

Dear Deanlea Beach Residents,

The Deanlea Beach Association (DBA) Board of Directors truly hope this note finds you safe and healthy and you are doing your best to endure this serious situation in which we all find ourselves this spring.

Given the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into account the directives of the public health authorities, we would like to communicate the following items.

1. Annual General Meeting (AGM): In our Winter 2020 Newsletter, the DBA announced the AGM would be held on Sat. May 16, 2020 from 12:00-14:00. However, this is a little over 40 days away and, based on what we know to date, we feel the chances of the authorities allowing gatherings of 50 or more people will be very low at that time. Therefore, the Board of Directors has decided to postpone the meeting to a future date in 2020 as per the DBA Constitution (By-law No. 1): *"A general meeting of DBA members must be held each year at any place in Ontario at any time as determined by the directors."* (DBA Constitution Summary). We believe there are two options for the DBA AGM in 2020:

- a) Postpone the physical gathering of DBA members until a later date in 2020, when it is safe to do so; or
- b) Conduct a virtual meeting of DBA members at a suitable time and date.

Our preference is to hold a physical gathering sometime later in the year. This has been our tradition and we feel the physical gathering of our community is more important and meaningful than a virtual meeting. Also, the Review of our 2019 DBA Financial Statements has been delayed, and we may not have financial statements until later this summer. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, and if a physical gathering is not feasible, a virtual AGM will be scheduled. The current Board of Directors has agreed to continue in their roles until new elections can be held at the AGM.

2. Fun Day - Saturday August 1, 2020: A decision as to whether or not we go ahead with this will be deferred until a later date.

3. DBA Membership Fees: We still need to collect DBA membership fees; to ensure our taxes are paid, maintain our insurance requirements, and continue property maintenance (i.e., perform road, path, and tree maintenance). This year (2020) the fee will be \$50.00 for the entire year. We will not be collecting fees in person this year. Please make arrangements to pay your fees in one of the three following ways.

- a) Credit card or PayPal: <http://deanleabeach.ca> >> "Pay My Dues Online" link;
- b) Interac E-Mail Transfer to: treasurer@deanleabeach.ca; Q: Best day on the beach? A: funday
- c) Cheque sent by mail to: Deanlea Beach Association, P.O. Box 1231, Perkinsfield PO, ON, L0L 2J0

4. Fires: Ontario has issued a fire ban for 36 zones in north and central Ontario due to the pandemic's impact on fire-fighting resources. While Simcoe County is not one of these zones and has yet to issue a fire ban, we ask that all Deanlea residents voluntarily refrain from having open-air fires, including campfires and cooking fires. Cooking appliances such as propane or natural gas cooking BBQs and outdoor appliances with a mechanical shutoff are permitted.

5. COVID-19 Recommended Practices: To align with O.Reg. 52/20, we ask you to refrain from having gatherings of 5 or more people on our roads or beach. Please continue to follow the practices recommended by health authorities if you are at Deanlea Beach. This would include:

- Self-isolating if you are diagnosed with, or show any symptoms of, COVID-19;
- Staying at home as much as possible and communicating via phone, email, message or video;
- Good personal hygiene: frequent hand-washing, muffling coughs, and avoiding touching your face;
- If outside, maintain a 2m distance from others, keep dogs on a leash, and greet neighbours with a smile.

6. DBA Facebook Page: We saw some unpleasant exchanges on the Deanlea Beach Association Facebook page recently. Please, let's continue to have faith and trust in one another and refrain from judgment about where people are or what people are doing. Everyone has their own unique situation, responsibilities, gifts to share, and desire to do their part to help the community.

We will get through this difficult time if we all follow good practices and help one another...like we always do.

Regards,

Deanlea Beach Association Board of Directors