

Minutes of PaBIA Directors' Meeting (Conference Call) February 28, 2017

Directors participating: Julia Sievwright, Tom Scoon, Erica Allen, Douglas Barrett, Hilde Clark, Earl Manners, Nancy Rogers, Scott Sheard, Jane Wilkins. Michael Berton and Linda Watts (GBA Reps.) **Regrets: Dan Kuhn**
Township of the Archipelago (TOA) Councillors Ken Williams and Gary French for the first agenda item only.

Ward 1 Councillors' Report Ken Williams, Gary French

Habitat for Humanity (HfH) Meetings with TOA Council have been held. HfH requires that lots for new builds must be on public roads and the proposed donated lot does not meet this requirement. There are concerns about the cost of building a road and severances from the donors' property. Britta Gerwin of HfH Ontario Gateway North and Tonia Blenkarn met with Cale Henderson of TOA to discuss other possible suitable lots that do have road access. Hilde Clark has received information from Britta for the next 'Connections' e-newsletter and hopes to have more to report before the Yearbook goes to print.

First Nations A meeting was held with the Shawanaga Band Council in September, 2016. TOA staff have consulted with the Band about recycling and waste management. The issue of structures being built on Crown Land has been difficult because direct answers have not been received. Land Claims are on-going. TOA has no authority to deal with any of the claims as they are strictly a Provincial matter. TOA has, however, been in contact with the MNR about concerns that buildings erected do not meet the Official Plan and letters have been written.

Emergency Medical Services Scott Sheard

The EMS Committee of Scott Sheard, Tonia Blenkarn, Mike Evans, Gary French, Ed Garner, Julia Sievwright and Bill Watts continue to have regular meetings via conference calls. The guiding principle is managing risk in Pointe au Baril. The local OPP marine unit Commander, Mike Gordon, is a Sturgeon Bay cottager. For all emergencies, 911 should be called. It's important that the callers know the Municipal Address and GPS co-ordinates would be helpful. 911 responders would give directions and plan of action, which in some circumstances might be to organize transport to the mainland, if possible.

Hilde is aiming at April 1st as a target date to have an information package which will be on the website with a page that could be printed out. Members will be encouraged to have a cottage emergency plan which could be expanded to a neighbourhood plan.

Regattas Erica Allen

Erica was contacted by Michael Phippen who suggested a special paddle be awarded at the Senior Regatta to commemorate Canada 150. After discussion the decision was made to not follow up on this due to the high cost. It was agreed that Canada 150's logo should be included on the regatta posters and that the Regatta Chairs could consider finding inexpensive or free items that could be added to the ribbons for this year's events. Michael Phippen had offered to assist with bringing the Senior Regatta trophies up to date. Nancy Rogers will provide the winners' names for this effort.

The topic of requesting non-member Regatta participants to pay a fee, discussed during the December 2016 meeting, was re-opened at the request of some Board members. Some felt that this was a negative action and would impact on participation at the events and there were other methods to increase membership. It was agreed that non-members should be welcomed, given our brochures with an invitation to join to support PaBIA's events and services. This should be done during the Regattas and if contact information is known, after the events as well.

It was suggested that the topic might be on the AGM agenda. The plan to charge non-members was tabled until after the AGM.

Ideas for branding all PaBIA events and services will be on the April meeting agenda.

Canada Day Erica Allen

PaBIA has donated \$1,000 to sponsor the boat 'history hunt' event. We will help publicize the day's events at the Community Centre and the call for volunteers and donations.

Succession Planning Committee Earl Manners

Tonia Blenkarn now holds the Community Liaison position. Christie Barrett is unable to be the Junior Regatta Chair again this year and has recruited Lara Hunter for the position. Ian MacLeod is now the Chair of the Official Plan Review. The Marine Patrol Supervisor position remains unfilled. It was suggested that there be a position of Water Levels and Testing in the Environment Portfolio.

Some job descriptions for each Director and Committee Chair are still needed.

Website Improvements Hilde Clark

Alexander Hepburn and David Anderson have done a tremendous amount of work to update the website and to streamline the process for on-line membership payments. Hilde suggested that those who'd not already reviewed the site should check it out. Any suggestions for further additions and changes should be sent to Hilde.

Spring Meeting Nancy Rogers

The Meetings and Lunch will be held on Friday, June 30th at the Ojibway Club Lounge. Details for the day will be discussed during the April meeting.

AGM Speaker

With member safety being a major concern following the disbanding of PABERT, it was suggested that the OPP be invited to attend to outline emergency procedures. Hilde Clark will contact Medical Chair Dr. Mike Evans to ask if he could make a presentation. This will be on the agenda for the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Nancy Rogers
Recording Secretary