



Port Elgin & Saugeen Township Beachers' Organization

Annual General Meeting Minutes July 30, 2005

The Annual General Meeting of the Port Elgin & Saugeen Township Beachers' Organization was called to order by Dave Martin at 10:05 am at Rotary Hall in Port Elgin.

Attendance

General membership: List on file with Business Manager

Board Members: Dave Martin, Phyllis Fagan, John Mann, Todd Aitchison, John Kyles, Bill Rose, Margaret Grottenthaler, Clare Rennie and Mac Campbell.

Guest Speakers: Mike Smith (Deputy Mayor), Dave Preston (Chief of Police), Mike Myatt (Community Services), Lino Rossi (Grey Bruce Health Unit) and Hugh Morrison (Ontario Power Generation)

President-Dave Martin

Dave Martin began the meeting by introducing the attending members of the Board of Directors. Dave introduced Deputy Mike Mayor, Dave Preston, Mike Myatt, Lino Rossi and Hugh Morrison to the members and thanked them for coming.

Welcome and Saugeen Shores Update-Deputy Mayor Mike Smith

Council Official Plan

1-Upgrades are going to be made to the Water Treatment Plant.

2-Waterfront Committee and Master Parks and Trail Committee 5 to 10 year plan.

3-There is going to be a Septic Tank Committee in fall of 2006. There is a problem of septic waste and they hope to come up with a solution in the near future. Meeting is Aug 13.

4-Updating the Official Plan of Zoning and Bylaw

There is a 20 year time frame for this project, and will be discussed in a number of meetings. There is a rough draft at the Town Building and also at Port Elgin Library and Southampton Library.

5-They have recruited a new doctor to the area of Saugeen Shores.

6-Master Parks and Trails Committee are in the process of figuring out how to loop Gobels Grove to MacGreggor Park. There was talk of trees down between Izzard and Shipley. This is private land not public.

Member: Is there money put away for subsidized housing? As of right now, all of the subsidized housing is full.

Mike: This is an issue for Bruce County Housing. There is no money set aside for subsidized housing in Saugeen Shores at this point. However on the official plan, the target is that there will be 20% affordable housing.

Member: Has the Parks and Trails Committee have been formed yet?

Mike: Yes it has. The members are: Dunk McCallin, Bob Clarison, Judy Martin, Dave Cheer, Gord Boyd, Suzie Keith and Bruce Alexander.

Member: How does Port Elgin feel about the Environment Assessment having not been done yet? Has Port Elgin received any money? Does the council have any concerns?

Mike: Yes Port Elgin has received some money. It is in the general account, and council will decide how to spend it. The council meets monthly. Port Elgin Council is well aware of this process.

Member: Would like to be more aware of Council Meetings.

Mike: The meetings are listed on the Town web site.

2004 AGM Minutes

Mary Lou Mann moves for the approval of 2004 AGM Minutes. Todd Aitchison 2nd the motion, all in favour, no one opposed.

Ann McNeilly read the Ratification Statement:

I move that all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections, and payments enacted, made, done, and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Port Elgin and Saugeen Township Beachers' Organization since the last Annual Meeting of the Organization as set out or referred to in the Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors or in the Financial Statement submitted to this meeting be hereby approved, ratified, sanctioned and confirmed.

2nd by Clare Rennie
All in favour, no one opposed.

Dave Martin: Review of last year

Thanked Tina Hill for bringing in new ideas for the directory as well as different advertising. The attempts for increasing the membership have somewhat been successful. Over this past winter, there was an unusual amount of debris that was washed up on the beach. Responding to the complaints the town has received; they made the decision to bring in heavy machinery and motorized vehicles on the crown land. Such as dump trucks, bull dozers and front end loaders. Some Beacher members are happy about this, some are not. The experts agree that machinery does not belong on the beach. When you scrape away the sand on the beach, the sand will blow away. The efforts in fencing the beach have been improved to prevent migration. Winter patrol went well this year. Gary has agreed for this winter. On a general note, it is my hope that the Beachers will continue to offer opinions in a supportive and constructive manner. We need your support and involvement in this organization or the Beachers Organization will not succeed.

Financial Report: Tina Hill

Net Worth Statement

We have \$4180.59 in the bank, in the Money market account we have \$2079.74 and GIC's worth \$3540.18. Total \$9811.05.

Comparison Report

Inflows: Advertising revenue is up \$1400.00, Membership income is down by \$250.00 as we have 24 unpaid members this year. Outflows are up from last year as a result of printing of the brochure and directory.

Budget Report

We increased membership income and some expenses for 2005.

