

# Little Silver and Rainbow Lakes Property Owners Association

## Directors Meeting

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018 4 pm 1 Little Silver Lake Road

Present: Frank Johnson, Chair, Eileen Barbeau, Secretary, Alison Bentley, Paul Chambers, Andrew Kendrick, Keith Keyes, Sue Sammut, Lynn Tarzwell, Wilma van Zwol.

1. Minutes of 2 June 2018. Previously circulated, approved and subsequently posted on the website. No corrections.

2. Matters arising from these and from the AGM not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

a) Members agreed to plan to hold the AGM on a Saturday rather than a Sunday with a similar format to that of this year. Feedback had been particularly favourable regarding the change of day and the light refreshments were appreciated. Eileen will ensure that Maberly Community Hall is booked for July 13, 2019.

b) A resident had asked if there were plans to produce another Directory. Members recalled that those on the mailing list were asked in a newsletter to indicate if they wished to have their contact information included in such a publication. Eileen & Wilma reported that as there was such a small number who were willing, the Directors decided not to proceed; this was reported in a subsequent newsletter where it was suggested that members contact their neighbours directly.

3. Lake Stewardship Plan (LSP)

Frank has incorporated Noelle Reeve's suggestions into the document and has received word back from her that they were well represented. The next stage will be for the revised document to be circulated to all the Board with a time-line of a week to send back to Frank any additional comments. Then the Board will be asked to approve the final version and agree with the formal submission of it to the Township.

4. Next Steps towards the second edition

The sections, Water Quality & Lake Level and History will need to be developed further. Andrew, as Lake Steward, will develop the first and Keith will add material relating to First Nations People to the History section.

5. Lake Steward's Report (attached)

As Andrew had already circulated his report, he just wished to emphasize that the baffler flow is as intended and that there is some flow into Little Silver from Rainbow and out into the Tay which is reasonable considering the very dry conditions. He has observed the increase in weed growth and that some property owners have been attempting to control them near their shores by raking. Care must be taken not to disturb the bed. A member mentioned that previous advice given by RVCA indicated that a minimal amount of clearance was allowed for swimming and boat access. If in doubt about the advisability of their plans in this regard, property owners are advised to contact RVCA. There is concern among property owners about the wake created by an increasing number of boats and that the speed limit is not adhered to. We will ensure that the reference to the Ministry regulations specific to Little Silver will be pointed out on the website and in a future bulletin.

The full report will also be posted in the Lake Steward section on the website.

6. Treasurer's Report

Wilma noted that she received \$435 in fees at the AGM and no additional ones since. She reminded Area Reps of her schedule and that she would appreciate receiving more funds before leaving. There has only been one cheque drawn: for AGM refreshments.

#### 7. Training Exercise for Fire/Safety Personnel

Sue reported on this which took place on August 13. Sue & Frank Sammut were “witnesses” to a hypothetical possible drowning which occurred near their cottage. Trucks came along the road and a boat accessed the Lake via the boat launch off LSL road. It involved about a dozen personnel in a coordinated response searching the water, interviewing neighbours and even using an additional boat from a resident. It was very impressive that training scenarios happen weekly. It certainly is a bonus for us that the personnel have such preparation and also that an outcome of this particular one is that there is knowledge of our lake as specific details and protocols will now be tabulated should an event occur. Eileen mentioned that those on the mailing list were alerted in advance.

#### 8. Website

Eileen mentioned that as there is so much information both directly and indirectly, via links, that she has been trying different formats on the Home Page to make the contents more accessible. What she would like to happen is that members visit regularly knowing that they can easily ascertain if there are items of interest recently posted or matters about which the Board or authorities wish to have them informed.

#### 9. Bulletins and Mailing Lists

There was preliminary discussion about the role of the bulletin, consolidating the various mailing lists and the delivery mechanism for communications from the President and Board. It was mentioned that the Bulletin was considered an effective way to refer residents to the website and that statistics of those referrals suggested that the method was effective. The email list is maintained and up to date and can be shared among other members of the board. Discussion to be continued as required.

#### 10. Adopt- a- Road

This year volunteers began in May with pulling the wild parsnip rosettes and were active into the beginning of June. After a break they were back in July working intensively pulling flowering plants prior to seeding. They monitored during August pulling rogue plants. The County mowed twice this year and used the long arm on ditches which was very helpful. Volunteers who helped control the Wild Parsnip also picked up litter. Eileen stated that according to her records, to date 8 volunteers have contributed 68 hours; there are also other undocumented hours by volunteers who help care for our environment by noticing and picking up litter. After 3 years without spraying, various wild flowers are coming back along these roadsides. Frank offered to take some photographs and suggested that some be posted on the website. The Directors thanked Eileen & Ed very much for their hard work on this project.

The Friends of Lanark County (FOLC), with whom Eileen is in contact, remain active and are most concerned that the County’s Vegetation Management Plan be amended. Presently many of the group are actively supporting election candidates who have demonstrated support for no spraying and other environmental issues.

#### 11. Municipal Election in Tay Valley

The upcoming All Candidates Meeting on September 26, 7 -9 pm, at Glen Tay P.S., sponsored by CFUW, Perth & District Branch, will be advertised in the Bulletin and on the website *Calendar*.

#### 12. Additional goals and plans

Frank asked members if they wished to add to those already mentioned. Having more community events, undertaking an environmental assessment, investigating the flow from the pond near the disused mine into Rainbow Lake and aiming to have a more inclusive friendly environment were mentioned.

13. Next meeting

It will be probably be not until the end of December unless something necessitates one earlier. Meanwhile Directors will stay in contact via email.