaren.
- 17) Time of Adjournment 11:15 am. Moved: Paul - 2nd: Ainslie Carried

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