



# Bayfield Ratepayers Association

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

**Saturday, October 6th, 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](http://bra.camp8.org)

### **Directors:**

Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill, Carol Thornley-Hall

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

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

**Volunteer Membership Member:** Donna Cartwright, member

**Visitors:** Geordie Palmer, Judy Knightley

- 1) Judy and Geordie welcomed.
- 2) Vote to accept Treasurer's Report (Robyn McClinchey forwarded to Ainslie)  
Moved by: Paul 2nd Ainslie Carried
- 3) Vote to accept August AGM Minutes:  
Moved by Paul 2nd Ainslie Carried
- 4) Vote to accept September 8th, 2012 Minutes:  
Moved: Paul 2nd Ainslie Carried
- 5) Update on year end financial statement. A brain storming session is booked to discuss how to strengthen the Bayfield Ratepayers Association.
- 6) New web site update: Paul has started process to have a new web site to end monthly software fee.
- 7) Membership Renewal & Donations - We've sent out an e-mail requesting renewals and donations. One member has asked that we work to open "closed roads" to encourage

walking off streets. It was also suggested that flower boxes be placed on the Highway Bridge. Note: Seaforth's bridge is a County Road not provincial.

## **Policy Priorities Update**

- a) **Village Main Street Renewal** - Revitalization Committee needs to set up a meeting to work towards a green plan. Note: Roger & Ruth out of town.
- b) **Village Tree Renewal** - planting will start soon
- c) **MTO - Pedestrian Crossing & Community Safety Zone** - Sondra asked Ainslie to advise that there has been lots of support from the Community and she has a meeting with the OPP on Oct. 9th. The next step will be a delegation to Council in Nov. or Dec.
- d) **MTO & trees between Bayfield and Goderich** - held over until next meeting
- e) **Integrating Bluewater Communities**
  - Communities in Bloom Update Note: No BRA Representative Bluewater received 4 Blooms for 2012.
  - Bluewater Heritage Advisory Committee Update - Committee sent out a joint Century Family Farms Press Release with the Junior Farmers Club that was carried by the Bayfield Breeze, Huron Bullet and Clinton News Record. No requests for signs yet. Ainslie to help with paper work for farm property owners to expedite preparing application.
- f) **Industrial Wind Turbine Update:** Letter has been drafted to go to Bluewater Council. Geordie let us know that Council has just learned that the Fire Department has notified them that there is stray voltage that can follow the water spray back to the fireman in the case of trying to put out a fire on a solar panel. So far, no solution has been found.
- g) **River/Watershed/Lake Water Quality:**
  - Blue Flag Program Main Beach & Marina - Paul is preparing to submit summer 2013 reports to Environmental Defense as required.
  - Great Lakes Protection Act (MOE) & Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) and Grant Partnership: A Bayfield Ratepayers Association letter in support of the joint ABCA & Ontario Federation of Agriculture grant application has been sent.
  - Results of Watershed Town Hall Meeting. Great attendance, next step is to determine more actions community can take to improve water quality and see what the Villagers' priorities are.
- h) **New Library/Post Office/Public Washrooms and Old Library & Archives Update** - New library complex is going up at a furious pace. Nothing confirmed yet for future of present library space. We support the Bayfield Historical Society's proposal to manage the space.
- i) **75 Tuyl St. & OMB** - the Ontario Municipal Board meeting will be in November. Ainslie will represent us there.

## **Issues of Note:**

9) New Business:

10) **Time of Adjournment** 10:40 am Moved by: Ainslie Seconded by: Paul Carried.

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