

## Minutes of the Otter Lake Ratepayers' Association (OLRA) Board Meeting

Friday, June 5, 2020

The Zoom meeting was started by Kerry Mueller at 9 am.

**Attendees:** Gerry McDole, Martin Chepesiuk, AJ Mueller, John Roberts, David Amy, Denise Exler, Brian Hindley, Brad Chittick, Kerry Mueller

**Regrets:** none

**Motion: Approve the minutes of the Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 board meeting.**

Carried unanimously.

### **Rescheduling OLRA AGM**

Kerry related that JJ Blower at Seguin Township alerted her that the Seguin recreational facilities will be closed until July 31<sup>st</sup> due to COVID-19 therefore we need to reschedule our AGM.

**Motion:** Due to COVID-19 concerns the OLRA Board will hold its 2020 AGM on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until noon on-line via Zoom and conference calling. This will be communicated to the membership by June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Carried unanimously.

### **OLRA BBQ**

It was decided to cancel the BBQ due to COVID-19 concerns and to let Tappattoo know now so they may be able to book another group. Denise will talk to Amanda to confirm how our \$500 deposit for 2020 will be applied to future events.

### **Official Plan (OP) Review Report**

Gerry related that he had received the report created by Mario Buszynski and Brian Hindley of recommended revisions to the Seguin OP. The report was comprehensive and very appreciated by the Board. It was decided to present the comments in the report regarding Environment First, Development on Lakes and The Natural Environment to the OLRA membership at the AGM for their input and support for submission to Seguin.

## **STA Update and Comments by Councillor Art Coles re OLRA**

Proposed by-law updates were made as of the May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> council meetings which would include defining a new commercial use of property termed Short Term Accommodation (STA) = renting for less than 28 consecutive days.

Seguin staff will bring a structured plan back to Council for June 15<sup>th</sup> re: public input opportunities and how those comments will be tabulated.

The Board also discussed comments made about the OLRA Board by Councillor Art Coles on camera during the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Council meeting as Seguin Council discussed Short Term Accommodations (STA).

Councilor Coles stated:

*"I've had conversations with members of the Board of the Otter Lake Ratepayers' Association, and I know how the President thinks but I also know how the members of the Board think and it is not like the President."*

The Board determined that these comments were untrue. Councillor Coles had discussed this issue with just one member of the Board, Brad Chittick, and Brad felt that the conversation had been misrepresented to Seguin Council.

**Motion:** Council be advised that the above-referenced statement by Councilor Coles is not an accurate representation of the facts and that he publicly retract his statement.

Carried Unanimously

A letter will be sent to Seguin Council to formally ask for the retraction.

## **Stewardship Report**

Brad reported that the 2020 LPP water testing program was cancelled due to COVID-19. However, Brad was still taking Secchi depth measurements.

Benthos monitoring will continue with GBBR staff doing the sampling. Seguin has taken on funding a Benthos Monitoring program for 2 sites per a selection of lakes. OLRA will pay GBBR to monitor a 3<sup>rd</sup> site as well to be consistent with the monitoring OLRA initiated in 2019.

## **New Business**

### **Membership Report**

AJ reported that as of:

**May 31, 2020:** 120 households and 167 additional family members = **287**

**May 31, 2019:** 120 households and 161 additional family members = **281**

**June 3, 2020:** 135 households and 189 additional family members = **324**

(More memberships would have been counted in May if AJ and Kerry had picked up their mail in Waterloo sooner.) This is a good start on membership renewals in a tumultuous year.

The meeting was adjourned.