Welcome Dave Preston: Chief of Police

As of March 1st we had a change in our police services. We now have an inspector.

Because of the new Youth Criminal Justice Act, we can not charge any youth under 17 unless we show that we go through a process with each individual. We now have a bicycle violation ticket for people under 17. The youth would have to take this ticket home to the parents, and they have 48 hours to deal with this ticket. If this ticket is not dealt with, it is followed up with a phone call or a house visit to see the parents. 22 tickets were given last week and parents responded to half the tickets.

Last fall our canine unit Rapture died of a brain tumor. As a result we have a fundraising program under way. Council has made a donation of \$1000.00 toward this program. We are selling t-shirts as well for \$10.00. We are very close to having the money we need for our new canine dog.

Beach problem last year was reduced by 72 % from Community watch. The funding is now gone. The council approved funding so we are able to have an officer Friday and Saturday nights patrolling the beach. There is also a full time security person down on the beach.

We are having a very busy summer. Last week we had 200 incidents, where last year we were averaging 90 incidents per week.

Welcome Mike Myatt: Director of Community Services

This is my 4th summer working with Town of Saugeen Shores. Good news this year, Port Elgin Harbour was a recipient of a 5 green acre award. Thanks to Gary Smith and the harbour masters for keeping the Marina clean. We have a student 7 days a week 8-12 that goes along the beach and removes ground litter. We have a Parks and Trail advisory Committee formed now. Our most recent committee is the Trail Linkage Committee.

Vandalism is our main issue to the Beach area. We are working hard on that, and have staff on every weekend. It goes from late at night to wee hours of the morning.

We have replaced 3 swing sets on the Port Elgin beach, thanks to the Port Elgin Tourist Association. We also have improved the playground equipment in Cameron Park and on Southampton Beach. We also have been doing washroom renovations as well. We now have magnetic locks on 6 sites now. It will lock at a certain time each night. If you get stuck inside there is a red button beside the door.

Sand Migration: Has really improved a lot do to the 3 rolls of fencing on the beach. There is an issue of sand disappearing into the creek from a Beachers member. Mike is aware of this issue, says that you would need to talk to Gord from the public works department.

Machinery on beach: Every Friday they grade the beach in Southampton. They clean the beach twice in the summer at Globals Grove. It was a very heavy winter for wash up on the beach this year. It is a very sensitive issue on beach cleaning.

Welcome Lino Rossi: Grey Bruce Health Unit

Lino gave a brief explanation of the importance of safe water for private wells. Private Wells are the responsibility of the owner. Lino is the Safe Water Coordinator of the Grey Bruce Health Unit. There were handouts available on Water Wells.

Welcome Hugh Morrison: Ontario Power Generation

Geological Repository: In 2002 Kincardine approached Ontario Power Generation to determine the long term management on storage of low level waste. A Consulting firm based in the United Kingdom, which specializes in safety assessment of waste management, was hired to see how France, Sweden, Switzerland and USA stored their waste. The deep geologic repository would employ technology similar to that used in Sweden and Finland. With support of the community, OPG will obtain regulatory approvals to construct deep geologic repository. The deep geologic repository is being pursued as the preferred technology because of its greater margin of safety.

There was a pole in the Municipality of Kincardine, of which 60% were for, 20 % were against and 20 % did not vote.

Kincardine, Saugeen Shores, Huron-Kinloss, Arran-Elderslie and Brockton to receive 35 Million paid over 30 years subject to achieving key milestones such as:

- Environment Assessment Guidelines
- Environment Assessment Approval
- Construction License in year 2012
- Operating License in year 2017

The municipalities will choose how to use the funds, for the benefit of their communities.

Provisions for all low and intermediate level waste produced during reactor operations until 2035 and for waste from decommissioning all 20 OPG reactors; approximately 200,000 m³

Provision to negotiate repository expansion for additional low and intermediate level waste for new build reactors

No nuclear fuel will be placed in the deep geologic repository

Property Value Protection Plan

Some Beacher's Members were concerned about:

- The Property Value Protection Plan.
- Having the deep geologic repository right beside one of the Great Lakes, and in a tourist area.

Hugh stayed after the meeting to address these issues and concerns from the members.

Nominations for Board of Directors on the Beachers Association

There were none. Closed

The Official Plan meeting, Aug 20, 2005 will be held here at the Plex.

Dave says that this marks his end of being President, and now Margaret Grottenthaler will be taking over.

Member recommendations:

- Reward money to increase to \$500.00
- Could the AGM meeting be moved to the week after July 1 Weekend.

These issues will be addressed at the next board meeting.

Clare Rennie motioned the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.