

Spring 2017 Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual General Meeting –
June 24, 1 pm at Wyevale
Church

Fun Day – Sat, Aug 5

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President's Message

Spring is here and it's time to start enjoying another great year at Deanlea Beach. Here are some important considerations:

Fun Day Volunteers -

Last year's event almost didn't happen due to a lack of volunteers.

Special thanks to those who stepped up. We are asking again for our members to lend a hand. If you would like to help out please email: board@deanleabeach.ca or simply speak to one of our members about how you can participate.

New Board Members – I

would like to welcome our new board members:

Lorrie Locke, Petra Wolfbeiss, John Gordon, Daniele Chiarlitti and Linda Phillips-Kelm. We

have been working together since the last AGM and have a great bunch of new volunteers. The updated list of Board members can be found on our website:

www.deanleabeach.ca

If you are interested in joining the Board, we

welcome your interest.

The terms of several current members end this year and it is important that we continue to have an energetic and representative Board. Nominations and voting will occur at the June Annual General Meeting. The Board typically meets 6 times a year between Easter and Thanksgiving to plan Fun Day and the AGM, and to handle topics related to our common property and our desire to protect this wonderful community.

Revised DBA Bylaws –

The Board is working on revising the Bylaws in accordance with membership interest.

Please read the accompanying draft for discussion at the AGM.

Where to get

information –Speaking with beach members, I feel that sometimes the correct information is missing. If you or someone you know has questions about the DBA or what's going on, just ask or email us. The Board is working hard to

become transparent, including keeping the website up to date with information and Board meeting minutes.

Other - An increase in public urination at the beach has been noted, as well as discarding cigarette butts and poo bags. Unfortunately the Board is not the police and has no power to enforce. If you see this type of activity please give the person in question a friendly reminder that this is not acceptable.

In closing I would like to thank all our members for being part of our little slice of heaven. I would also like to thank our past Board members who stepped down last year: Loris Gaiotto, Mark Kruszynski, Oldrich Cabla and Peter Collese, for all their hard work and dedication. A special thanks to Mary-Jane Price and Michael Ryan for going over and above and spending countless hours towards our fantastic beach.

Phil Spademan

Current DBA Board

Phil Spademan, President
Bill Palmer, Vice President
Lorrie Locke, Treasurer
Petra Wolfbeiss, Secretary
Daniele Chiarlitti,
Roads/Property Maintenance
Joan Condie, Communications
John Gordon
Wendy Madill
Linda Phillips-Kelm
Claudio Renini

Roads and Property Maintenance

Last year Deanlea Beach underwent a big tree removal at various locations. Just before winter Loris and Daniele had a quick road cleanup and they will be spending some but hopefully not all of the saved money to

help bring the roads to an extra high level this year. Dan was able to gather numerous lengths of conveyor belt to hopefully line each major common walkway to the beach. We are looking for volunteers to maintain a

nearby walkway especially storing the belting over the winter (can be stored outside with no issues).

We have a new mailing address:

**Deanlea Beach Association,
PO BOX 1231,
Perkinsfield PO,
Ontario, L0L 2J0**

Treasurer's Update

The DBA 2016 year end financials and a Profit and Loss statement & Balance Sheet will be presented at the June AGM.

We collected 181 (2016) membership dues, down from 194 in 2015 - \$938 less.

We spent more on tree

removal but less on roads that will result in a higher net income.

Here are some fun facts about our successful Fun Day last summer:

- over 564 wristbands distributed
- \$1777 raised in the

raffle and toonie toss

- Served over 50 dozen corn and 72 dozen hotdogs!

Lorrie, the treasurer, will be available at the AGM registration desk to introduce herself, collect dues, distribute stickers and update contact information for members.

Dune Stewardship

"Practicing good stewardship when living on . . . shoreline property makes good sense. Property values will benefit. It's also critical to the health of southern Georgian Bay."

Our beachfront is not just an isolated piece of geography; it is part of an ecosystem that includes the sand we sit on, the sandy lakebed, the sand bars and the sand dunes. They all operate together. If we mess with one part, we mess with them all.

Georgian Bay's sandy beaches and dunes are considered to be "relic" sand - deposits formed by geologic processes millennia ago. This makes it a finite resource and places a greater sense of urgency and need for good beach stewardship. Sand dunes are simply an extension of the beach; a reservoir of sand that the lake 'borrows' from time to

time during storms when the waves erode the dune and carry the sand into the lake to form protective sand bars.

The sand bar acts as a temporary protective berm, absorbing wave energy that would otherwise reach the shore potentially causing erosion to the beach and dune. Once a storm subsides, gentle waves gradually return sand back to the shore. Wind blows sand from the beach back into the dunes. If this cycle is disrupted, our beautiful sandy beaches will erode away. The dunes are our insurance policy for the next high water period. They store sand for when it is needed to feed storm waves that would otherwise start eroding or damaging the beachfront.

Dune vegetation holds

dunes in place. Without the vegetation there would be no dunes - period. This is why we stress the need to use existing pathways when coming to the beach and to avoid stressing the existing beach grasses. In fact, some in our community have taken active steps to help rehabilitate areas where these grasses were already under stress.

