

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF OXBOW LAKE
COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION HELD ON SUNDAY
AUGUST 2, 1981, AT JOHN ROLLS' COTTAGE

President Bob Fenwick chaired the 10:00 a.m. meeting and welcomed the 47 members who were present. He expressed the regret and sympathy of the Association at the deaths of Mrs. Florence Crozier and Dr. Bill Smeaton during the past winter, and he sent best wishes to Mrs. Irene Davis for speedy mending of her broken leg.

Mayor Malcolm Scott and Mr. Cliff Beaman of Lake of Bays Council were welcomed and invited to speak to the members. Mayor Scott dealt with the following matters:

Muskoka Road 8 - another section will be improved next year.

Intersection of Hwy 60 and No. 8 - District engineer has looked at this with the possibility of re-aligning the entrance to Hwy 60.

Tasso Lake - looking towards the widening of the bridge with a view to take a plough across in the winter.

OxBow Lodge - is now in the process of developing a lodge.

Our own road - Problems with budget and the Council is doing a roads needs study to show the province that more money is needed for this kind of road.

Market value assessment - has been changed again with an automatic increase of 5% on cottage property. Lake of Bays increase is 8.9% - the lowest in Muskoka (i.e., tax increase) - education tax is 62% of total. Township is 24%, District is 14%.

Secondary planning - Zoning bylaw is being reviewed.

Tax bills - Because of the mail strike now on, tax bills can be picked up at the Township Office in Dwight.

Mr. Beaman spoke of the fine job the Council does in controlling spending. He urged numbering of cottage lots and has proposed a block system for convenience of fire, police, ambulance, deliveries, guests, etc. About three numbering signs would be needed for OxBow at a cost of about \$7.00 each.

Questions asked concerned:

Naming cottage road - Mayor Scott said these roads are now shown as OxBow Road East and OxBow Road West, and it would be costly to change "Road" to "Trail".

Gerry Dodds asked that the cottage road be widened at the top of the big hill (behind House & Clement cottages). Mayor Scott noted this.

Limberlost - project has been passed unless the Cabinet decides to make a change. Some 350 units will be built.

Screening of the large building belonging to the camp. Council had promised that this would be done, but no action has been taken.

Mayor Scott noted this request.

Requests once more for improving road at lot 56, also between lots 48 and 50. Mayor Scott noted this request.

The thanks of the Association were expressed to Mayor Scott and Mr. Beaman. A coffee break was taken at this time, and Doreen Coulter presented a small gift to John and Marietta Rolls for once again hosting the annual meeting.

Minutes of Last Annual Meeting: MOTION: E. Forrest/Wiley: That the minutes be accepted as printed. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes: MOTION: P. Miller/J. Lilley: That the name of our cottage road be left as OxBow Road East and OxBow Road West and that the Council be asked to put up suitable signs bearing these names. Carried.

Numbering on the East arm will be done before the winter, taking into account the new numbers mentioned by Mr. Beaman.

There is no problem in using the pay phone at OxBow Lodge.

New Business

MOTION: G. Dodds/J. Coulter: That the new sign programme left by Mr. Beaman be duplicated and given to the cottagers and that a new complete OxBow directory be made showing the numbers. Carried.

The question of a sign at the narrows will be discussed with Mr. Dittmars. Members of the Association were asked to draw to the attention of guests or renters the need for caution when skiing at this point.

Unsafe boating and skiing practices were again the subject of a lengthy discussion with instances of "horsing around" with a high-powered boat and towing a skier and someone on a board with only one person in the boat. Various suggestions were put forward and the following motion was made:

MOTION: G. Dodds/J. Rolls: That a standing committee on water safety be established with volunteers from both arms, including some of the young cottagers, to establish programmes such as educational, policing, etc., and to report to the cottagers' meeting on an annual basis. Carried.

Gerry Dodds (tel. 635-2493) will work on setting up this committee and getting some 8 volunteers to work with him.

Eileen Forrest thanked those ladies who had looked after the social events during the past few years. She invited all the ladies on the lake to a tea on Wednesday, August 19, at 2:00 p.m., the event to be held at Doreen Coulter's (lot 11) in good weather or at Eileen Forrest's (lot 29) if the weather is bad.

Treasurer's Report: John Cowan's verbal report showed \$139.78 as balance.

MOTION: Cowan/Alford: That we renew our membership in the cottagers' association (FOCA), and that we assign one of the members at large to be our representative and that we give him the minimum funds required to cover the expense of attending their annual meeting. Carried.

MOTION: Cowan/A. Cambray: That OxBow Cottagers' Association dues remain at \$2.00 for the coming year. Carried.

President Bob Fenwick thanked all those who had helped him during his term of office and to the ladies who had looked after the refreshments for the annual meeting.

Election of Officers for a two-year term resulted as follows:

President:	J. Lloyd Van Camp	635-1393
Secretary:	Evelyn Fenwick	635-2372
Treasurer:	John Cowan	635-2361
Chairman, Roads Committee:	Bill Wiley	635-1253
Chairman, Complaints Committee:	Jim Coulter	635-2663
Chairman, Ratepayers Committee:	Brian Dittmars	635-2514
Chairman, Social Committee:	Eileen Forrest	635-2325
Members at Large	Doug Slatter	
	John Rolls	635-2342
	Hermann Meier	635-1072
	Rob Jenkins	
	Irene Davis	789-4525
	Bob Fenwick	635-2372

MOTION: Cowan/Lilley: That we pass a bank resolution empowering our new president to sign our bank account. Carried.

Bill Wiley spoke about work being done on the cottage road. Township road crews have asked those West Arm cottagers using the roads in the winter to park on the lake side of the road so that the snow can be cleared to the bush side of the road.

Doug Alford moved a vote of thanks to Bob Fenwick, retiring president, for an excellent job. Lloyd Van Camp, the Association's new president, also expressed his thanks to the outgoing executive for their fine work.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15.

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August 14, 1981

Evelyn A. Fenwick
Secretary