

Minutes of PaBIA Directors' Meeting (Conference Call) October 20, 2016

Directors participating: Julia Sievwright, Tom Scoon, Hilde Clark, Erica Allen, Jane Wilkins, Scott Sheard, Douglas Barrett, Earl Manners, Dan Kuhn. Michael Berton (GBA Rep.)

Regrets: Nancy Rogers, Linda Watts

Julia opened the meeting by welcoming new directors Jane Wilkins, Erica Allen and Scott Sheard.

Township of the Archipelago, Ward 3

Councillors Gary French and Ken Williams joined the meeting. They noted the following: recent meeting with Shawanaga First Nation; a proposed fireworks bylaw; new resources for bylaw enforcement; changes to the water quality program to include phosphorus testing; update on the progress of the new nursing station.

TOA Councillors and senior staff met with Chief Pamajewon and the Shawanaga Band Council in September. Recent issues concern land claims which the Band has put forward to both Federal and Provincial governments. The issues are complex and are outside of TOA jurisdiction. TOA is participating as an interested party.

Phragmites (Phrag) Initiative Scott Sheard

PaBIA was represented by Scott Sheard and Sandy Boeckh at a Phrag symposium held by Georgian Bay Forever (GBF) earlier in the year. Ken Williams attended for TOA. Phrag is a serious threat. It has been found in Bayfield and along a road near Sturgeon Bay Provincial Park. TOA will not accept Phrag for disposal. Former Marine Patroller (MP) Max Ullrich was hired to complete a draft plan under the 2016 MP program. Likely sites were identified and visited. A large patch of Phrag was found on the east side of Bonnie Is. A22 -1, in Sturgeon Bay. MP cut off all seed heads to prevent dispersal. MP had assistance from GBF's Heather Sargeant, Earl Manners and Scott Sheard along with some community members. Adjacent property owners were met. Some young, small stands were fully removed using GBF guidelines. The following have been completed: report for the Board and other key stakeholders; mapped likely sites in our area; consulted GBF and the Biosphere Reserve; created a draft Property Owner Handout; created a volunteer handout. We need to be concerned with earth and sand being moved for lot improvements, septic installations and beaches. We need to work with the TOA. Suggested action items: find a place to store, dry and burn harvested Phrag; organize a Phrag cut in Sturgeon Bay in August 2017; educate members, encourage involvement; ensure Sturgeon Bay property owners' membership; be sensitive to owners' concerns about their property values. The Governance Portfolio could assist in liaison with TOA for disposal and control methods.

Emergency Medical Services Scott Sheard

An EMS Committee was formed. Members are Scott Sheard, Tonia Blenkarn, Mike Evans, Gary French, Ed Garner, Julia Sievwright and Bill Watts. The goal is to improve the emergency medical preparedness of the community through increasing individual preparedness and community response while pushing government entities to provide services appropriate for our water based community. Bill Watts and the Ojibway Club produced a plan that could be amended and re-purposed to create Emergency Planning Templates for both Cottages and Community Channels. These would outline planning, necessary equipment, first aid training. MP could be trained to a higher standard of first aid and be available to assist during daylight hours.

Official Plan Tom Scoon

PaBIA's Official Plan (OP) recommendations and current status of those were reviewed. Special TOA notice has been given to the approximately 40 property owners who might be affected by the draft OP recommendation which increases the minimum area needed for severance from 2 to 3 hectares. TOA received approximately 20 letters in opposition. Council has decided to send the recommendation back to their Planning Department for further study. It is anticipated that an OP draft will be ready for Council approval at the December meeting.

Canada Day 2017 Erica Allen

2017 is the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation. Special celebrations are being planned by the Pointe au Baril Community. PaBIA's participation and contributions were discussed. There will be further discussion at another meeting

Membership Activities and Opportunities Erica Allen

Rainer Kaufmann is the new Sailing Commodore. He has plans to add a Labour Day race and to improve communications.

There are no expected changes to the two Regattas.

David Sharpe is the new Membership Chair. His plans for increasing membership numbers and awareness of PaBIA in the community were outlined.

Succession Planning Committee Earl Manners

The committee (Earl Manners, Scott Sheard, Helen Bryce and Julia Sievwright (ex officio)) have continued to hold regular conference call meetings. Gill Cameron is replacing Shelagh Grant as the Forestry Chair. The Community Liaison position needs to have a job description developed and shared with the committee. Helen will distribute a list of names to contact for consideration for Government and Regulatory Affairs Portfolio, Land Use, Ratepayer and Township Liaison positions. There are some positions identified on the website that are not filled: Marine Patrol Coordinator, Marketing Chair, Historian, Water Quality & Quantity Chair.

Georgian Bay Association

Mike Berton and Linda Watts are our GBA representatives. As part of the GBA's 100th anniversary, it is convening a symposium of community leaders to identify current and future threats to the Bay. The goal is to identify solutions and the actions that should be taken by individuals, communities and government to protect the Bay. The Presidents of the 19 GBA member associations will be invited to attend the event on December 3. Scott Sheard and Jane Wilkins will attend in Julia's stead.

Governance Douglas Barrett

Douglas along with Julia, Tom and Earl have formed an ad hoc committee to start the process on rewriting our current By-Laws so that they will conform to the standard-form under the new act.

Meeting adjourned.