

**Fox Lake Association  
Board Meeting of September 5, 2015**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Judy and Tony Maxwell (hosts), Mary Smirniw, Bill Knight, Tom Gillette, Jim McMahon, David White

**Review of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 17, 2015 and the AGM of July 11, 2015 were reviewed. There were no significant changes or comments. However, since there was not a quorum of directors at this meeting it was agreed to seek approval of the minutes via email.

**Update on Officers and Directors**

- Resignations:
  - Karen Beamer resigned as a director as of the AGM.
  - Sharon Lillico resigned as an officer (secretary) and stepped down as of the AGM meeting.
- New appointments:
  - Paul Moores appointed director
- Discussion of new positions.
  - Secretary role: It was decided that we would not recruit for a replacement for Sharon at this time but would rotate the Secretary role among the officers and directors for each meeting.
  - Government relations role: There was discussion on the merits of creating a new officer role focused on maintaining relations with various government bodies with a particular focus on the Town of Huntsville. The objective would be to stay current on any issue affecting the Lake and communicating any FLA positions to the various Government organizations. There was some discussion about approaching Alex Yule on taking on this role. Mary was to sound Alix out on this role and determine interest. Board to develop a formal role description.

**Financial Report**

Jim provided an update on Financials. The current position is similar to what was reported at the AGM with a positive balance of around \$14K. Some additional funding was accrued from the Corn Roast auction. \$5000 remains reserved to support the costs to integrate the FLA Lake Plan into the Town's plan.

## **Lake Plan Update**

Judy presented an update on the Lake Plan activity. The completed Planning Justification Report was submitted to the Town on July 26<sup>th</sup>. As well, the Draft Text for the Town of Huntsville Official Plan Pertaining to Fox Lake was provided to the Town as well.

We expect the Town's official plan review to be launched in October. [An Advisory Group was recruited over the summer and the work will continue until at least late 2016.](#) This has been a year in development.

Some of the key policy recommendations highlighted in the Draft Text included:

- Any proposed residential development must conform to the by-laws, policies, plans and rules of the Town of Huntsville, the Fox Lake Association's lake plan, and other regulatory bodies (e.g. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry), and must minimize or preferably eliminate any negative impact on the health of the lake and surrounding area.
- The frontage requirement for new lot creation be not less than 60 metres (200 feet).
- Linear residential development be preferred, and no cluster development be permitted;
- Any multi-unit shoreline development proposal be subject to impact studies to identify risks to the health of the lake and the quality of life on the lake;
- Frontages for any new lots in the Fox Tail be 120 metres (400 feet), consistent with the requirement for narrow water-bodies (Official Plan, Section 8.11).
- High profile development be discouraged on backlands and heights of land, especially on Mount Ararat.
- No "wet" boathouses be permitted.
- No public launch site be permitted.
- The Hoodstown portage be restored either by land easements from the four property owners, or by creating a safe pathway dedicated to non-motorized traffic up to and along the road allowance for Muskoka Road 45, as approved by the Committee for Public Infrastructure and Protective Services;
- The visibility and character of the rock pile in the north bay be maintained;
- Dark night skies be protected;

- Past decisions to set aside land for conservation be respected;
- The Fox Lake Association and the Town of Huntsville monitor and discuss the health of the lake on an ongoing basis.

### **Lake Steward Report**

Benthic monitoring completed and results in. No brief overview of the results was provided by the biotech this year. We're kind of on our own to interpret the results. As before there is a generic guide on how to interpret the results. However, at this point, generally difficult to come to any sweeping conclusions based on year-over- year comparisons. For anyone interested in reviewing, we will post on the website. As well, the results from the University of Waterloo testing has also been posted to the website.

### **Other Topics**

**Fall Newsletter** - Targeting for around Thanksgiving. Tom to propose and distribute topics.

**Membership** – Tom to solicit north end cottagers for membership. Mary to blitz the westenders.

**Ender OMB Hearing** – no decision at time of meeting. (Positive decision subsequently came down on September 9<sup>th</sup>.)

**Reforestation** – no significant work on this through the summer. We'll revisit the actions required for this next year.

**Camp Winnebago wake boat issue** – operational behaviour seemed to be improving toward the end of the camp season. We'll need to monitor closely at the beginning of the summer and see if we need to take action with the camp early next season.

**Association perks** – there was a discussion about involving suppliers to provide discounts on merchandise for association members. This could provide additional incentive for recruiting new members. Decision deferred for future discussion.

### **Tom Gillette**

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