

KASHWAKAMAK LAKE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting - July 10, 2010

Mary Larson, the President, called the meeting to order at 9:35am. There were 78 members in attendance. Mary welcomed everyone and introduced the present Directors, including two new Directors, who had been recently appointed. Gordon Hunter had volunteered for the vacant South Shore position on the Board and Milt Houle is the new Lake Steward, replacing Guy Nason.

Mary thanked Guy for his work as Lake Steward and Carol Shepherdson, who has resigned after almost five years of dedication as Newsletter Editor. Carol and her husband also developed our Kash Lake website. We are fortunate to have Sue MacGregor as our new Editor – this June issue was her first.

The Minutes of the AGM, held on July 11, 2009, (enclosed to everyone with the Spring package) were accepted on a motion by Catherine Paterson, seconded by Peter Burbridge. CARRIED.

TREASURER`S REPORT - Allen Archibald

Allen thanked Bob Osborne for assisting him in the morning registration. He also thanked Karen McColl and Larry Black for auditing the books. Although copies of the Financial Statement were not included in the Newsletter package, Allen had sent a copy out to members on the email list and had copies available at the meeting.

Although, in the past, our Association was basically breaking even financially, this year new ventures, such as the Newsletter in colour, the Boating Card and our first Family Day, will likely result in a fee increase. This, of course, would have to be voted on by the membership. Allen asked for a straw vote, by a show of hands, to assist the Board in making its decisions. This vote seemed to indicate a willingness of the members present to accept a fee increase to finance the expanded activities of the Association.

It was moved by Ian Brash, seconded by Guy Nason, that the Treasurer`s Report be accepted. CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Allen Archibald

Allen thanked all members who had paid their dues on time, a new record. This is a big help to the Treasurer. He also thanked Bill Roffey, Miriam McKeown and Jane Cooper from the three road associations, who collect KLA Membership fees on our behalf. Allen reported that we now have 253 families signed up for email, plus another 49 family members, all receiving Kash Lake information during the year. A show of hands indicated that at least 80% of the audience were on the email list. Allen then asked for a show of hands of those who would accept an emailed copy of the Spring package and forego receiving a mailed copy. It appeared that the majority would accept this. Some in the audience indicated that it would be difficult to receive the many attachments of the Spring Newsletter by email. Consequently Allen agreed to canvass the email members to determine if there were others with the same difficulties.

Allen closed by reminding everyone that there are still families on the lake, who are not members and may be unaware of our Association. He asked everyone to mention the Association to their neighbours. Any Board member would be happy to follow up on new contacts.

GUEST SPEAKER - GEORGE GORRIE

Mary introduced George Gorrie, the Chief Building Official for North Frontenac and thanked Lynn McEvoy for arranging this for us. The Chief Building Official oversees all Building Permit Applications for the Township. George's comments were all made in response to questions from the audience.

The current by-laws now state that you must own the 66 feet lakeshore road allowance before you can obtain a permit to build a dock, boathouse, storage shed, etc. on that land. Currently the cost is 15 cents per square foot to buy your road allowance (and you must buy it all). In addition, there are lawyer, survey and administrative fees. Permits are required to build or replace all docks, boat houses etc.. George advised that anyone planning to build should always check with the Township office. The maximum possible area for a dock is now 500 sq. ft., previously 250 sq. ft.

Members of the audience pointed out that, in the past, it was not necessary to have bought your lakeshore road allowance. This was confirmed by Ken Lindey, a former Building Inspector, who was in the audience. Jane Cooper pointed out that it was very unfair, because there was no `grandfathering` in of previous structures. George Gorrie pointed out that `grandfathering` did not exist in the by-laws. He said that neither he or the Township were `going after` illegal structures, but had to investigate complaints.

A member pointed out that, not only did it cost \$5000 to buy her road allowance, but the assessment on her property increased and therefore the taxes. Chris Winney confirmed that that the value of the property increases.

Elma MacLachlan cited an example of a new lot, where the new owner cut down trees within 15metres of the shoreline and built an illegal structure, all in flagrant disregard for the Township By-laws. It was suggested that a simple booklet stating some of the DO's and DON'T's of the by-laws would be very helpful. Chris Winney said she would willingly hand these out to new owners. George agreed to produce a booklet in the near future.

