

Kawagama Lake Cottager's Association Annual General Meeting

Dorset Recreation Centre—July 10th, 2010, 10:00 am

AGENDA

Call to order & welcome—Bob Campbell

Presentation to Reflections Cover Winner—Patricia Davidson

Motion to accept the minutes of the 2009 AGM & Vote—Ross Bannatyne

Introduction of Municipal Councillors Murray Fearrey & Eleanor Harrison—Bob Campbell

Greetings & comments of Murray & Eleanor

Presentation to Dorset Fire Chief Clint MacKay—Andy Gort

Introduction of Guest Speaker Jim Wilson—Bob Campbell

Introduction of Guest Speaker Rob Milligan, Chair of Muskoka Watershed Council—Bob Campbell

Thanks to Guest Speakers—Bob Campbell

Motion to accept the Financial Report as printed in Reflections & Vote—Andy Gort

Fisheries Report—Jennifer Gilland

Development & Municipal Liason—Bob Campbell

Introduction of Board of Director's Slate for 2010-2011 & Vote—Bob Campbell

Remaining Reports—See Handout & Reflections

Introduction of any new projects or Special Events

New Business

Adjournment—Jim Kaufman

- The meeting was called to order @ 10:00 am by Bob Campbell who welcomed those in attendance
- The Reflections Cover winner is Kelly Coulson . Her parents accepted the award which was presented by Patricia Davidson
- Bob Campbell presented Wm T Mustard Plaques to Dave Thompson retiring from his Navigation role & recognized his service since 1982 & to Chuck MacDonald who has served on the Board in a number of portfolios since 1997
- Councillor Murray Fearrey was introduced & brought greetings . He asked whether there were any Dysart residents in attendance to which there was no response.He informed the audience that The County of Haliburton is in the process of doing a plan review. Further a tree cutting bylaw will be introduced. Murray advised that taxation funding to the County has been reduced by 3.1 million dollars & while the tax rate is lower assessments are up resulting in a slight increase in revenue
Jan MacDonald inquired about the Minden Bay curve where a serious accident occurred recently & what might be done in a positive fashion to reduce the danger. Murray suggested that a letter from KLCA be directed to the Roads Committee on that subject
Murray was asked about his position on the current wetslip boathouse issue & he indicated that he will remain firm against it
- Murray introduced Jim Wilson CAO of the County of Haliburton who spoke on Broadband developments. The County recognizes the need for connectivity but reminded those present that this is not a municipal service. There are challenges in a rural area both with customer base & topographical re installation. He commented on the progress which has been made since 2004 with Haliburton Connect, Bell & a One Million Dollar grant in 2009 which was funded by two levels of government & private sources. Connectivity-DSL- has improved near Minden including Kennesis & community hotspots were created. Through W3 Connects they hope to produce urban rates in Haliburton, the Kawarthas & Eastern Ontario. The

network would consist of a combination of fibre, wireless & satellite involving a cost of up to 250 Million Dollars. Construction of the main trunk is expected to start this fall then providers would link to it. He envisions completion by 2013. Kawagama will be a part of this

- Michel Potvin of mccsolutions.ca –705-635-3473 spoke briefly advising that he has applications in to place towers on the Lake @intervals of 7 km which would run on solar power with a range of 3km. He is surveying the demand & resposes will be delivered to the group aforementioned working on the whole of Eastern Ontario. A member commented that satellite service is available with the dish costing \$300.00 & monthly service \$50.00

- Councillor Eleanor Harrison spoke about the reduced tax rate but increase in assessment resulting in higher taxes & advised that the bills are out. She informed that Juanita Dempster is the newly appointed CAO.

On the subject of waste she thanked those present for recycling & advised that Dorset remains open until next year when it will become a transfer station. They are awaiting permission in an attempt to expand the Maple Lake facility. Big Red recycling batteries etc is a success. Boat shrink wrap is no longer allowed. She confirmed the scheduled Hazardous Waste dates. No more septage is allowed on fields—the lagoon was closed

The Fire Dept is in the process of buying two new vehicles & a full time training officer has been hired. She reminded that open burning is only permitted between 7:00 pm & 7:00 am between Apr & Nov

OPP funding has been increased by \$23,000.00

On the subject of roads McClintock was resurfaced as well as Rose Park Rd.

