

Oxbow Lake Cottagers' Association

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 1, 2017, 9:55 am, Interlaken Fire Hall

1) The President, Brian McCann brought the meeting to order at 9:56 am and welcomed over 60 cottagers and introduced the special guests.

2) Special Guests

Mayor Bob Young is in his 7th year with next year being an election year.

- There were not a lot of major issues at this point; a solid staff; presently a capital campaign to replace infrastructures; good stable finances and with all on track.
- Bob spends a lot of time at the District level, working at the balance there that reflects reality. He recommended writing to District re being fair particularly in the District of Muskoka police allocation and being represented fairly in vote. He will see that we are sent a template with key issues to address. The township has a new planner, Melissa Markham,
- The hospital situation hasn't been addressed re permission to go to the next step to develop a capitol proposal. At this point the focus is more on how make better use of primary level of health care.
- Bob finished with the fact that they (the Lake of Bays Township) are here for you!

District Councillor Shane Baker addressed a variety of issues with regards to Roads.

- Cycling on the road and finding new ways to make that safer including 'share the road' signs.
- Speeding on the road with a request for speed traps and the main days being camp change over days.
- The traffic lights at Grandview need correcting again; and the present resurfacing of the highway in that area will cause issues to completion.
- Tax dollars used will include road work on parts of #8, Fieldale and Billy Bear Road in this area to name some.
- Plowing issues include the fact that it takes 10 hours to deal with snow in Sinclair Township on 300 km of road and drivers are limited in the number of hours worked.
- It was requested that West Oxbow's paved sections needed attention particularly if the equipment is already in the area.
- Grading was done late May and is usually done twice a year.

Councillor Mike Peppard

- Info on Docks, etc will be available to be sent out.
- The Economic Development Committee meets Tuesday, July 11 with an Open House from 1-5 pm in Dwight.

3) A moment of silence was held for cottagers who passed away this year including on the West Arm, Steve Gaida.

4) **Motion 1:** Lynda Arnold, John Lilly

That the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes as distributed be approved. CARRIED

5) Upcoming Summer Dates

- Lake Social: Saturday, July 22 hosted by the Smyths
- Regatta: Sunday, August 6 beginning at 1:30 at the OLCC

6) Lake Items:

a) Wall of Recognition – Brian McCann

No names were brought forward this year. This was started for cottagers on Oxbow who have made a significant contribution to the lake/Association. Names can be presented to the Board for consideration.

b) Lake Markers/The Narrows – Brian McCann

A thank you was extended to Ian Goodhand for putting them in this year. We are looking into having someone do this. OLCC will store markers.

c) Fire Hall Station 50 – Ian Goodhand

There are presently 5 volunteers on Station 50 in the summer and 4 in the winter. All cottages are requested to keep fire numbers clearly visible at the road entrances. Smoke and CO2 detectors should be checked yearly. Presently in Ontario there are 20,000 volunteers – 2/3 of fire fighters are volunteers which is becoming more of a challenge to recruit every year.

d) Wildlife – Lynda Arnold

The bears are out and about with more info on living in bear country on the lake website under Resources. Deer are around and there hasn't been too much on moose sightings in the area.

e) Lake Stewards' Report - Angie & Peter Heydon

Angie reported that because Oxbow Lake is high on the watershed from Algonquin Park, any pollutants from other sources are unlikely and any affect on the lake quality is more likely to be us. Water quality testing is done yearly with a comparison to other lakes around and is consistently good. Mark Lichtenburg does testing for the east arm and Heydons the west arm.

Mark noted that any decline in visibility is due to algae. Fluctuations are normal.

A question was raised if there was going to be a proper composting available at the Transfer Station. Angie replied that this is a District of Muskoka issue. She has raised it to our District Councillor but is not aware of any action by the District on this issue.

f) FOCA – Angie Heydon

OLCA is a member of FOCA and lots of resources are available on their website.

Angie noted from the website: a Climate Change workshop will be held on August 8 at Summit Center in Huntsville.

g) OLCC Rep – Sheryl Breadner

- The OLCC is happy to host the Lake Regatta.

- An invitation to view the Fire Works from their shores was extended.
- A big black dock floated up on their property over the winter. Contact them if you know the owner.

h) Roads Report - Ian Goodhand, John Lilly, Jim Vigmond
Pot holes come and go. Roads are not too bad. East Arm is fine.

i) Communications/Lake Website – Lynda Arnold, Markus Herten

- The new ‘weebly’ lake website with help setting up from Golden Stickwood, is much easier to manage and more user friendly.
- New links have been added under Resources and today begins a promotion on Hooked on Lifejackets.
- Plans are in the works for the Website address to be added to the West Arm Name board.
- Markus spoke on a recent article in Cottage Life re rentals and lake etiquette and noted *Oxbows: Respect, Preserve and Enjoy*. Cottagers can obtain a lot of info on the lake via the website plus there will be a personal touch in a hand out letter (with thanks to Nick Mosgrove for distributing) with info about the lake, membership, volunteers, etc, and in particular, respecting other lake users.

7) Treasurer’s Report – Darlene Conlon presented the financial report.

Motion 2: Darlene Conlon, Ian Goodhand

That the budget as presented with the 2017 Membership dues set at \$40/cottage.

Amended by Jim Vigmond to increase dues to \$45

Amendment to the above Amendment by Diana Leicht: recommending to keep \$40 (since some dues for this year had already been received) and consideration given to increasing to \$45 for next year. CARRIED

8) Proposed Slate of Officers 2017 - 2018

Officers: for Election:

President	Brian McCann	East Arm Rep	Karen Vigmond
Past President	Angie Heydon	OLCC Rep	Sheryl Breadner
Vice President	Markus Herten	Member at large	Larry Barber
Treasurer	Darlene Conlon	Member at large	Ian Goodhand
Secretary	Lynda Arnold	Member at large	Nick Mosgrove
Communications	Lynda Arnold	Member at large	Diana Leicht
West Arm Rep	John Lilly	Member at large	Neil Cambray

Motion 3: John Lilly, Jim Vigmond

That the slate of officers for 2017-18 be approved as presented. CARRIED

Officers: For Appointment:

The following individuals have volunteered to stand for:

Lake Steward – Angie and Peter Heydon

Roads Committee – Ian Goodhand, John Lilly, Jim Vigmond

Regatta Marshalls – Angie & Peter Heydon

West Oxbow Cottage Sign – Ian Goodhand
Wall of Recognition – Ian Goodhand
Mike Peppard Councilor's Advisory Rep – Murray Arnold

9) Other

- a) A note of thanks was extended to Karen Vigmond for providing the coffee, Darlene Conlon for the cupcakes and Nick Mosgrove for the cookies.
- b) Barb Singleton informed that the raft has been found and the Fire Works will take place tomorrow evening, Sunday, July 2 with everyone welcome to see the set up throughout the afternoon.
- c) Lake of Bays Economic Development Strategy – Angie Heydon
Angie is on this Advisory Committee and there will be a open house on Tuesday, July 11 for input; plus the link to a survey deadline was June 30 for economy suggestions.
- d) Celebrating Canada's 150 years, Peter Heydon supervised the 150th flag prize draw. Celia Yin drew 1018 – Drew Wingfield – the winner!
- e) O Canada – all joined in singing on this very special 150th Anniversary.

10) Adjournment 10:56 am

President

Secretary