Mary thanked George for his most informative feedback to our questions.

ELECTORAL CANDIDATES - Deputy Mayor Jim Beam, Councillor Fred Perry

After the Coffee Break, Mary introduced Deputy Mayor Jim Beam currently the only Mayoral candidate for the Fall Election. Fred Perry, presently a Ward 1 Councillor is standing for re-election. Mary suggested that we could have more of a voice in the Township, if someone from the lake association was prepared to run for Council.

Jim introduced himself as a lakeshore resident on Sunday Lake, which is in the E. part of the Township. He wants to be Mayor, because he feels that he can contribute to the growth of the Township. This is an all season tourist destination. We all have concerns about the same things; water quality, fishing, wildlife, logging etc.. Jim believes that, for

the Township to grow, they have to treat everyone the same and take the tax burden off the lakeshore residents.

Being Mayor is a full time position – 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. He is committed to serving the people. As Mayor, he would represent N. Frontenac at the 8-member County Board and be involved in such issues as rural transportation and the Ompah Ambulance Base. He logs many hours and long distances attending meetings.

N. Frontenac contains the headwaters of the Salmon River and the Mississippi River watershed and is the custodian of these natural features.

In answer to a question, Jim said that he supported logging, but only if it was done with respect for the land. There will be another Open House in August regarding the Mazinaw Lanark Logging Plans.

It was asked how the dam affected lake levels – it was thought that the level now was much higher than in the past. The answer was that the current level was within the parameters set out by Mississippi Valley Conservation, who monitor and control the dam.

Elma MacLachlan asked Jim if he could elaborate on the Official Plan Review, which had been returned from Queen`s Park with the feedback that there should be a clause prohibiting any future development on private lanes. Jim replied that this would devastate the Township, who depend on private lanes for development. The problem seems to be ensuring fire and emergency protection, but N. Frontenac has smaller trucks available for narrower cottage roads. The Township has not yet decided how to handle this.

Fred Perry reported on the work he currently does in Council viz. waste management, recycling, Northbrook Family Health Clinic, fire protection and septic re-inspections. Fred stated that if you have weeds growing in front of your property, it is likely your septic system is leaking phosphorus into the lake.

Dave Winney asked about the large number of office staff, compared to Addington Highlands. Jim replied that he did not believe the office was overstaffed. The Province has downloaded two highways in addition to everything else and more work has to be done now than ever before.

Relative to previous comments and questions to George Gorrie, Dave Winney brought up a recent issue with Marble Lake Lodge. Jim could not give an answer at that time.

Andrew Blake raised the question of maintenance on Koch Lane. Jim will get back to him on this issue. Andrew also praised Chief Cuddy and the Kaladar-Barrie Fire Dept. for their excellent response on his fire.

Andrew Colton (Woodcrest Resort Park), told the meeting that Woodcrest was conducting Boat Operator tests. Anyone interested should contact Woodcrest for more info or to make an appointment.

Arnold also talked about his application for a 200 site expansion and how negative he felt the lake association was being. He listed all the benefits, financially and service-wise that his resort brings to the community. He felt that it would be a big loss to the lake if Woodcrest were to close.

Mary thanked Arnold for his remarks and also Jim and Fred for coming to our meeting and answering questions.

LAKE STEWARDSHIP PLANNING

Under new business, Mary then introduced Judy McIntyre, Director, who talked about the need for a Lake Stewardship Plan. Several lakes in the Township are either currently in the process or are planning to start in the near future. A Lake Plan looks at the present concerns to make sure they are being met, without compromising conditions for future generations. It would help us to establish a baseline of current conditions against which to judge future activities. A Lake Plan initially consists of conducting a survey, holding public meetings and getting all the community stakeholders involved.

It can be a lengthy and costly process. To keep the cost down, it is necessary to have a large group of volunteers, who would be committed to working on this for 3 to 5 years. Judy then passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers who would be interested in the project, would like to stay informed and maybe become part of a Planning Committee. In the short time available, nine people showed an interest by signing up.

It was suggested that we alternate AGM locations – one year Northbrook, next year Harlowe. This was met with general approval.

Andrew Blake moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:00 noon

Elma MacLachlan, Acting Secretary