

Minutes of the Otter Lake Ratepayers' Association (OLRA) Board Meeting Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Attendees: Martin Chepesiuk, Brian Hindley, Nicole Mailloux, AJ Mueller, Kerry Mueller

Regrets: David Amy, Denise Exler, John Roberts

1. Welcome and Open Meeting:

The Zoom meeting was started by Kerry Mueller at 6:50 pm. Quorum was confirmed.

2. Declaration of any Pecuniary Interests:

None were declared.

3. Approval of May 5, 2021 Board Minutes:

Motion: Approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 board meeting, as presented.

- Moved by Martin Chepesiuk
- Seconded by AJ Mueller
- **Motion carried**

4. Approval of May 5, 2021 in camera Board Minutes:

Motion: Approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 in camera board meeting, as presented.

- Moved by Brian Hindley
- Seconded by Martin Chepesiuk
- **Motion carried**

5. Approval of May 5, 2021 in Board Minutes:

Motion: Approve the minutes of the May 23, 2021 board meeting, as presented.

- Moved by AJ Mueller
- Seconded by Brian Hindley
- **Motion carried**

6. "Where does a Lake Begin?"

This discussion was held in-camera.

Motion: If requested, an OLRA member or members may be given access to the information the OLRA Board received through freedom of information requests made in 2020 and 2021 to MNRF and to Seguin Township.

- Moved by Kerry Mueller
- Seconded by Brian Hindley
- **Motion carried**

Motion: That the OLRA Board set up a meeting with the CAO, Mayor and Daryle Moffatt, as members of the Official Plan Review Committee, to present OLRA's investigative findings and concerns about the process that led to the approval of the 202 Blue Lake Road causeway. This will pertain to the OLRA Board February 19, 2021 letter relating to the Seguin Policies and Procedures as they relate to the Official Plan.

- Moved by Brad Chittick
- Seconded by Nicole Mailloux
- **Motion carried**

Actions:

- Brian Hindley will follow up with his MECP contact on July 14, 2021 and update the Board of his findings asap.
- Kerry Mueller will organize a meeting with the CAO, Mayor and Daryle Moffatt to take place in the next two weeks.

New Business:

- **Biodiversity DNA database:** Kerry Mueller mentioned that Daryle Moffatt was in contact with a Freshwater Biologist who has sampled Horseshoe Lake. eDNA sampling is working towards identifying all species that live in a lake. OLRA may want to consider this too to be aware of species it needs to help protect going forward.
- **91.3 local radio station:** Martin Chepesiuk mentioned the 91.3 radio station from Parry Island which is nice to listen to. Kerry Mueller mentioned she may want to update members.

Adjournment: Kerry Mueller called the meeting to a close at 8:35 pm.

ADDENDUM A

Motions Carried by email from July 13, 2021 to August 3, 2021

Further to the July 13, 2021 OLRA Board Meeting, here a finalized motion, which was moved, seconded, and adopted:

Motion: That the Board proceed with setting up a meeting with Seguin Township CAO Jason Inwood, Mayor Ann MacDiarmid, and Councillor Daryle Moffatt, members of the

Official Plan review committee, for the purpose of reviewing the results from OLRA's investigations into the question "*Where does a lake begin and private property end?*" (attached) as it relates to our Feb. 19th 2021 letter (attached) and the presentation made at our May 23rd, 2021 AGM (attached), with the drone photo of the causeway at 202 Blue Lake Road, Seguin (attached). The OLRA board embarked upon these investigations to better understand the decision-making process around shore development regarding:

- which level(s) of government have jurisdiction**
- what lakeshore property owners should know**

The OLRA Board feels that now is the time to share what it has learned thus far.

- Moved by Kerry Mueller by email on July 24, 2021
- Seconded by Brian Hindley by email on July 24, 2021
- **Motion Carried by email on July 26, 2021**

Acronyms

- AGM: Annual General Meeting
- ATV: All-Terrain Vehicle
- dB: decibel
- DFO: Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- EP: Environmental Protection
- FOCA: Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association
- FOI: Freedom of Information
- GBB: Georgian Bay Biosphere
- LPP: Lake Protection Program
- MNRF: Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- MECP: Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- OLRA: Otter Lake Ratepayers' Association
- OP: Seguin Township Official Plan
- OPP: Ontario Provincial Police
- SAR: Species at Risk
- SQL: Safe Quiet Lakes
- SRA: Shoreline Allowance
- STCR: Short Term Cottage Rentals