

Little Silver and Rainbow Lakes Property Owners Association

Minutes from the Director's meeting – November 5, 2017 – 1 LSL Road, 10 a.m.

Present: Frank Johnson, President; Eileen Barbeau, Secretary; Alison Bentley; Paul Chambers; Andrew Kendrick; Keith Keyes; Sue Sammut.

Apologies: Lynn Tarzwell; Wilma van Zwol

1. **Minutes** of September 2, 2017. Previously approved prior to posting.
2. **Business Arising.** Items will appear under separate headings during the meeting.
3. **LSP**

There was discussion, section by section, covering the following aspects: had suggestions/comments been received, drafts modified as a result and were the latest set of revisions ready for posting?

The outcome was:

that the latest drafts of *Environment* and *Development* would be posted within a few days;

Water Levels and Flow : - after the addition of a final section on monitoring and engagement with property owners- before Christmas ;

History : in a couple of weeks and with a further considerable expansion, in the early spring.

Comments have been received for all sections except for the *Respect and Safe Recreation*.

To meet the planned goal of bringing the Plan to the AGM in July, 2018, which will permit submission to the Township in time for the next version of their Official Plan, comments will be invited on the latest drafts and subsequent revisions will be posted as appropriate. A workshop for members of the Association will be planned in the spring; the secretary was asked to see if a local hall could be booked for April 14th. { note after the meeting: ABC Hall has been booked }. Following this event, there will be a final compilation which will be circulated.

4. From the Lake Networking Group (LNG) meeting on November 3rd

Frank attended this and reported that many lakes have experienced considerably higher water levels this year and concern was expressed about shorelines. Information on resources and programs of agencies was shared. Of interest is that in addition to expert advice there is now some funding available for remediation projects. Eileen mentioned that there is still a link on our website giving details of the RVCA Shoreline Naturalization Program and that she would post any additional links referenced at the meeting.

Directors confirmed that the role of LSRLPOA is an educational one, to provide links to the resources not to become involved in actual solutions to particular situations about which only experts and authorities can advise.

It was also mentioned at the LNG meeting that RVCA will be producing a map of low-lying properties in the summary of water quality trends to be published next May.

5. Beaver Baffler

Andrew reported that he observed before the meeting that the stream was full, higher than in spring, and that water was flowing over the dam. He pointed out that the beaver only becomes bothered by the sound of running water and so tries to block the pipes if they are on the surface; those pipes which are underwater are not blocked so frequently. Cages are working quite well but do require cleaning from time to time. The current dam has almost no seepage as much mud has been used – it is almost impermeable.

The action proposed at the last Director's meeting has not taken place as there were concerns expressed by a number of residents on various aspects of the plan. Since then Frank has been having communication with property owners who are particularly concerned about the baffler design. Before this meeting, he wished to determine if there was acceptance of the current proposal to add a further black 8" pipe and bring total capacity closer to the levels achieved when the green pipes were in use. The net result is that there will be 3 x 8", 3 x 6" and 3 x 4" pipes, which will all be effective at high water levels but will gradually drop out at lower levels. This will maintain some flow but prevent too rapid drainage in periods of drought. After Frank's report and subsequent discussion the following was presented. **Motion:** That the confirmation received was adequate for proceeding with the installation. Proposed Andrew. Seconded Alison. Voting 6 for with 1 abstention. Passed.

It was planned to do the work in the afternoon, despite the inclement weather

{note after the meeting: this has been completed as planned}

Maintenance of the baffler is important and a member wondered if hiring someone to assist would be appropriate but it was felt that there were sufficient members, at this time, willing to volunteer in this regard.

6. Treasurer's report

There were no issues at this time.

7. Other Business

a) Rainbow Lake Water Quality

Alison & Eileen reported on a brief survey they had distributed to those property owners abutting Rainbow Lake (this included some on Silvery Lane as well as those on most of Rainbow Lane). A copy of the survey was distributed and a summary of responses to date given – see appendix. In order to obtain more opinion, it was decided to contact those who had not already responded to encourage their input.

b) E-mail distribution system

There was concern that the present system did not comply with current privacy guidelines. As the company hosting our website offers mailing as part of this package at no additional charge, it was decided to try out their system which does comply.

c) Next Bulletin/Newsletter

It was pointed out that these minutes would soon be posted (and provide an update) so that an immediate issue of either a Bulletin or Newsletter would not be necessary. The Directors will be in contact regarding the timing of the next Newsletter.

8. Next meeting.

December 27th at I LSL Road

9. Adjournment.

12 noon.

Appendix

This note below with the survey attached was sent to property owners on both sides of Rainbow Lake.

“There has been concern expressed from time to time by Rainbow property owners about the quality of the lake water. As Rainbow property owners ourselves, and also LSRLPOA Board members, we need your input as to how you wish to address this. We have devised a few questions which we hope will enable you to let us know your opinion without taking a lot of your time.”

Please answer the questions below (fields will expand automatically), save the survey as a new document and email it back to us. We look forward to receiving your feedback. As we have a meeting on November 5, we would appreciate a response by noon on November 4 so that we can include your input in our discussions.

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Rainbow Lake Water Quality Survey

Questions	Yes (please add notes, comments and concerns as desired)	Not really
Do you have questions/concerns about:		
a) Safety for swimming		
b) Number of aquatic plants		
c) Meaning of RVCA sampling data posted on the website		
d) What streams feed into the lake		
e) The level of the water		
f) The weir between RL & LSL		
Should the Association be paying more attention to Rainbow Lake concerns?		
If more sampling and lab work were needed, would you be prepared for an increase in membership dues?		
Would it be helpful to have a meeting to address our concerns? Please indicate which month and what time of the week would be good for you.		
Is there anything you would like to add?		

Summary of Rainbow Lake Water Survey responses to date for November 5 meeting

1. Do you have any questions/concerns about:
 - a) **Safety for swimming**
Is water OK if ingested, especially by children? Is algae at a toxic level? Is it safe to swim generally? Comments: Not too bad but too many weeds; not really.
 - b) **Number of aquatic plants**
Too many; much worse; increasing off shore; plants taking over ; the height is a concern as feet get tangled; might not be dangerous but feels like that ; does the number affect water quality?
 - c) **Meaning of RVCA sampling data posted on website**
Would like to be informed; put in layman's language; just like to know if the water is safe for consumption and if the algae at a toxic level; is the quality so bad? Would be helpful to have the lifeguard colour postings.
 - d) **What streams feed into the lake**
That would be interesting; concern about the swamp on the other side of CR 36; not really any questions or concerns
 - e) **The level of the water**
Does a higher level keep the weeds down and the quality up? Higher this year- like it -better for swimming; "yes" to concerns and comments but not specified; doesn't matter; "it is what it is"
 - f) **The weir between RL & LSL**
Who looks after it- just the concern of LSL or does RL have a concern & say? To keep it blocked or not? "yes" to concerns and comments but not specified; "Not really" to concerns and comments; people probably do not know that it is on private property.
2. **Should the Association be paying more attention to Rainbow Lake Concerns?**
"yes" unanimous
3. **If more sampling and lab work were needed, would you be prepared for an increase in membership dues?**
"yes" unanimous
4. **Would it be helpful to have a meeting to address our concerns?** Please indicate which month and what time of the week would be good for you.

Always helpful to meet in person; probably; a letter with everyone's concerns would suffice; offers of hosting a meeting; availability dates given by some
5. **Is there anything you would like to add?**
Keep up the interest; appreciate your efforts; thank you; nothing to add at this time; do any households drain used water straight into the lake? Biggest concern is the obvious absence of bullfrogs.

