



Sturgeon Point Association (SPA)

Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2019

SPA Directors in Attendance: Patricia Aspinwall, Marie Day, Vito Pisano, Cat Medici, Matt Carr, Dave Lightbound, Jeff Harris, Jacqui Mutch-Potporksi, Darlene Young, Sue Milling, Meri Newton

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am by Patricia Aspinwall, President

1. Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes:

- Motion to approve: Bob LeCraw; Second: Simon Aspinwall; Carried

2. Community Reports - Trustee lands: Phil Robertson

- In 1999, the Village of Sturgeon Point set up a Municipal Benefit Trust to manage five pieces of Village property: the playground park, the public swimming dock at the bottom of 3rd Street, the Upper Wharf, the village leaf dump and an undeveloped piece of land on Lake Ave between 1st Street and the sandbar.
- As Village municipal lands, they were exempt from municipal property tax and were covered by the Village's liability insurance.
- When the Village was amalgamated into the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Village negotiated that the lands would be managed and maintained by the Trust while the properties would continue to be tax exempt and would be covered by the City's liability insurance.
- The properties can never be sold. The Trust maintains the lands or can surrender them to the City.
- The Trustees are: Biz Agnew Chair, Jeanne DesBrisay, Leslie Thomas, Tom Anders and Phil Robertson.

Discussion/ Questions:

- Question about whether the Trustees and the Trustee lands are insured. Yes, insurance is covered by the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Water system: Victor Isbrucker

- Victor and Tom Anders manage the system including billing and maintenance. Mike helps with the spring start up and fall shut down. There are 56 properties that are on

the Village water system. The pumps are at the public beach. Water lines are maintained from mid-May to Thanksgiving. The water is not potable. It is mainly pumped for irrigation purposes. Cottagers pay an annual fee of \$100, \$125 if they have an automatic sprinkler system. There is a need to build up a small reserve for future maintenance. One pump will need to be replaced very soon.

Discussion/Questions:

- Should people with automatic sprinkler systems pay more? Currently, cottagers with the automatic system are assessed an additional \$25 per year.
- How do you get the service? New subscribers pay approximately \$500 for the installation
- Usage? There was an increase of an additional 12 cottagers on the system this year. All cottages now have their own wells too. Note 22 cottages did not have wells when, following the Walkerton tragedy, there was a transition to the Village system for irrigation usage only.

3. **Communications Report:** Cat Medici & Jacqui Mutch-Potporksi

- Jacqui presented the report as the outgoing Director including the statistics on visits to the website
- Payment processing: no longer using PayPal. E-transfers now accepted for payment
- Donations are eligible for tax receipts but not membership fees
- More followers on social media; using Facebook events
- Mailchimp is the e-mail system used for Newsletters
- 5 Newsletters were sent this year covering events and news from SPA, the Church, Sailing Club, and the Golf Course
- Jacqui expressed thanks for the support in her role which will now be filled by Cat Medici

4. **Social Report:** Darlene Young & Matt Carr

- Special events: Canada Day BBQ was well attended by more than 200 people. The bake sale was a huge success, raising over \$700, enough funds to pay for the building of the bulletin boards
- Civic Holiday Dance, BBQ and Races: again over 200 people attended
- Thanks to Jeff Harris and his band who provided the music and to the teens who provided the playlist for dancing later in the evening
- Water and popsicles were provided at the races for the first time
- Darlene and Matt thanked the volunteers and encouraged everyone to sign up and help for future events
- Hallowe'en event is next!

5. **Trustee Lands:** Vito Pisano

- The Leaf Dump: Leaves are pushed back at cost of \$600 per year and then removed fully every 5 or 6 years at a cost \$6000.
- Proposal: spread out leaves in the fall and spring, spread a load of unwashed sand over top and leave to compost. Result will be mulch available for residents. Any excess can be offered to community nurseries, the Horticultural Society, etc.
- Cost: approximately \$1000 per year to spread out evenly
- Sand: initial cost will be higher than in the future – 4-5 loads - \$2500 or less depending on the amount of mulch already there
- SPA may apply for a Capital Grant from the City of Kawartha Lakes to assist with the start up costs

Discussion/Questions:

- Will this save money? Yes, over time but the benefit is to manage the expenses of the dump maintenance while providing a benefit to the Village
- Concern expressed that if leaves are covered with dirt, they may not compost as quickly as they are currently. Need to put aside the leaves that have already decomposed and are available now as mulch. If leaves are shredded first, the decomposition process will be faster
- Residents will be asked to empty leaf bags and remove them to be recycled
- Can we have a designated area for brush to chip and make available? SPA Board to consider the costs and logistics

Next steps:

- Board has discussed the proposal and agreed to raise it at the AGM
- Patricia asked for a show of hands to gauge level of support – overwhelmingly positive!
- Planning and further costing of proposal to proceed

6. **Infrastructure and Roads Report:** Jeff Harris

- Lights: did an inspection. Hydro repaired the one bulb that was out
- Roads: Henry St. and Lake Ave: in very rough shape. Request is with the City for repair and repaving

