

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF IBPOA Inc

Saturday July 21/2007

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Anglican Church Hall [Lion's Head] with approximately 33 people present plus the executive, (David Cooke, Bob Spearing, Don Snow, Doug Newton, Bruce King. The Mayor and 3 members of the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula joined the meeting at around 11am. David Cooke as president, chaired the meeting, and delivered an opening statement of welcome. Minutes were read of the last AGM 22 Jul 06. ADOPTED by Lee Hicks and SECONDED by Dennis Steir to be ACCEPTED AS READ. The motion was CARRIED.

David informed the audience that minutes of the meeting will be posted on the new website at www.isthmusbay.org and later corrected this to note the 2006 minutes are already posted there.

Bob Spearing presented the Treasurer Report (see attached) which indicated a positive bank balance of for 2006. He also reported on revenues & expenditures, noting that Jane West & Alan West audited the 2006/2007 books to-date & approved the balances by written letter. It was MOVED by John Newton & SECONDED by May Brejak that the report be ACCEPTED. The motion CARRIED.

The next order of business was the election of Officers of the Executive. Bob Spearing, has served as Treasurer for several years now but is willing to remain only until 30 Dec 2007 in order to transition the position to a new person. The Secretary position is also remains open for the past year and George Hambleton's position is also open for election. Bruce King Member-At Large, noted that he had not been contacted to notified of Executive meetings last year and the President apologized for not having his contact information and noted that would be corrected. After some discussion and it was apparent that there were no new nominations for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary and one Member-at-Large, and the President recommended to the membership that they authorize the Executive to find volunteers to fill these positions. So MOVED by Dennis Steir, SECONDED by Roy Nichols. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Don Snow reported on the membership drive and survey carried out whereby information was attempted to be personally delivered to all households along Isthmus Bay during early July. He noted approx 100 properties were visited, some more than 2-3 times in an attempt to contact the property owners personally. Mike Noble, Kathey Burns, Dennis Steir and Don Snow participated in delivering the surveys. People were asked to comment on issues and concerns they have about how the IBPOA operates or what the association should be doing for them. Where some full-time or seasonal property owners were not home surveys were mailed or hand delivered otherwise because the IBPOA wanted to considered all residents of the community. Where people did not wish to respond immediately they were offer a stamped self address envelop they could mail the response back in. Excluding today's submissions approx 25-30 completed surveys had been received and Don noted the Executive would be meeting again soon to review and summarize the results.

The President made some additional remarks to note that the website would soon be moved to a new server with greater access for updates and improvements to the site and that soon there would be more links and information available. There would also be email links were anyone can reach the IBPOA executive either individually or collectively with their issues or suggestions.

David also read an email from the new Deputy Mayor, Ted Hayes, who unfortunately was stuck somewhere in Ohio on business and not able to attend. As a newly elected member of Council Mr. Hayes was specifically invited by the Executive to address the membership so he could be seen and heard by our members. In his comments Mr. Hayes noted his regrets and strong support for associations like the IBPOA who play and important role in informing Council on important issues and influencing their decisions.

Barbara Hicks asked if the membership list can be made available to all the members. Don Snow suggested we wait until the survey and 2007 membership is reviewed and summarized at which time all members could be asked if they wished to have their contact information made available to other members. After some further discussion the Executive recommended they would research the legalities and implications of publishing such a list and potentially add that as a confirmation on the membership form. (whether or not the member would authorize their contact information to be made available to other members)

Discussion was opened to the floor for new business

Bob Spearing noted the narrow and winding nature of Whippoorwill Rd and requested we approach council with a request for a 40km/hr speed limited to be posted. Liz Gibson and Barb Hodge suggested from past experience the OPP should receive a copy of the letter to council or often there are more delays. The resolution is as follows was MOVED by Bob Spearing, SECONDED by John Newton and CARRIED:

WHEREAS Whippoorwill Rd is both narrow and winding and often has limited shoulders; and,

WHEREAS several residents have noted there is an assumption by visitors and some residents that 50km/hr posted on Isthmus Bay means it is both legal and safe to travel that speed on Whippoorwill Rd when in fact it has already been shown to be a serious safety hazard on many occasions;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Isthmus Bay Property Owners Association Inc. will provide a letter to Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce requesting a speed limit of 40km/hr be posted at the entrance to the road and at one other suitable location about half way down the road. A copy of this request will also be provided to the OPP station at Warton.

David Cooke visited the municipal offices recently and obtained copies of a number of documents with useful information that he showed to the members. Copies of the documents were provided to members. These included: Dump locations and hours, Dog licensing, WRAFT appeals for fair taxation, New By-law 2007-15 with updated municipal fees of all kinds, Tourist information, tent trailer by-laws, ATV and watercraft by-laws etc. Members were encouraged to pick up some copies here or at the municipal offices.

A new 2007 Peninsula Phone Book also provided. (Liz Taylor noted the OPP EMERGENCY 888 number was wrong and that 911 was the best way to contact police in emergency).