This is our beach and we are all stewards. So if someone asks you to please stay on the paths or not to set up your chairs in the dunes, it is not because they want to spoil your fun; it is because they want future generations of Deanlea Beachers to be able to have the same fun that we enjoy today.

(much of the above resourced with permission from the Lake Huron Centre For Coastal Conservation)

In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn of the passing of long time members Dr. Maria Kaczmarek and Barry Willson. On behalf of all the DBA members we have made a \$100 donation to the Georgian Bay Hospital Foundation in their memory.

Draft Bylaw Revision

At the 2016 Deanlea Beach Association Annual General Meeting, members requested the Board of Directors undertake a review of the Association Bylaws. The Executive has done so and is sharing a draft of the revised Bylaws for review and discussion at the 2017 Annual General Meeting. The request to review the Bylaws was suggested to ensure that processes for succession planning, management of Association matters and

responsibilities are clear, transparent, actionable and undertaken in a modern way. The review of the Bylaws was timely given a review had not been conducted for many years. The Bylaws are built on common and emerging practice in non-profit governance and follow suggested practice built on the 2010 Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (not yet in force). The template, while reflective of Ontario's jurisdiction, is used in similar form and

focus Canada-wide and internationally for not-for-profit and charities. The review of the Bylaws included engagement and input from DBA members outside of the sitting Executive. We look forward to the discussion on the Bylaws and the opportunity to clarify the role and responsibilities of the Executive to forge a productive relationship with the Members of the DBA on our mutual and common interests.

Please read the draft revised bylaw.. We welcome your input at the AGM.

Ultimately we hope to vote on a final version at the 2018 AGM.

It can be downloaded from our website

FoTTSA Representative Needed

The DBA requests that a community member volunteer to serve on the Board of FoTTSA (Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations). This advocacy group has shaped activities within Tiny and our participation would be valuable (especially since we pay a \$500 membership fee).

Board duties vary but all Board members commit to some aspect of board activities, e.g. Tiny Cottager production

requires writers, editors, delivery people, etc.; other activities include monitoring Council, water testing program, official plan monitoring, environmental issues, communication.

The Board meets about 6 times each year, in Tiny during the summer, and by conference call off-season. FoTTSA would be delighted if someone from Deanlea is interested in serving on the Board -- with the understanding new board members must

be selected and approved by the current Board.

If interested, you can get further information on the FoTTSA website (tinycottager.org) or by discussing Board experience with Mary Jane Price who was a highly involved and effective Board member from Deanlea for years. Let a member of the DBA Board know you're interested.

Water Testing

FoTTSA conducts a water testing program every two years to record the quality of Tiny Township shoreline and selected stream waters in summer months. In July and August 2016, Deanlea Beach was one of 58 separate shoreline locations for which water testing was performed. The 2016 results are

summarized in the table below. If the E. coli count exceeds a threshold of 100 per 100 mL, beach posting is recommended. Deanlea has had consistently low E. coli bacteria levels for years, due to our favourable location. High E. coli levels have been observed in days following rain storms. For further

info on water quality, see the Tiny Cottager website: <http://tinycottager.org>. A big thanks goes to Carolotta Lee, who has taken weekly samples at three locations on the day following each weekend for many years. (Thanks also to Christine Gaiotto, who filled in for Carolotta, when needed.)

E.Coli Levels at Deanlea Beach, July & August 2016

Sample	Jul 04	Jul 11	Jul 18	Jul 25	Aug 02	Aug 08	Aug 15	Aug 22
Bay: Red Rock	<10	<10	70	<10	10	40	10	70
Bay: N. Culvert	10	10	70	<10	10	<10	50	120
Stream: N. Culvert	30	10	100			110		

We're on the Web!
www.deanleabeach.ca

Property Development

Property development at Deanlea Beach can have an impact on our common property. We would like to remind residents to consider the potential impact of construction projects on the following areas: 1) Roads - please ensure that contractors restore road surfaces that may be affected by heavy equipment; 2) Trees - please do not cut down any trees that are not on your property; 3) Footpaths - please do not encroach on DBA footpath borders. Thank you for continuing to respect our common property.

DBA Membership Fees

The annual dues are now \$60 and if you pay on or before the AGM on Saturday June 24 you can take advantage of the early payment discount and pay \$50 (\$51.50 via PayPal). Those who pay later will have to pay the full \$60 (\$61.50 via PayPal).

Payment Options

1. At the Annual General Meeting pay by cheque (Deanlea Beach Association) or cash.
2. Drop off a cheque or cash to the treasurer Lorrie Locke at 26 Lakeside Drive or other members of the DBA Board.
3. Interac email transfer: Most banks offer this option and usually charge you \$1.50 for this service. The payment should be sent to treasurer@deanleabeach.ca and use 'funday' as the security code.
4. PayPal – click on the PayPal icon at www.deanleabeach.ca – this allows for secure payment by credit card: please pay \$51.50 (\$61.50 after the AGM) as DBA has to pay a processing fee.

Contact the DBA

NAME: _____

DEANLEA BEACH ADDRESS: _____

DEANLEA PHONE NO: _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **WORK PHONE:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES): _____

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Please use the space below to make any suggestions or state concerns you'd like to address to the Deanlea Beach Association board of directors

Send your comments/questions by email to board@deanleabeach.ca

Or mail to

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 Perkinsfield PO, Ontario,
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