



Bayfield Ratepayers Association

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, May 4, 2013 - Bayfield Diner at 8:30 am. Began at 9:00 am

NOTE: Visitors are welcome at our monthly meetings now being held at the Bayfield Diner (Mill Rd. at Hwy #21), 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 (Arena).

Find confirmed meeting dates and locations here: bra.camp8.org

Directors:

Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill, Carol Thornley-Hall

REGRETS: None Total # Directors: 3 Quorum #: 2 Quorum: Yes

Guests: None

Community Safety Zone Lead: Sondra Buchner, member and past director

- 1) Welcome and call to order.
- 2) List Agenda Items and request agenda items from members. None.
- 3) Vote to accept Treasurer's (Robyn McClinchey) March & April Report: Moved: Paul - 2nd: Carol - Carried Note: Dave MacLaren will be reimbursed for monthly web fee - Ainslie has an invoice from him.
- 4) Formally accept March's Meeting Minutes: Moved: Carol - 2nd: Paul - Carried
- 5) New web site update: Ainslie is to seek someone in the Village to develop a new license-free web site for us. Paul & Ainslie will then meet with the person to discuss our needs and prototype. Goal is to launch a new web site (with no monthly charges) in time

for our August AGM. Thanks to TCC for hosting server & for a new domain name - both to come.

6) Membership Renewal & Donations: Members to be approached at upcoming Spring General Meeting and August Annual General Meeting.

Policy Priorities Update

- 7) **Work on Hwy #21 & Community Safety Zone Update:** Bluewater has awarded the contract for the work on the highway. We are waiting for OPP's reply to our application for a Community Safety Zone. Speeding traps & ticketing have been noted north and south of the Village. At the Docks daily. The OPP may be doing their own survey, before they respond. Paul is interested in seeing the plans for the Jowett's Grove north and south connections to Hwy #21. Ainslie to set up a meeting along with seeing the final plan for tree removal and replacement along the highway.
- 8) **Greening and Revitalization of Main Street:** A Municipal Request for Proposals has not been posted yet on Bluewater's web site for a Storm Water Study for all of Bayfield south of the River (the north side already has a system in place). There's a deadline when the provincial money for the study has to be spent. Main Street Improvements can't go forward until we have that study and then the money to implement a storm water plan etc... etc...
- 9) **Harbour Renewal - Water Levels - Blue Flag Update:** No update on North Pier's need to be fixed. (Note: This is best led by the Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Commercial Fish Industry as piers are a federal responsibility under the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans.) We expect our grant application to Bluewater to be approved for ABCA to test the River for water quality. There's been no update on Bluewater's plans to improve beach water quality to regain the Blue Flag for Main Beach (S of Piers). Authorities are taking the drop in water levels seriously now. Big problem for boaters and marinas. Ainslie to ask Bluewater's Blue Flag Co-ordinator, Arlene Parker, to come speak to us at the Spring or AGM meeting.
- 10) a) **75 Tuyl St. & OMB Hearing:** Ainslie to post ruling on web site. b) **Public Beach Access on Tuyl St. S of Cameron St.:** Woman who registered property in her name for a \$1, has been blocked by the Registry Office. Tom Bailey, original owner/ developer, has one female decedent. Likely more to come...
- 11) **Update on landscaping around the new Library Complex and Old Library:** We haven't yet seen Friends of the Bayfield Library and Gardening Group's final plan for a Library Reading Park. The final plan will likely be presented to Council soon.
- 12) **Future of Archives Building/Old Library now secured:** Council has voted on a 10 year plan, with an option to renew, for the Bayfield Historical Society to lease the entire building. We are very pleased and congratulate the BHS & Bluewater for all their work coming to an agreement similar to the ones Bluewater has with the Bayfield Town Hall and the Lion's Building. A new roof, flooring, ceiling, outside boards, painting etc... etc... will be happening this month with the help of donations and volunteers. Well done!
- 13) **Village Tree Renewal:** Communities in Bloom's April 20, 2013 Public Tree Sale at the Varna Complex was a success. The Bayfield Tree Project (BTP) advises us that once the Library Reading Garden has been priced out and approve, they will plant several large shade trees there this spring. Also to be planted this spring, some infill

on streets already planted as well as William St. (east and West of Hwy #21 S of Clan Gregor Square) and the corner of William and Euphemia Strs. In the fall, plans are in the works to plant along Tuyl St and possible Hamilton St. south of Cameron St. 9 trees will be paid for by Pioneer Park and the BTP will plant them on the east side of the Park. Hopefully, our south entrance, the north side of Mill Rd. west of the water tower will have 4 large trees planted for everyone to enjoy.

- 14) Industrial Wind Turbines:** Bluewater to sign onto “Unwilling” list of municipalities. Legal action re Bluewater and Building Permit Requirements ongoing. Also, recent rulings on IWC’s impacts on property values. NextEra has notified province that bobolinks (threatened species under Species at Risk Act) will be impacted by IWT’s. BRA to write a letter to the government by the end of this month objecting to NextEra’s request for an “Incidental Take” permit.

Issues of Note:

15) New Business:

- a) **Bayfield Highway Signage: Paul** - Along highway only one spot owned by MTO (north of Grand Bend) where a sign could be placed indicating to drivers how far it is to reach Bayfield. He’ll discuss this with Sondra.
- b) **E-vite to Mayor’s Breakfast - Paul and Carol unable to go**
- c) **Spring Members Meeting - Carol unable to come**
- d) **Ainslie to invite Mayor to speak**
- e) Members need to be notified of New Parking By-laws. For example, no parking 1 metre from edge of road from Nov. 15th to April 15th due to snow ploughing needs.]

- 16) Time of Adjournment 10:15 am. Moved: Paul - 2nd: Carol Carried
