



Sturgeon Point Association (SPA)
Annual General Meeting – Minutes
September 6, 2020

SPA Directors in Attendance: Patricia Aspinwall, Marie Day, Jeff Harris, Kristin Kidd, Dave Lightbound, Cat Medici, Anne Soh, Darlene Young

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

1. Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes:

- It was pointed out that under section 2, first bullet, the reference to “Municipal Benefit Trust” should be corrected to “Municipal Facility Trust”.
- Motion to approve the 2019 AGM Minutes as amended: Cat Medici; Second: Maureen McKellar, Carried.

2. Community Reports - Trustee lands and the Church

- **Sturgeon Point Union Church- Anne Desbrisay**
 - The 2nd annual Thanksgiving food drive for the Salvation Army foodbank will take place again this year. Residents are encouraged to donate cans of food, razor blades, paper towels and hygiene products on Thanksgiving Monday between 10:00 am. and 12:00 p.m. at the Church.
 - In order to increase the rental of church facilities for external events, the trustees have received approvals from COKL and the Heritage Committee to build two wheel chair accessible bathrooms on the westside of the Church. The architecture of the new structure will be consistent with that of the Church. To support this initiative, donations may be made via e-transfer to Treasurer@SturgeonPointChurch.ca. or via cheque made out to the Sturgeon Point Union Church (which should be given to Jean Crighton).
- **Trustee Report – Biz Agnew**
 - In April 2000, the Village of Sturgeon Point set up a Municipal Facility 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.
- SPA manages the five properties.
- The Trustees are: Biz Agnew Chair, Jeanne DesBrisay, Leslie Thomas, Tom Anders and Phil Robertson.

Discussion/ Questions:

Is the beach at the bottom of 3rd Street really “public”?

- All trustee lands are public per the by-laws. Nevertheless, since the beach has no amenities (i.e., washrooms, parking) and no lifeguard on duty, SPA can prioritize “safety first”. SPA can't restrict access to the general public but can *not* promote the beach by removing the sign and putting up a no parking sign.
- There was general discussion on the floor on the pros and cons of restricting/discouraging access
 - Can we remove it from the COKL website?
 - Speak to Parks and Recreations to see if it can be removed?
 - Rock placement causes parking on private property
 - No parking for cars and golf carts
 - Board will continue discussions on how we can make it safe for all to use

Councillar Doug Emslie noted that there are many beaches in COKL without amenities (e.g. Oriole Street) that are also public and advised SPA to keep the Sturgeon Point Beach low profile so as to not attract outside visitors.

A question was also raised that since the leaf dump is public, why is it not available for use by members and non-members. It is available for all to use and we can't restrict non-members from using it.

3. Directors' Reports

a) Review & Approval of Financial Statements (2019 YE & 2020 YTD) – Marie Day, Treasurer

- Marie presented the financial statements for fiscal year ending November 30th, 2019 (see Appendix).
- Highlights include the following:
 - 2019:
 - Donations and Dues increased in 2019.
 - Grant payments were received for projects completed in 2018.
 - Cash reserves, which had been decreased from capital improvements in 2018, were restored in 2019.
- She also reported on 2020 YTD financials:

