

**Deanlea Beach Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, June 25, 2016 1 pm  
Wyevale United Church Hall  
Wyevale, Ontario**

1. Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm by Bill Palmer. Welcome to all attendees, with a request that we respect our neighbours when discussing controversial items.

2. Quorum verified as having been established

3. Adoption of agenda

**MOTION: to adopt the agenda of the 2016 Annual General Meeting  
Moved/Seconded/Carried**

Note that, based on a decision at the 2015 AGM, the names of those who move and second any motions are not being recorded. The DBA Board will look into the legal ramifications of this practice, as some members expressed concern that the minutes would not be accepted in a legal situation without those names. Should it be discovered that the minutes are compromised by not naming these individuals, those names will be added to the formal document.

At this point in the meeting, a direct question about whether there was any intention to create parking space at the beach end of Henry's road was answered in the negative.

4. Adoption of minutes of last AGM

**MOTION: to adopt the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting  
Moved/Seconded/Carried with the following addition:**

**Within the understanding that the minutes recorded information reported and decisions taken, it was requested that it be noted that there was discussion about the need for due diligence and transparent consultation with all members before decisions are made.**

5. President's Report: Mary Jane Price

- MJ has been attending Council meetings every two weeks to see the potential impact of any decisions on the beach community.
- In response to a concern about what may happen to the lands across from the Deanlea entrance, MJ learned the following:
  - Along Concession 4/Tiny Beaches Road South, there are three parcels of land across from Deanlea:
    - Across from Pine Forest and Bay there is a parcel of 50 acres designated for future development
    - Across from Deanlea Blvd there is a parcel of 300 acres designated for future development
    - Across from Nicole and Emilio there is a 100-acre parcel designated green belt
  - Tiny Township is putting together a new official plan and interested in concentrating development around hamlets which means there is a possibility that zoning may be changed to support new official plan; Tiny is waiting for Simcoe to finalize their plan
- MJ made two presentations to Council:
  - Asked why \$6000 designated for investigating high E.coli levels at the north end of Deanlea had not been used yet and requested that Council reinstate it in the

- budget; Council has agreed and indicated that the research will likely be done by Severn Sound Environmental Association
  - Expressed concern about parking on 4<sup>th</sup> concession at Bay and asked that 4<sup>th</sup> Concession be included in the pilot parking restrictions; unsuccessful but invited councillors to visit on a long weekend to observe the parking issue
- Asked community members to remember to bag their leaves and not to rake them into the ditch or to burn them (as a bylaw changes means that burning leaves is no longer allowed; burning brush is accepted)
- Thanked those who volunteer to keep Deanlea paths clean; asked people to not leave cigarette butts
- Requested volunteer to assist with getting donations for Fun Day raffle; Francine and Lee have volunteered to help with the raffle and Anna and Oldrich will organize the games
- Reminder for people to dispose of dog excrement appropriately
- The DBA board is looking to create signs for emergency services to be posted on beach
- In response to concerns about a red fox seen regularly on the beach, MJ contacted Animal Control and learned that this is a protected species with no natural predators in the area; although hunting has been allowed at certain times of the year to cull the numbers, hunters have not been active in the area recently and numbers have grown; to discourage foxes from remaining in the area, do not leave food out, ensure garbage is secure, make lots of noise when a fox is seen as they prefer quiet; if an animal appears to be diseased or dangerous, call the Ministry of Natural Resources

#### 6. Treasurer's Report: Michael Ryan

- Discussing the distributed financial statements, Michael noted that revenues were up because of a successful Fun Day. In memoriams were spent in early 2016 so not showing as 2015 expense; stationery costs were higher as we get stickers in batches every four years
- Insurance costs and audit costs remain the same as previous 3 years and are expected to remain the same in 2016 (with the caveat that the auditor confirmed the 2016 costs would remain the same as long as he got records delivered in the same manner as in the past few years).
- We have lost contact with owners at 32 Dale, 12 Bay, 7 Dale South and 10 Woodlands; information about how to contact them would be appreciated.
- Stated that the tax payment was property tax on the beach and the DBA-owned building lot, who the insurance broker is, and, and insurance coverage of easements, pathways and unassumed roads as well as beach block
- Explained who the auditors were, why an audit is needed, why the price charged is reasonable
- Thanks were expressed to Michael for his meticulous records

