

Jack's Lake Association Annual General Meeting

July 3, 2014 NKCC

1. Call to Order

Bill Johnston, Director of Communications chaired the meeting for Charlie Coffey who was unavailable. Bill called the meeting to order

2. Opening Remarks

Bill welcomed the Mayors , Politicians, Special Guests and members. He introduced the Board Members who were present: Steve Kerr, Marcine DuBois, Neill Lanz, Sarah Robertson, Doug Allison, Mary Beadon, Alice Court, and Nanci Smith.

Bill displayed the FOCA Achievement Award that the JLA was awarded this spring. He thanked Steve Kerr and Neill Lanz in particular for their efforts on our behalf.

3. Agenda

It was moved by Jan VanVelzen and seconded by Denise Marseille that the proposed agenda be approved **PASSED**

4. Minutes of 2015 AGM

D Robinson moved that the minutes of the 2015 AGM be approved as circulated. Motion seconded by Pierre Bertrand. **PASSED**

5. Statutory Authorizations

5:1 Approval of 2015 Financial Statements and 2016 Budget

Doug Allison, Treasurer, presented the Financial Statements and highlighted notable line items.

Doug moved that the 2016 Budget be approved as presented. Seconded by Eunice Speed. **PASSED**

5:2 Election & Nomination of Directors, effective Sept. 2016

5:2:1 There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved by Sheelagh Hysenaj and seconded by Bill DuBois that the following directors be re-elected for a three year term of office: Alice Court, Charlie Coffey, Paul Campbell, Steve Kerr, Neill Lanz, Glen Painter.

PASSED

5:2:2 it was moved by Mary Ann Bell and seconded by Guy Speed that Sarah Robertson be confirmed as a Director of the Jack's Lake Association.

PASSED

6. Updates from Mayors Gerow, HBM and Woodcock, NK

Bill explained that each Mayor had been asked to respond to specific questions presented by the JLA.

Mayor Woodcock introduced the other members of council present.

Question re the municipal budget: Mayor said that this was a difficult topic. The budget increased 8.9% this year including 4.9% of which was the increase in policing costs due to downloading by the province. The taxes will increase between \$37 - \$183/ year, depending

on evaluations. (Every 1% is approximately \$400,000.). Mayor Woodcock expressed the opinion that these increases are unsustainable.

Question re In-Water Development: The approved by-law is under appeal period so the Mayor could not say much, but the by-law is on their website. The by-law supports dock sizes of 800 square feet (including ramps) and does not support wet boathouses. Current docks are grandfathered.

Question re Septic Re-Inspection: NK is into the third year of their program. Good progress has been made. Letters have been sent to the Jacks Lake properties in NK advising them that they will be inspected next year.

Question re Health: The mayor advised that the first protocol in Ontario has been approved saying that patients can designate the destination of ambulances.(In our case we can insist that we be taken to Peterborough.)

In the Medical Centre in Apsley, he explained that there is now a three stream approach – stream one is a dentist, stream two is Dr. Rayes, and stream three is a nurse practitioner who is under the supervision of a doctor in Peterborough.

Question re logging on Jacks Lake Road: this is on the agenda for Tues.'s council meeting. It took place prior to NK's winter maintenance system. The logging was done by the Bancroft Minden Forestry Co. with the approval of the MNRF. They used existing roads and trails for access and they logged on provincial lands. The municipality does not own the customary 66 feet next to the road in this case. It does not appear that municipal lands were illegally logged, but this will be discussed.

The mayor said that municipal affairs are up-to-date on their website and he also writes regularly in the Apsley Voice and Backroads magazines. He advised that Highway 28 will under construction for 4-10 weeks north of Apsley. Next year the Haultain Bridge will be replaced.

He encouraged everyone to come to a special event on Sept 5 – Monday of the long weekend – the Lions Club has arranged for the RCMP full musical ride to Apsley.

Mayor Gerow, HBM introduced those attending from the HBM Council. He outlined their Strategic Plan Incentives which are on their website. These include a Long Term Care Facility, road planning, and shared services. The HBM and NK councils are planning a joint meeting in Sept.

Question re the budget: There is a 3% increase the biggest share of which is the OPP downloaded costs. Over the next three years these costs will increase 24.75% Also factored in our website development costs and the last year of MPAC re-assessments and road improvements. The mayor urged us to carefully read the appeal process, which has been changed.

Question re In-Water Development: In-water boathouses are not allowed. There has been one public meeting regarding docks, a further one is planned for July 11, 2016. All existing docks are grandfathered. The current proposal is that any dock under 15 square metres would need a permit but the permitting process is to be streamlined. **15 square metres aligns with the size below which MNR requirements would not kick in.??????**

Question re Septic Re-Inspection: The mayor explained that they tried to work with the Peterborough Health Unit but were not successful. It was decided that the program was too expensive for property owners. They hope to negotiate further with the health authority re a joint plan, but they need to hear from their constituents.