David also noted he had spoken to Bill Rydall at the municipal office and asked what road maintenance was planned along the bay. He was told there was nothing planned other than spring patching. A general discussion ensued around Isthmus Bay Rd allowance, property lines, road improvement history of the wandering road. It was MOVED by Don Snow SECONDED by Carl Keffer and CARRIED that:

WHEREAS all of the roads along Isthmus Bay and in particular Isthmus Bay Rd have evolved in a less than ideal path or elevation ; and,

WHEREAS many if not all residents are directly affected by road maintenance, road improvements or changes to the roads or their driveway access;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Isthmus Bay Property Owners Association Inc. will approach the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce with a request to have at least one member of the Executive of the IBPOA included and/or consulted in the annual or incidental planning process before final decisions are made regarding maintenance or improvements to any of the roads along Isthmus Bay.

At 11:00am Mayor Milt McIver was introduced and asked to speak in place of the planned Deputy Mayor's scheduled time. The Mayor was only just advised of this as he arrive but graciously stepped in and provided some valuable insight into several key issues facing the Council and the Municipality in general. As he discussed several municipal issues he also introduced the other councilors present, Tom Boyle & Jeff Meilhausen. The following talking points are a summary of the mayor's comments—

- the municipality tax rate increased by 2.7% in this fiscal year, which was less than the 4.8% increase of last year, in part due to savings that were realized by lower OPP costs due to detachment officers being sent away from the area for other duties. The mayor reported that increases in assessment as a result of development has little impact on the rate due to offsets created by requests for assessment decreases.

- the OPP is not under a full contract and we have only one full time dedicated officer for the whole peninsula. He noted though that was actually 3 shifts/24hrs with more on call as needed. IN addition Hawthorne Security was hired for both Lions Head and Tobermory with good results and some significant saving. The Mayor stated that some people would like to see more "visible police presents" but this is just prohibitively expensive for such a small municipal tax base but large territory to cover.

- the Mayor noted that \$1.2Million needed to be spent on upgrading the Eastnor and Lindsay landfill sites plus recycling. The majority is Provincial funds and a lot of it is for compacting machinery so it's a good deal for the municipality. Weigh scales are going in at both facilities as well.
- There was a general discussion on taxations and the Mayor noted that 25% of NBP land is publicly owned and NBP Council is investigating/researching just how the municipality is compensated for the public land.
- Councilor Tom Boyle described how difficult fixing the proper location of Isthmus Bay Rd has been in the past since property lines conflict in many places and current path of the road is not always in the middle of the right of way. He said that it would be extremely difficult to correct the location of the road now after so many years and there are no plans to attempt to do that now.
- The Mayor noted the large increase in bear activity around the landfill sites has lead to new measures of bear control that were highlighted on the front page of the latest July issue of the Peninsula Press. He noted there is no permanent way to "bear-proof" the municipality and that the bottom line as always is "Don't feed the bears".

As a permanent resident Don Snow asked the Mayor if there were plans to extend the new municipal water system up Isthmus Bay Rd on the future the which the Mayor responded that the municipality would like to offer the service to more residents to help share the operating costs but this was not likely to happened without the request of residents. Not all residents want the service due to the cost and he encouraged Don to seek support from local residents to approach council with a request. Dennis Steir noted that most season residents, especially those with bay water access would find little benefit from municipal waster supply for such a short part of the year and he asked hypothetically, would such seasonal residents be required to connect and pay all the fees or could they "Opt-out"? There was more discussion around all aspects of road changes and water supply and Tom Boyle noted that if Isthmus Bay road improvements are planned that extending the water main should also be considered simultaneously and vice versa to minimize costs.

It was asked if road drainage water is tested and specifically of the water running into the Lions Head harbour beach is tested because many children play there near the open drain. The Mayor said it had been done in the past but with government cuts recently it was not known if it was planned this year. This lead to a discussion of water testing drop off locations and it was noted that since White's Garage in town was no longer a drop off point all test samples now have to be brought to the Municipal offices on Wednesday mornings. There could be other more convenient drop offs that would save gas and pollution and time if there was one in town. After some further discussion it was MOVED by Dave Cooke, SECONDED by Barb Hicks and CARRIED that;

WHEREAS the nearest drop off point for water testing samples is at the municipal office and a large number of private well owners live around Lions Head or near Isthmus Bay; and,

WHEREAS much time and pollution and expense can be saved by reestablishing a suitable drop-off point nearer the village of Lions Head;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Isthmus Bay Property Owners Association Inc. will approach the Owen Sound Health Clinic (who test the samples) with a request to have a more accessible water testing drop-off point located added either in or near the village of Lions Head.

The President thanked the Mayor and Members of Council for attending and participating in the AGM and hope that they would stay and join the association members with coffee and the opportunity to meet the mayor and Council members on a one to one basis.

MOTION to ADJOURN MOVED by Dennis Steir, SECONDED by Bob Spearing and CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.