**MOTION: to accept the audited Financial Statement for 2015**

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

**MOTION: to renew the auditors (Lardner Nixon) for another year**

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

#### 7. FoTTSA Report: Mary Jane Price

- MJ explained the purpose of FoTTSA, and the challenge they are having in getting volunteers
- FoTTSA organizes water testing on alternate years and this is a testing year. Carlotta has volunteered to collect samples at Deanlea for the length of the project. A backup was requested.

## 8. Committee Reports

### a) Property and Maintenance: Loris Gaiotto

- Loris described the general work done in maintaining pathways, roads and dunes, thanking Rudy for his assistance in spraying poison ivy, noting little expense is expected this year for road maintenance as they are still in good shape
- Planted 10 trees last year on the dunes at south end (9 of which have survived) and 15 this year at north end
- Every year dead trees on DBA property are taken down; volunteered to coordinate cutting so trees on private property could also be done at a better cost. If interested, contact Loris by email or phone. The cutting will likely be done in September.
- Thanks to Daniel for providing used belts from GTAA for pathways
  - Discussion of whether belts need to be rolled up for winter. Appreciate volunteers who keep mats clear. Rolling up and repositioning required at times.
- Will replace some identification poles on the walkways
  - Barry Locke offered to look into cedar posts at good price; will provide info to Loris

### b) Surf and Sand

- Oldrich asked for volunteers to help out in preparation (e.g. purchasing prizes) and running of Fun Day; Phil will MC once again
- Marjorie encouraged people to donate raffle items and volunteered to help seek donations from businesses
- It was noted that the raffle and toonie toss were highly successful last year (intention to repeat both)
- If people are interested in donating a bench, DBA would support adding to the beach seating and can arrange for purchase through Wyevale Concrete Products, noting plaques can be added in memoriam
- It was noted that sand deposits close to shore mean boats are getting stuck when trying to launch at the base of Henry's Road

### c) Communications: Phil Spademan

- Phil apologized for the Deanlea website ([www.deanleabeach.ca](http://www.deanleabeach.ca) or [www.deanlea.ca](http://www.deanlea.ca)) not being fully up-to-date and said he would ensure all relevant information gets posted shortly.
- Bill described the various ways in which the Board communicates with the Deanlea community: two newsletters each year (about 163 sent by email and 70 by Canada Post), through posting information on the website, notices on bulletin board, walkaround package delivered in person in July, email blasts on ad hoc basis
- A few people noted they had not received either an email or a letter; Board may have to change from mailchimp to ensure more reliable delivery

## 9. Ratification of directors' decisions

- This year's decisions focused on maintenance and ongoing standard practice; there were no major decisions (in terms of cost or impact on community). In future, the specific decisions made will be covered by listing them for the AGM and by having posted the minutes of DBA meetings on the website

- Request to define “major decisions”

