

MINUTES OF THE LSRLPOA  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Wednesday, August 27th, 2025  
AT 4:00 PM via Zoom

1. IN ATTENDANCE: Frank Johnson, Tom Ellis, Carol Morgan, Frank Sammut, Cathy Anderson, Steve Hiltz, Richard Mosley, Jim Walterhouse
  
2. REGRETS: Margo Ayers
  
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by all
  
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 31st, 2025 DIRECTORS MEETING:  
Approved by all, followed by a discussion of the importance of succinctness in the Minutes to reflect primarily action items and votes taken during the Directors' Meetings.
  
5. SPECIAL REPORT FROM F. SAMMUT, C. ANDERSON AND T. ELLIS:
  - a. Concerning the incident at the August 12th TVT COW Meeting:

Brief summary was provided about Deputy Reeve Dobbie's inappropriate and disrespectful remarks, directed towards us as lakefront property owners within Tay Valley Township. The following day, the three property owners present requested an apology directly from the Deputy Reeve, which was not forthcoming. A complaint has been filed with the Integrity Commissioner. We now await a response from the IC, who also serves as the lawyer for the Township.

Further, the Executive was informed that the Township, by direction of the provincial government, is now operating under Strong Mayor Powers. It appears that the Reeve, with whom those powers officially rest, appears to have delegated most/all of the administrative powers to the CAO.

## 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: FRANK JOHNSON

### a. Municipal Affairs:

1. The motions regarding livestreaming of public meetings by Tay Valley Township (go ahead for livestreaming, direction to TVT staff to investigate potential methods and costs of recording and storing those recordings) as well as a motion giving the go ahead for the purchase and installation of a new audio in Council Chambers were all approved at the August 26th TVT Council Meeting.
2. Frank will circulate his report on the options regarding PURs when it is ready.

### b. TVT Survey:

A survey, prepared and available on the Tay Valley Township website, seeks feedback from residents of TVT on a variety of topics. There are 170+ questions, and an opportunity to provide comments at the end. Frank provided a link in the last bulletin sent out to members of our lake association, as the survey was not easy to access through the Township's website.

## 7. TREASURER'S REPORT: CAROL MORGAN

### a. Membership Update:

Carol provided a summary of the current registration numbers for Association membership. Sixty properties have joined the Association and have paid their fees, representing \$2150 (with annual membership fees having increased to \$35). Area representatives are asked to contact the property owners who have not yet joined to encourage their participation and payment, with a due date of September 30th (although it was noted that our Association ByLaws technically does not require payment until the end of May, and a change would require a

motion at the next AGM). Carol will send out a list of property owners who are outstanding to the area representatives for follow up.

There was a discussion about the benefits of membership (FOCA membership, invitation to the AGM, etc.), and about whether non-members should receive bulletins from the Association, especially as regards our interactions with the Township and our deliberations with our road situations. It was agreed that if bulletins are being sent out to other Associations or people outside of our immediate lake community, they should also be sent out to non-members within our Association. No resolution was reached during today's discussion regarding inclusion of non-member residents in Association communications. It was agreed that we will continue to consider the need to establish an agreed balance between member benefits and community information distribution and inclusion.

#### 8. LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT: FRANK SAMMUT

FOCA has a magazine of interest to all cottage/lakefront property owners, which is available on their website to registered FOCA members.

RVCA is due to come in late September for lake quality sampling. They have stated that water levels in Rideau Valley are generally extremely low, but LSL's water level is good. There is currently reported to be no flow between Rainbow Lake and LSL.

#### 9. SECRETARY'S REPORT: CATHY ANDERSON

The Secretary's current contact list was circulated to all area representatives in advance of the meeting. It was noted that the list circulated needed significant updates, and that there are, in fact, a number of lists circulating. It was agreed that it would be advisable to have an editable document, and that using Google Docs and Google Sheets would be best. Area representatives would have the ability and responsibility to keep that master list updated. Cathy to look for assistance within the Directors' group as needed to get us all using the same

programs and to establish one master listing of contact information. Steve and Jim have offered to assist as needed.

#### 10. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: TOM ELLIS

##### a. Terms of Reference for the Social Committee:

Jim has agreed to take the lead and will generate a bulletin to be sent to all Association members looking for volunteers. Our Association ByLaws allow for and require terms of reference for subcommittees of the Association. Tom drafted terms of reference for this committee, which were sent to the Directors in advance of this meeting. During discussion, it was noted that the terms of reference stipulate the number of meetings, with a minimum of four, but flexible. A brief written report would be generated (not Minutes) for each meeting. There is a line in the Association budget for social events that are Association sponsored.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Jim, to approve the Terms of Reference for the Social Committee of the LSRLPOA. All voted unanimously in favour.

We discussed a preference for using the ABC Hall for social events where possible, noting proximity, low rental fee, and low insurance requirement.

Also noted was that there is a benefit concert scheduled for September 20th at ABC Hall, in support of Willowcreek Stables, which rescues and nurtures Newfoundland ponies. Its owner is currently experiencing medical hardship, and all proceeds will go to the stables. Carol will post on our FaceBook page.

##### b. FireSmart Canada

The drought this summer has raised everyone's awareness of wildfire concerns. Tom has arranged for a local specialist from FireSmart Canada to come on

September 10th to do an assessment of our readiness and our needs as regards fire preparedness. Frank Sammut will be the contact on that day if required. Discussion took place about the advisability of establishing a subcommittee of the Association focused on fire safety. Tom will generate terms of reference for a FireSmart subcommittee, and he will circulate to the Directors when ready.

c. Recruitment of Volunteers for subcommittees of the LSRLPOA:

A future bulletin will be generated this fall to go out to the membership of our Association concerning possible subcommittees (Social, Website, FireSmart, etc.) or other volunteers to assist with Association activities and business (eg. someone to help us with the annual filing of taxes). Committee members must be members of the Association in good standing. Volunteers are covered under our insurance policy. Any subcommittee of our Board will operate under Terms of Reference, as with the Social Committee.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

12. NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 22nd at 4:00 pm by Zoom

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.