

OTTER LAKE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION Board Meeting

Present: The following persons were in attendance: Kerry Mueller, Martin Chepesiuk, Brad Chittick, Gerry McDole and Daryle Moffatt.

Regrets: David Amy, Sonja Cigler

Date/Location: June 8th, 2018 at Kerry and AJ Mueller's cottage, 168 Bradshaw Road, Seguin

Call to Order: Kerry noted that as notice of the meeting had been duly given to all the directors and a quorum of the directors was present, the meeting was properly constituted for the transaction of business. The meeting was call to order at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the Board meeting of February 24th, 2018 were approved as presented.

Moved: Brad Chittick

Second: Kerry Mueller

Carried.

The minutes of the Board meeting of May 6th, 2018 were approved as presented.

Moved; Daryle Moffatt

Second: Kerry Mueller

Carried

Seguin Township DPS-PL-2018-072 Consent Application

Kerry Mueller reported that the Consent for Severance application was reviewed by Council at the meeting on June 4, 2018. Council found in favour of the Township staff recommendation to deny the application based on not complying with Sections B.12.2.1 (New Lots by Consent) and B.12.2.7 (Technical Severances) of the Official Plan.

Membership

Daryle Moffatt reported that the membership has increased to a total of 282. 122 are primary members and 160 are additional family members.

Lake Stewardship Report

A) Brad Chittick reported that we have been unsuccessful in getting the Lake Partnership Program to sponsor additional testing to cover the additional 6 embayment sites. Although efforts are still underway to find a laboratory that has the appropriate accuracy level, it is unlikely that this will be successful.

Testing in the two 'Deep water' spots on Little Otter and Otter are proceeding and samples for May have been forwarded to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Dorset lab. Continued testing of these sites will occur monthly until November.

Oxygen (O₂) levels will be taking at the 6 embayment and 2 deep water spots in September. Brad is arranging to borrow the O₂ test equipment from Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve (GBBR).

Martin Chespesiuk researched establishing a constant O₂ monitoring (at the hypolimnion) of an approximately cost of \$2,000.00. Brad is to connect with Bev Clark to get his opinion on the value of a consent O₂ monitoring program.

B) Brad has investigated the interest level of Lake residents for a Boater Skills Clinic held on the lake. Of the numerous people he has mentioned it to, very few felt they or family members could benefit from such an event. Brad will continue to poll a larger sampling of lake residents to gauge interest.

The Board requested Brad to get pricing from Boater Skills for an event of 10-15 people and find out what happens if the event day encounters inclement weather.

Daryle asked what is happening with Boater Skills' 'Slow Down/Bow Down' campaign. Brad will investigate this.

Lake Information Brochures

Martin reported that information brochures holders have been installed and filled with the Lake information brochures. Additionally, Martin will be inserting a Lake map into the boxes with 'Watch your Wake' tips on the map.

Martin asked the Board's opinion to add the Canadian Safe Boating Council pamphlets. The Board agreed to add this literature and requested Martin to ensure it is not in conflict with Safe Quiet Lakes Boating Code and their other literature that OLRA distributes.

Lake Plan Planning

Gerry McDole reviewed the aspects of developing a Lake Plan for the Otter Lakes as per the meeting agenda. After a thorough discussion of the purpose, benefits and fit of a 'Lake Plan' for Little Otter & Otter Lake the Board agreed to proceed investigating, garnering community interest, determining scope and analyze background information. It was agreed that the development of a Lake Plan should not proceed past Phase 3 without approval of the membership. It was also agreed that OLRA's focus on the review of the Seguin Official Plan in 2019 may be time consuming and that review should take precedence so that OLRA has enough resources to do both and that OLRA Lake Plan incorporates references to the updated Seguin Official Plan.

The development phases are described as below:

Phase 1 – Getting Organized

- Step 1 – Garner Interest
- Step 2 – Set up a Steering Committee
- Step 3 – Hold Steering Committee Meeting to Scope Project
- Step 4 – Obtain Initial Approval
- Step 5 – Seek Funding
- Step 6 – Announce the Lake Plan

Phase 2 – Collect Background Information

- Step 7 – Determine the Scope of the Lake Plan
- Step 8 – Prepare Work List of the Information to be Collected
- Step 9 – Contact Non-Residential Stakeholders
- Step 10 – Prepare, Distribute and Collate Survey Information
- Step 11 – Conduct a Residents Workshop and Prepare Summary

Phase 3 – Analyze Information and Summarize Background Information

- Step 12 – Analyze Background Information and Summarize Results
- Step 13 – Provide Draft Observations and Recommendations to Public
- Step 14 – Review Issues, Draft Strategies, and Finalize Draft Plan

Phase 4 – Prepare Draft Plan

- Step 15 – Prepare Draft Plan
- Step 16 – Circulate Draft Plan for Internal Review

Phase 5 – Review Draft Plan

Step 17 – Release Draft Plan for Public Review

Step 18 – Conduct Open House

Step 19 – Consider Public Comments and Prepare Final Lake Plan

Phase 6 – Obtain Approval

Step 20 – Provide Intent to Approve Plan

Step 21 – Approve Plan

Phase 7 – Implement Actions

Step 22 – Release Lake Plan

Step 23 – Implement Actions

Phase 8 – Monitoring and Updating Your Lake Plan

Step 24 – Monitor and Update

The Board concluded that a Steering Committee should be formed for this work. An Open House should be set up to gather feedback from members and other residents to determine ‘What’s important to people’. This Open House could occur at the BBQ or another venue such as Grand Tappattoo Resort or the Foley Community Centre. Additional outreach could employ a ‘Dock drop’ or Seguin Township hand-outs.

TERMINATION

There being no further or other business, on motion duly made, seconded and carried it was resolved that the meeting terminate.

Moved: Kerry Mueller

Second: Brad Chittick

Carried at 9:35 p.m.