**MOTION: that the members ratify the decisions made by the 2015 board of directors  
Moved/Seconded/Carried**

10. Call for nominations

- Five new board members were nominated:
  - Petra Wolfbeiss (nominated by Cathy Stanson, seconded by Marjory Ingrassia)
  - Lorrie Locke (nominated by Linda Phillips, seconded by Marjory Ingrassia)
  - Linda Phillips (nominated by John Gordon, seconded by Lorrie Locke)
  - Daniel Chialletti (nominated by Linda Phillips)
  - John Gordon (nominated by Peter Rossborough)
- Discussion of lack of fixed term for board members (nothing in bylaws specifying term limits) and size of board if current members stay as well as adding new members; need to have a working group draft a revised constitution and bylaws and bring to 2017 AGM, potentially including more clearly defining roles, adding term limits and guidance regarding board size and attendance requirements; Petra volunteered to lead the review and noted that legal expenses were not necessary; Linda volunteered to assist
- It was noted that there are typically seven meetings per year, and board members are asked to commit to attending at least four in order to support quorum
- Current members of the Board were asked for their interest in continuing on the board:
  - Mary Jane Price No
  - Michael Ryan No
  - Phil Spademan Yes
  - Joan Condie Yes
  - Loris Gaiotto No
  - Oldrich Cabla No
  - Mark Kruszynski Yes
  - Wendy Madill Yes
  - Bill Palmer Yes
  - Claudio Renini Unknown (not in attendance)
  - Peter Collese Unknown (not in attendance)
- Resulting candidates for Board:
  - Daniel Chialletti
  - Peter Collese
  - Joan Condie
  - John Gordon
  - Mark Kruszynski
  - Lorrie Locke
  - Wendy Madill
  - Bill Palmer
  - Linda Phillips
  - Claudio Renini
  - Phil Spademan
  - Petra Wolfbeiss

**MOTION: that the members accept the new board of directors composed of new and continuing members, with specific positions to be decided internally by the board.  
Moved/Seconded/Carried**

## 11. Discussion of boat ramp road

At last year's AGM, the community voted to have Henry's road serve as both a boat ramp and an accessibility point for beach-goers ("Leave the boat ramp as is with the removable posts, adding some form of accessible footpath"). As a result, Mary Jane approached Mobi mats for a quote (as that product has been used on other local beaches). The rep came to Deanlea and indicated that he would not recommend we use Mobi mats because of the vehicular traffic, which would stretch under spinning tires (more expensive mats would be required to cover both car and accessibility needs). The used GTAA mats provided by Daniel Chiarlitti will be tested soon for withstanding wheelchairs.

Mary Jane presented the idea of creating a turnaround using a car length of the road behind 30 Henry's Rd to enable the disabled to turn their car around so that they didn't have to back up their car approximately 100 ft. on Henry's Rd. It was decided that it is preferable to try mats down the whole road first to see if perhaps cars will not need to go down the road. Several Lakeside residents indicated willingness to have their driveways used for drop-off.

## 12. New Business

### a. Communications

Discussion about how to better inform community members, agreement about the wisdom of posting DBA minutes but a split on the best platform for distribution.

**MOTION: that the minutes of all DBA Board of Directors meetings be emailed to DBA members and/or be posted on the DBA website and the bulletin board within a reasonable time period following each meeting. Dates of future meetings to be duly noted. Also that names of correspondents and persons submitting personal issues be omitted for privacy reasons**

**Amended MOTION: that the minutes of all DBA Board of Directors meetings be posted on the DBA website within a reasonable time period following each meeting. Dates of future meetings to be duly noted. Also that names of correspondents and persons submitting personal issues be omitted for privacy reasons.**

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

Community members encouraged to inform DBA about concerns by sending letters/emails outlining the specifics for discussion at a DBA meeting. If the concern is one that cannot be conveyed in writing, the person can join the DBA meeting for a specific time to share the concern.

### b. Dunes

Concern expressed by several over loss of open beach due to encroaching dunes. Wendy Madill shared information from Howard Morton that legally we are not allowed to take out dunes. Concerned residents are asked to specify in writing specific requests for the board to consider.

### c. Library

Peggy Kerk described the local library services available through access to the Penetang, Midland and Springwater museums and encouraged community members to consider joining:

- Midland Library on King St.: [www.midlandlibrary.com](http://www.midlandlibrary.com)
- Penetanguishene Library on Simcoe St.: [www.penetanguishene.library.on.ca](http://www.penetanguishene.library.on.ca)
- Springwater Township Public Library with locations in Elmvale, Midhurst and Minesing: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)

All locations have Books, E-books, DVD's, WiFi and computers, as well as movies for all ages and arts and crafts.

Information will be added to this summer's walkaround package of information for the community.

13. Adjournment

**MOTION: that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10**

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**