- Donations and Dues have decreased.
- Operating expenses remain the same for grounds upkeep and insurance with some savings due to cancelled summer events.
- Discussion/Questions
 - Insurance:
 - If injury on public lands, trustee and SPA has insurance with COKL.
 - If damage on public lands, SPA must pay for repairs
 - A gentle reminder will be sent to those who have not paid their membership renewals this year.
 - Maintenance expense for public beach/dock are paid by SPA, but SPA can apply for grants to offset up to 50% of cost.
 - Motion to accept and approve the 2019 Financial Statements: Carol Gray; Second: Larry Thomas; Carried.
- b) Roads and Maintenance Report – Jeff Harris
 - Potholes on Village roads were repaired twice but repairs remain outstanding on Golf Links Road and Henry Street
 - A complaint was made to the City about damage caused by the snow ploughs. It was noted that a new company was contracted for ploughing this year.
 - Jeff Harris announced that he was stepping down and will be replaced by Bill Stevenson.
 - Discussion/Questions
 - There was a request to increase signage regarding the speed limit 30 km/hour.
 - a. Gray Road has no speed signs which is a safety hazard
 - b. There was a suggestion to introduce “Quiet Street initiative”, or add physical barriers in middle street to slow down traffic – SPA will explore these proposals with the City.
 - In coming Board member, Bill Stevenson, made the following remarks:
 - a. There were several incidences of speeding on Irene Avenue.
 - b. He wondered whether there the amount of snow ploughed was related to amount of sand used.
 - c. As suggested by someone else on the floor, Bill noted that potholes could be used to deter speeding.
 - d. He reported that the portion of Lake Avenue leading up Henry Street was subject to a Limited Service Agreement signed between SPA and COKL.
 - e. The road allowance is 33 ft (as said by Doug Emslie).
 - f. He reminded residents to submit any road related issues and complaints to his attention via the SPA email.
- c) Trustee Lands Report – Patricia Aspinwall (on behalf of Vito Pisano) & Darlene
 - Patricia reported that an application for a grant to improve the leaf dump was not approved by the City. In response to this outcome, SPA has divided the leaf dump into three sections to allow for orderly composting. As one

section fills up, another section will be opened to allow the previous section to start composting.

- Darlene discussed beautification projects around the Point.
 - Public beach
 - a. new planters, pebbles placed at edge of the rocks to decrease weeds, two new umbrellas (but unfortunately one has since disappeared).
 - b. in future, 2 new bicycle racks to deter parking and setting up tents.
 - c. for next year, a tree donated by the Turner family will be planted in memory of a family member.
 - Upper Wharf: new planters, clean-up of garden.
 - Park: flowers planted by the commemorative plaque.
- Discussion/Questions
 - Branches and leaves left at the side road can be a fire hazard but SPA has no jurisdiction since this is on private land.
 - Picnic table at Upper Wharf is padlocked near the water and is very dangerous. SPA will relocate table to new location.
 - Although the City offers leaf pick up twice a year, the timing not convenient.
 - The crack on the pier at Public Beach was discussed and SPA noted that they have plans to fix it.

d) **President's Report – Patricia Aspinwall**

- Public Beach: to address residents concern, restrict parking, add bike rack
- Patricia thanked all who have helped SPA in addition to board members
 - Income down and so been careful with budget
 - For next year: new tree (Turner family), invite others for in memory gifts (i.e. trees, and benches)
 - a. New SP signs at entrances
 - b. More furniture at beach and Upper Wharf
 - c. News swim ropes at Pubic Beach
 - d. Events: Possible Halloween
 - e. Stepping down: Matt Carr, Jeff Harris, Kristen Kidd

4. Election of New Members for 2020 - 2021 SPA Board – Patricia Aspinwall

- Patricia thanked the contributions of the following directors who will be stepping down: Matt Carr, Jeff Harris, and Kristin Kidd. She noted that given these departures, there is room for 4 more directors on the Board and asked for nominations from the floor. No names were however presented.
- As a result, the following names were presented for nomination to the 2020 - 2021 SPA Board of Directors:
 - Patricia Aspinwall
 - Marie Day
 - Dave Lightbound
 - Cat Medici

- Vito Pisano
- Anne Soh
- Bill Stevenson
- Darlene Young

Motion to approve the recommendation: Lynn Manning, Second: Liz Spelling, Carried