The Dorset Rec Centre received new toilets & a chair lift is coming. We were reminded that the maintenance of the 911 address signs is our individual responsibility

The airport has new hangar pads & construction to rehabilitate the existing runway as well as add a new one will commence soon

A 5 year review of the official plan is underway with the last one in 2005 & a public meeting will be held on Northshore Rd on July 29th, 2010 @ 9:00am

Recreational facilities are available at The Frost Centre

Municipal Elections take place on Mon, October 25th, 2010 with vote by mail available. We were reminded to return inquiry cards & to make sure that we are on the voter's list. Eleanor revealed that she is retiring after 10 yrs of service & will not seek re-election

In answer to questions Eleanor advised that she is currently chairman of the roads committee & in response to being advised that Kawagama Lake Road needs immediate attention she suggested that KLCA send her a letter.

She did advise that downloaded highways receive the majority of the funding unfortunately

On the subject of wet slip boathouses she was asked whether Algonquin Highlands would oppose & those present made it clear that this is the message we were conveying through her to the municipality

Member J Stokes a resident of Long Island inquired about septic systems & any follow up to the survey done in 2006. He stated that there are some systems polluting the lake. Eleanor promised to follow up with Dale McRae in the Health Dept as it has responsibility for enforcement however it was her opinion that there is little teeth in the program .She did say that Gail has some information regarding offending roll numbers

A member questioned how to get on the voter's list & was advised to call Angie at the municipal office

- Andy Gort presented Fire Chief Clint McKay with a donation from KLCA in the form of a cheque for \$2500.00

Clint informed us about the acquisition of a First Response vehicle from the Ambulance Service & commented that the jaws were used @ the scene of the Minden Bay accident. He further commented that the road could have been closed for up to eight hours in which case the Dept could respond by water however this could prove difficult in recognizing addresses from the water

Clint suggested that signage on docks would be a big help. Jan MacDonald spoke about the possible involvement of the AC/DC Co-operative & invited KLCA members to join at a cost of \$10.00. By a show of hands those present were in favour of KLCA taking the initiative to investigate moving forward with signage on docks

- Guest Speaker Rob Milligan Chair of Muskoka Watershed Council was introduced. He spoke on the role of the council and advised that the Municipalities contribute to the cost of producing the report which was distributed to those present. He also commented that individuals can log on to the internet at the Dorset Rec Centre.

He stated that the report is an accountability tool & it is produced in an election year intentionally. Volunteers do the lake quality testing. We are a sub watershed in the headwater area of the Muskoka River. There are 20 watersheds & 24 indicators for each watershed. He recommended going to the website for more detailed information

He stated that continued vigilance is needed as are KLCA volunteers. He suggested that we involve ourselves in asking about testing for mercury . He suggested as well that we take the initiative in volunteering to assess wetlands in our area

He warned against clearcutting and alteration of the shoreline within 30 meters of the lake. There is a need for data & setback rules & use of native species. The climate changes & increases in temperatures of air & water cannot be fixed only managed by adaptation .He urged good land stewardship starting with your own property & informed us of the current split in private vs public ownership of 48% to 52%

In closing he again urged us to go to the website
- Andy Gort presented his Treasurer's Report printed in Reflections & commented that membership rates are adequate & stable. Nancy Stokes moved acceptance of the report while Bob Baillie seconded the motion & it was carried
- Andy , on behalf of the Association recognized Bob Campbell's contribution in many roles including that of our current President. He was presented with a suitable memento & those in attendance gave him a round of applause
- Fisheries-Bob Campbell informed those present about the recent introduction of 5000 Brook Trout to our Lake courtesy of the MNR. He also mentioned the Loon nest project spearheaded by Adam Rosso & the

upcoming Canoe Day Trip as well as the Stargazing Sessions also organized by Adam

- On the subject of Development Bob Campbell reported that there was no appeal to the OMB on the Old Mill Marina Application to build boat storage facilities so that project will proceed

On the subject of the wet slip boathouse issue he confirmed that Murray Fearrey of Dysart will not support the application before council

A member questioned whether on an island an individual can use or block shoreline access. Bob Campbell saw this as a neighbourhood issue but opined that if the shoreline wasn't purchased there could be no enforcement

Bob then proceeded to review the schedule of events for this day in Dorset including the Museum, Bigwin launching, Old Mill Marina customer appreciation day with Mountain Trout House the following week, Art on the Dock on the 25th & the KLCA Regatta & Fireworks on the Lake on the 31st

- Elections

Bob Campbell explained the new structure to encourage more younger people to get involved in serving as chairmen which would give them an option to attend Board Meetings but with no vote & to report to a director who would have the responsibility to attend meetings & vote

The new slate was presented & included an appeal for a co-chair of the regatta to assist Peter Evans. The slate was approved by the Board before being brought to the meeting

Bob Baillie moved that nominations be closed, Seconded by Jim Applebaum & carried

Gord Henderson moved adoption of the slate, seconded by Wayne Conan & carried

- Bob introduced our new President Jim Kaufman who addressed the membership following which the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Ross Bannatyne
Secretary