Discussion/Questions:

- Bottom of streets with overhanging bushes – please trim back to ensure visibility
- There were many comments about speeding (cars and ATVs), and the lack of enforcement of speed limits and stop signs
- Need to brainstorm creative solutions eg. Apply for a grant for “road art” to help slow traffic near the public beach; discuss with the City possible restriction of traffic on Lake

to one way (out of the Point); no motorized vehicles on Lake between Irene and Henry (exception for residents who need access to their properties); Educate children on bike safety; look into installation of seasonal speed bumps; barricade at Irene and Lake in the winter to prevent cars from using the road

- Councillor Elmslie has received a letter asking if Lake Ave can be restricted for non-vehicular use. The Councillor reported later in the meeting that the request is being considered by the City including determining the ownership of the roadway
- Residents asked to be kept informed and consulted as the City and SPA consider options

7. Review of Financial Statements: Marie Day

- Marie presented the financial statements for Fiscal year ending November 30th, 2018.
- Total revenue in 2018: \$19,052.00
- Total Expenses: \$28,477.83 – included Upper Wharf repairs, a new raft at the Public Beach and wood chips for the playground
- Net: (\$9,425.83); Cash at November 30, 2018: \$7,175.68
- Moved this year to e-transfers from PayPal
- This year: SPA surpassed membership and donation goals; revenue from grants helped to cover costs of Civic Holiday event and flowers/plants on Trustee lands
- There were no big capital expenses and maintenance costs were a bit lower

Discussion/Question:

- Tender process for regular maintenance? Currently, we have a local contractor who handles the maintenance. SPA Board will consider a process for tender on the work
- Discussion about timing of membership renewal period: First notice for membership dues goes out in the spring newsletter with a major push on Canada Day

Motion to accept and approve the 2018 Financial Statements: Sally Eaton; Second: Phil Robertson; Carried

8. President's Report: Patricia Aspinwall

- Proud of the work of the Board in setting and meeting membership and financial goals for the year
- Upcoming projects include: further work on Leaf Dump Mulch project; building of the bulletin boards; New ladder at Upper Wharf installed – thanks to Clare Prendergast for the donation; Chains to be installed at Upper Wharf to stop ATV traffic; Repairing cracks in the concrete dock at the public beach
- Thanks to the community, to the volunteers and to the Board
- 2 Board members have reached their term limit: thanks to Jacqui for masterfully managing the communications file and to Sue for handling grant applications and the work of Secretary

- Thanks to other Board members who have served and will be stepping away: Meri Newton and Chris Van Lierop

9. **Nominations for 2019 - 2020 SPA Board** – Patricia Aspinwall

- The following names were presented for nomination to the 2019 - 2020 SPA Board of Directors:
 - Patricia Aspinwall
 - Matt Carr
 - Marie Day
 - Jeff Harris
 - Kristin Kidd
 - Dave Lightbound
 - Cat Medici
 - Vito Pisano
 - Anne Soh
 - Darlene Young

Motion to approve the recommendation: Joan Lindsey; Second John Eaton, Carried

10. **Special Guest:** Doug Elmslie, Councillor, City of Kawartha Lakes

- Hearing about issues with roads throughout the City
- More than 50% of the calls are road related: speed and maintenance issues
- Series of meetings being held in the City; plans ahead to repave streets and bridge in Fenelon; looking at lowering of speed limits in the towns
- Letter received regarding Lake Ave.: shared with SPA Board and City Legal Department for response; prior to a decision being made, residents will be informed; no decision at this point
- Councillor Elmslie reported on the new by-law for short term rentals; escalating and heavy fines for rental of properties as “party” locations that may require visits from emergency or law enforcement personnel
- Kawartha Region Conservation Authority: currently under review by provincial government
- Health Units: reduction from 35-10; concerns re joining in with Durham and City of Ottawa; new unit to cover area from Kawartha Lakes to Ontario Quebec border
- City budget to be discussed in the fall; trying to manage additional expenditures as a result of cuts to provincial programs and subsidies
- Councillor Elmslie mentioned the many activities taking place in the City

Discussion/Questions:

- What is the process for resolving issues with speeding and road conditions? The petition for the stop sign was not successful; asking about chevrons to be painted on the road entering the Village. The Works dept is opposed to permanent speed bumps but

temporary or seasonal speed bumps are worth proposing. The Councillor committed to working with the SPA Board to consider options and to work with the City on solutions.

- Members expressed thanks for the repaving of Sandy Point and Gray Rd. Henry St. is in really bad shape. The Councillor said he would take a drive down and see the condition himself.
- It was noted that there is an increase in Bear activity!
- Bike riders appreciate signs reminding drivers to share the road

11. Other business:

- SPA asked to encourage people to bring reusable containers, plates, etc. the events on Canada Day and Civic Holiday

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12. Motion to Adjourn: Chris Appleton; Second Jean Crighton: Carried.