5. **Speaker** Doug Elmslie, Councillor, City of Kawartha Lakes

- Covid-19 has a significant impact on the City's budget, scheduling and work performed
 - There will be a \$3million decrease in revenue (translating to approximately 2.6% to 2.7% tax increase)
 - Cost savings measures introduced: buildings shut down, lay off of 300 staff members (of which 150 have returned), no summer student hires, cost cutting requests from various departments.
 - As a result, COKL will have no deficits this year but the trade off is less service and service quality
 - He reported that the \$3 million budget surplus from 2019 and this year's provincial transfers will be put in reserve for future use
 - The objective is to minimize tax increase while trying to resume service to prior levels
- Recovery Efforts include the following:
 - Economic development task force (e.g. facilitating restaurants to operate on sidewalks)
 - Community task force (to help legions, seniors association etc. help offset impact of lack of fund raising opportunities))
 - Call for residents to support local business
- Roads
 - Covid-related cutback in service will reduce or postpone roads repairs
 - Effective January 2021, the province will make it legal for ATVs to be used on all roads (except highways such as Hwy 401 and Hwy 35):
 1. All ATVs must be licensed and insured
 2. Municipals can place restrictions
 3. South of County Road 8: ATV not allowed/restricted
 - Measures to make the intersection of Golf Links Road and Sturgeon Point Road safer will be postponed until next year
- Garbage Pickup
 - Effective September 1 changes introduced to recycling program
 1. styrofoam, paper coffee cups, soft drink cups no longer permitted in recycling
 2. aerosol cans are deemed hazardous waste and must be disposed of accordingly
 - Council working to allow resident to use large wheelbins

- Organics waste program currently not available because of problems with animals and other pest in rural areas. However it is on the City's radar to consider a program in the future
 - Budget for 2021(by January 2021)
 - 2020 tax bill deadline moved forward to August and November
 - Councillor Emslie will put repairs to Henry Street and Golf Links on his wishlist for 2021 (but no guarantees this will be done)
 - Since water levels are down, the City is putting some restrictions on water use
 - The Heritage Group will bring a report to Council Report to cover its objectives and scope including adopting provincial rules for heritage sites, emphasis is on preservation
6. **Other business – Patricia Aspinwall**
- A question was raised on whether a village map will be made. The response was that this project is in progress.
 - **Motion to Adjourn:** Tom Anders; Second: Jean Crighton, Carried.

Appendix - SPA Financial Statement

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	2019		2018	Comments
	<i>Dec 1-Nov 30</i>		<i>Dec 1-Nov 30</i>	
Revenue:				
Grants	\$ 3,200		\$ 4,462	2019: \$2,500 for concrete reinforcement in 2018, \$500 special events, \$200 beautification
Bake sale	\$ 718		\$ -	Bake sale new in 2019 to raise funds for bulletin boards
Donations	\$ 4,950		\$ 4,310	
Membership dues	\$ 12,400		\$ 10,280	Increased dues to \$50 from \$40 in 2019
Total Revenue	\$ 21,268		\$ 19,052	
<i>Total donations and dues</i>	<i>\$ 17,350</i>		<i>\$ 14,590</i>	
<i>paid members</i>	<i>248</i>		<i>257</i>	
Expenses:				
Operating Expenses:				
General Grounds maintenance	\$ 5,051		\$ 4,625	Dutchboy, Don-on-the-job, and public beach planters (mostly funded by beautification grant)
Events:				
Canada Day	\$ 436		\$ 474	
Civic	\$ 1,488		\$ 2,012	
Halloween	<u>\$ 170</u>		<u>\$ 170</u>	
Subtotal Events	\$ 2,094		\$ 2,656	
Insurance	\$ 1,914		\$ 1,980	
Other	\$ 624		\$ 2,122	Domain fees \$288, Paypal fees, bank fees, other. 2018 incl \$1019 2017 expenses
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 9,682		\$ 11,383	

Total Operating Income	\$ 11,586	\$ 7,669	
Capital improvements:			
Upper Wharf	\$ 552	\$ 10,111	2019 chain link barrier \$252 ladder \$300 (donated). 2018 reinforcement cement, flag pole
Playground	\$ 830	\$ 2,633	2019 bulletin boards, 2018 mulch
Public Beach	\$ -	\$ 4,351	2018 Raft
Total	\$ 1,382	\$ 17,095	
Cash:			
Beginning balance	\$ 7,176	\$ 16,602	
Income less improvements	\$ 10,204	\$ (9,426)	
Ending balance	\$ 17,380	\$ 7,176	