Question re Transparency & Openness: There is a meeting the next day on an implementation strategy for the HBM Website which will be similar to NK's. The changes will make it more user friendly and should be in place by Sept.

Question re Wetlands Classification: The mayor explained that wetlands classification comes up every year. They have asked the province to include mapping but they have not. Council is aware of wetlands and every development application is assessed re the impact. He suggested that the JLA send a letter to the province requesting wetlands mapping, and request council to endorse that letter. There is a need to get more aggressive.

Question from the floor: Size of the dock proposal (160 Square feet/ 15 metres) Below this level MNR requirements would not kick in. NK is 800 square feet. Why the difference?

Mayor Gerow replied that this is in line with MNR numbers but they are looking for input.

Question from the floor: Re catwalks to adjust docks as water level recedes. Is the catwalk included? Yes. Fee for a minor variance adjustment has not been set as yet.

Question form floor: Quote from mayor saying they “ did not want to get into this business” ? Mayor replied that they thought the MNR system was adequate and that residents seem to be satisfied. He pointed out that any variance required MPAC re-assessment.

Motion from the floor:

It was moved by Bill DuBois and seconded by Jim Peron that JLA request Wetland Mapping by the MNR.

PASSED

7. Guest Speakers

Wetlands Evaluation –

Paul Heaven, Glenside Ecological Services.

Paul explained the importance of wetlands for habitat for flora and fauna, flood attenuation, filtration and recreation. There are many kinds of wetland and they are not all wet.

He explained the evaluation system. With a high score, certain restrictions will apply. He has begun his field work in the Sheeps Bay/ Brooks Bay Wetland and he explained that no private land will be accessed.

Peterborough Regional Health Centre Foundation -

Katie Pezoulas

Katie explained that the PRHC opened in 2008 and encompasses cancer care, cardiac and vascular imagery, emergency, ICU, and diagnostic imaging. It is the largest hospital between Ottawa and Toronto. From EMS a cardiac patient will be sent directly to the cardiac stent lab where life saving services are available. She cited a case study of a seasonal resident whose life was saved.

8. Break for Information Exchange at Table Displays

9. Directors' Reports

Please see circulated written reports from Environment and Membership.

Logging

Neill Lanz circulated a map of Jack's Lake showing the proposed logging sites. He brought the membership up-to-date on the work that he and his committee had done on our behalf with the MNRF and logging companies. Please see his article in the summer 2016 Smoke Signals.

MOECC are reviewing the process thus far. He explained that mercury leaching in to the lake has been identified as a Health and Safety issue and thus MOECC involvement. Dr. Dave Lean assessed our final negotiating position and determined that the logging was too close to the water. JLA then asked the MOECC for an environmental assessment. Neill

pointed out that the JLA mandate is based on our Lake Plan, the central issue of which was water quality. On that basis he and his committee have been negotiating.

10. Other Business

The chairman reported from Mayor Woodcock that the 40 km. speed signs on Jack's Lake Road will be reviewed.

He also pointed to Eileen Moulton who is looking for any other water access cottages who would be interested in a septic clean out. 6 customers are required to get the honey wagon on the lake.

Motion from the floor:

It was moved by Jim Peron and seconded by Doug Moulton that HBM consider aligning their standards for dock sizes with those of NK (807 square feet) rather than having two different sizes on the same lake.

PASSED

10:1 Kids & Cops Fishing Derby

Jim Peron and Bill DuBois chair this event. They outlined the event to be held on July 9 at the marinas. The OPP and Nature Park are both going to have special displays for the kids. Jim and Bill are looking to retire this year and would like someone to shadow them at this year's event and take over.

10:2 Hot Dog Social & Swim Lessons

Alice court encouraged everyone to attend the Hot dog social at her cottage on July 16th. It is a great way for kids to get to know others on the lake. Details in the newest Smoke Signals.

Alice also encouraged kids to sign up for swim lessons, the last two weeks in July and the first week in Aug. (or any part). She thanked the Anchorage Marina for their help, without which the lessons could not take place. Sign up for lessons is on the NKCC website.

10:3 Regatta

Dave Hoyle, Regatta Chairman, is looking for volunteers for the registration table, bake and book tables, arts and crafts. He also is looking for high school kids who would like to get volunteer hours as runners, judges, presenters, etc.

The regatta is on July 30 & 31. A tentative schedule is on the JLA website.

The sailing is in Robbins Bay this year and registration is either the day of at the marina or by phone to Dave's cottage. The website has Dave's contact information.

Pre-registration is 8:30-9:30 on Sat.

11. Questions from Floor

A reminder that all members are encouraged to register on line if possible. You can still pay by cheque, but on line you can now use credit card, debit card as well a Paypal.

Registration on line will ensure that our membership list is up-to-date.

12. Adjournment

Bill thanked our table presenters for providing us with information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.