



Bayfield Ratepayers Association

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 9 am at the Lions Building

Minutes by Ainslie Willock

NOTE: Members 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

Directors:

Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill, Carol Thornley-Hall

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

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

Volunteer Membership Member: Donna Cartwright, member

Visitors: Mayor Bill Dowson, Bill Rowat, Sondra Buchner

- 1) Visitors Welcomes
- 2) Vote to accept October Minutes:
Moved by: Paul 2nd: Carol Carried
- 3) New web site update: Paul and Ainslie to meet on the 14th to plan for new web page.
- 4) Membership Renewal & Donations - \$380.00 new memberships, renewals and donations received from recent e-mail request to members. Helps us to hold onto current web site until new one is ready. More work needs to be done on membership list, renewals and donations.

Policy Priorities Update

- a) **Village Main Street Renewal** - Mayor told us that BMRoss's storm drainage study has not commenced.
- b) **Village Tree Renewal** - planting will start on Monday. The Mayor will do his best to come to the photo op at 10 am to show his support.

Library and Tree Renewal: Bill Rowat let us know that there will be a Tuesday meeting of people interested in the landscaping of the old and new library grounds as there is no money in the current budget to implement the Shearer plan. The first goal will be do remove dead ash trees now that ownership has been established. The Mayor was very supportive of removing dead trees on municipal land there. The next step will be to determine a tree planting plan for both properties to present to Council likely for work this spring with the understanding that it wouldn't interfere with drainage issues on the street or with plans to have a sitting/reading area behind the old library.

c) **MTO - Pedestrian Crossing & Community Safety Zone (CSZ)** - Sondra let us know that she will present letters of support to Council on November, 19th and ask for Bluewater's support. Members will be e-mailed to ask them to be in the audience. NOTE: Two Ministries are involved. Lowering of the speed limit, placement of the signs and paving the shoulders is MTO's responsibility (rep Kevin Plute). Determining if we can have a CSZ (signage & increase in fines) is up to the OPP (Chief Chris Martin).

d) **MTO & trees between Bayfield and Goderich** - Mayor was updated on meeting with MTO on their draft plans to cut down trees this spring and on rationale (safety & liability) and mitigation (their contract with ABCA & MCA to replant on MTO land and private property for free (when authorized by owner)). Mayor Dowson and Central Huron's Mayor will be invited to next meeting.

e) **Industrial Wind Turbine Update:** Mayor let us know that everyone is interested if the premier's proroguing of the Ontario legislature will have any impact on installation of wind turbines. Our letter to the province c.c.'s to Council will be sent out in time for Mon. nights Council meeting where the cost of building permits for wind turbines will be discussed.

f) **River/Watershed/Lake Water Quality:**

On November 20th there will be a community meeting to determine possible actions we can take to improve water quality and see what the Villagers' priorities are. Ainslie will be there.

g) **New Library/Post Office/Public Washrooms and Old Library & Archives Update** - Nothing confirmed yet for future of present library space. We support the Bayfield Historical Society's proposal to manage the space.

h) **75 Tuyl St. & OMB** - the Ontario Municipal Board meeting will be in November. Ainslie will represent us.

Issues of Note:

5) New Business: Note that there on new signs on the highway bridge dedicating it to a fallen OPP officer.

6) **Time of Adjournment** 10:30 am Moved by: Ainslie Seconded by: Paul Carried.
