

LAKE KASSHABOG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022

By Zoom Video Conference, hosted by FOCA.

34 cottages (actual number of participants unknown) and 10 executive members attended this meeting, along with guest speakers Mayor Jim Martin, FOCA Executive Director Terry Rees and Michelle Lewin from FOCA who ran the webinar.

1. AGENDA, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

The meeting began at 7:00. President Mike Delsey welcomed attendees who had signed into the meeting. Mike reviewed the agenda (see item 1 in the slide deck for the meeting). Terry Rees read the land acknowledgement. Michelle Lewin reviewed how members can comment or ask questions using the chat function. Votes will be done using Zoom polls.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mike called the meeting to order. Mike welcomed Lorraine Day, who volunteered to join the Executive as a member at large, and thanked Hector Barber, who has resigned his position as a member at large. He then introduced the other members of the Executive and the non-Executive members of several committees (see item 2 in the slide deck).

3. FOCA INSIGHTS

Terry Rees discussed FOCA's background, the programs and benefits that FOCA provides, some of the key issues FOCA is working on, and how cottagers can participate in this fall's municipal elections (see item 3 in the slide deck).

4. HBM REPORT: JIM MARTIN, MAYOR, HAVELOCK-BELMONT-METHUEN

Mayor Martin's remarks covered many issues:

- HBM's budget increase for this year was 2.2%.
- Building inspectors have left HBM but are being replaced.
- HBM is awarding 10 grants of \$1000 each for environmental projects. The LKRA received the first grant, to help fund Trent University's assessment of fanwort in the lake.
- Short term cottage rentals are becoming a big issue. Peterborough County is leaving it up to each township to regulate rentals. Townships will be given the right to assess administrative monetary penalties (AMPs), i.e fines. It will probably take a few years to get short term rentals under control.
- The Public Works Department is swamped. Their six employees and outside contractors are working on getting rid of downed trees from the derecho on May 21. HBM has added \$50,000 to the budget for additional gravel on township roads. West Kosh has been done and North Shore and Peninsula Roads will be done this summer.
- The Parks Department has been doing work on the public beach and the community hall/library.
- HBM has committed \$4000 towards the cost of repairing the dock at the public landing. Further discussions with the MNRF are required.
- HBM's new fireworks bylaw is in effect. AMPs will help with enforcement.
- The requirement to use clear bags for garbage has been a success.
- Work continues on the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN). Internet providers plan to close gaps in cell coverage in Eastern Ontario. The goal is 99% cell coverage. 265 new towers are being installed in the next 5 years.

Questions from members:

Q: Will HBM provide funds to help maintain private roads?

A: That was proposed recently but was rejected by HBM Council. We could lobby the next Council to change that decision.

Q: How do we get maintenance for the boat launch on Stony Lake Bay, off FR93?

A: The Mayor will look into it. [The LKRA will follow up]

Q: We continue to be concerned about fire risk and environmental degradation at Bottle Lake and elsewhere. Is anything being done to monitor camping?

A: Crown land around the lake is provincial land, not HBM land, so the MNR needs to address this issue. The MNR worked with HBM bylaw enforcement briefly, but not recently. The Mayor hopes that the new Minister, who is the former Mayor of Bracebridge, will take interest in this issue.

Q: How can people vote remotely in the municipal elections?

A: See Information for Voters/How Can I Vote at the HBM website. The site is <https://www.hbmtwp.ca/en/township-services/elections.aspx>.

Mayor Martin left the meeting.

5. ONTARIO NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT (ONCA) – WAIVER OF AUDIT

ONCA is the new Ontario law that governs not-for-profit corporations such as the LKRA. ONCA requires not-for-profits to have an audit or a review engagement done unless the members pass an extraordinary resolution to waive that requirement (see item 5 in the slide deck). The LKRA has traditionally had our books reviewed by a volunteer, at no cost.

Motion by Mike to waive the audit/review engagement requirement in favour of the LKRA's traditional approach, seconded by Hazel Higley. Zoom poll: all in favour. Motion carried.

Mike also noted that the LKRA plans to hold future AGMs in March or April. That would ensure that we meet the new ONCA requirement to hold the AGM within 6 months after our fiscal year end (December 31), and also allow members to see spending plans earlier in the year, before most of the funds have been spent. Although ONCA does not require that members approve the budget, the LKRA will certainly continue to share the Association's financials as has been done in the past

6. AMENDMENTS TO LKRA CONSTITUTION

Mike led members through the proposed amendments to the LKRA's bylaws (see item 6 in the slide deck).

Motion by Mike to approve the amendments set out in the slide deck, seconded by Anne Rawson. Zoom poll: 95% in favour, 5% abstained. Motion carried.

7. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Mike referred to the executive positions that are up for election and the people who have been nominated (see item 7 in the slide deck). Mike pointed out that if no one is nominated for the position of President,

LKRA's bylaws require the Executive to appoint a President. Mike asked members if they would like to nominate anyone else.

No additional nominations were made.

Motion by Mike to accept the slate of candidates as presented, seconded by Chris Bradley. Zoom poll: all in favour. Motion carried. [Secretary's note: after the AGM, the Executive nominated Jennifer Cummings and she agreed to become President. Jami Sampson relinquished her VP role and took over Jennifer's role as Membership Director.]

8. 2022 BUDGET

Hazel Higley led members through the 2022 budget (see item 8 in the slide deck). Amongst other things, the budget notes that the Dam Fund will remain in a locked-in GIC until after the dam is inspected in 2023. The budget has a line item for fire pumps because the LKRA is considering trying to get fire pumps back on the lake. The budget calls for a deficit after last year's surplus. Factors leading to the surplus included lower insurance and other costs from not holding the regatta, and the fact that the cost of removing derelict docks from Crown land was lower because Steve Martin absorbed most of the cost.

Questions from members:

Q: Why do we need the Dam Fund? I thought the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority took responsibility for the dam.

A: The MNRF has indicated that they are responsible for the dam. Out of prudence, we are not disbursing the Dam Fund until the MNRF confirms that after the next inspection of the dam.

Q: Aren't there potential liability issues if the LKRA makes fire pumps available?

A: That's what we were worried about in previous years, but we have confirmed with our insurer that it would not be a problem.

Q: Is the amount for fire pumps to buy new pumps?

A: Yes. Some cottages may already have pumps that could be used. Maggie Brickell has asked but has had only two replies so far.

Q: What is the increased environment budget for?

A: The increase in the environment fund will be used for new initiatives relating to fanwort, turtles, pollinators and potentially shoreline naturalization. That will be in addition to existing initiatives relating to loons and water quality.

Q: What is the Norkla membership?

A: It's the North Kawartha Lakes Association. The LKRA has belonged to that association for many years. The LKRA must belong to that group to be eligible for the Trent University study.

Q: What are map expenses?

A: When the maps are reprinted, they will become LKRA property. The cost is for updating the art, printing 250 full size (25 x 19) and 500 small (18 x 12) and laminating 100 of each size, plus HST.

Q: What percentage of the planned paid members has been achieved to date?

A: Membership currently sits at 249 out of 621 = 40%. The budget assumes that 60% of cottages will become members. We are shooting to get up to 75%.

Terry Rees thanked Hazel for her many years of volunteer support for the LKRA.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications

Anne Rawson discussed the Communications Report (this and the other reports are in item 9 in the slide deck). A video is also being prepared in connection with the 75th anniversary.

Jami Sampson reported on several other events that are being planned. There will be a boat parade on Canada Day, a scavenger hunt and a garage sale to be held on cottage docks and the public beach.

Q: Can I opt out of receiving a paper newsletter?

A: Yes, send an email to secretary@kasshabog.ca or membership@kasshabog.ca.

Q: Will there be a first nations land acknowledgement as part of the 75th anniversary celebration?

A: Yes, we include a first nations acknowledgement in everything we do now.

Q: When is the dock sale?

A: Saturday, August 6.

Environment

Cynthia Cole referred members to the Environment Report.

Membership

Jennifer Cummings led members through the Membership Report. She also stressed the need for representation from lake residents on HBM Council. Anne mentioned there will be a section on the new website with all the information about issues that residents are most concerned about, and about the municipal election.

Regatta

Stacy Dedlow discussed the Regatta Report.

Community Hall/Library

Mike discussed the report on the work being done.

Covia

Mike went through the material on Covia. The timeline for closing the Nephton plant has been pushed back several times. It's currently estimated that the work to expand the Blue Mountain plant will be completed toward the end of 2022, after which the Nephton plant will be shut down.

Safety

Mike reviewed the Safety Report.

10. NEW BUSINESS AND Q&A

There was no other new business to discuss. Mike thanked FOCA for hosting and Terry Rees and Michelle Lewin for their assistance. Members thanked Mike for everything he has done for the LKRA.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Delsey, seconded by Jami Sampson. Zoom poll: all in favour, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.