

TWELVE MILE BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOOSE DEER POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sunday, May 19, 2024 – 10:15 a.m.

Welcome by Brett Harris.

Motion to approve last year's minutes – postponed as not everyone had received them. A copy was circulated to be reviewed during the meeting and a motion to be made at the end of the meeting.

Jim McPherson (Treasurer) – Financial Statements

- Review highlights of 2023 financial statements, \$20,000.00 currently in a GIC = we received dues in the amount of \$3,600. After Insurance, GBA dues, FOCA dues, etc. was paid we were in a surplus position of \$1,400.00
- Number of dues have come up - 80% of dues are collected at this meeting – it should be noted that dues can now be paid by e-Transfer. Print out available on how to do e-Transfer (see Jim). Please include lot number.
- Questions: Insurance was significantly lower (same coverage but we received a better rate). Administration costs doubled - we had to pay for the hall rental this past year for the meeting.
- Motion to approve Financial Statements as supplied moved by Jim McPherson, seconded by Dave Walden – All in favour – Carried.

Guest Speaker – Rupert Kindersley from Georgian Bay Association

- Brief description of GBA is an umbrella association taking on the leadership role of governing to protect & preserve the fresh water system of Georgian Bay.
- Will give a brief overview of Issues they are currently dealing with
- Floating home – aiming to have the same regulations as British Columbia – working with provincial legislation along with MNR to insure they meet safety standards, stationary and connected to municipal services etc.
- Priorities on fire safety – fire risk is getting more severe each year. Info is available on protecting your cottage on the GBA website
- Information on short term rentals also available on website
- Boat noise and safe wakes – causing problems on the shore as well as the effect on wild life. Working on putting regulations in place.
- Water quality – member organizations are trying to collect and make sure water quality is maintained.
- Cruise ship traffic – disposal of grey & black water. Currently the cruise ships in Georgian Bay are being vigilant however regulations for these items are unorganized.
- Another big project – Meaford pumped storage project for electricity generation – GBA is monitoring how it will affect water quality on the entire bay (more info available on the GBA website)
- CHAMPION OF THE BAY – A new program! – looking for a name from each cottage association to be forwarded in order to be awarded for their contribution in being a good 'land steward'. Hoping this will encourage everyone to protect the environment.

- Coastal Protection – representatives from all municipalities – Biosphere planning project which is brand new
- Vision 20/50 Project – identify, recognize & protect 30,000 Islands. Conservation policies etc.
- Septic System Guide – on website and a reference document available there
- Wrote in to the federal government asking that they reconsider how they rolled out capital gains impact – hoping they respond – currently they have taken it out of the main budget and dealing with it separately.
- Weighing in with the Ontario government – maintain public ability to access official plans and zoning bylaws etc.
- Work on Indigenous – education and maps on website – sharing knowledge of the bay.

Questions:

Floating cottages – will they allow existing (grandfather in?). Response was that GBA is not against them – just trying to get regulations in that would require them to stay in one place, connected to municipal services and pay taxes. BC legislation is a good outline to follow.

GBA Spring Newsletter – noted that there was an excellent article on 12 Mile Bay outlining the history of the bay. Also available online.

Guest Speaker – Brad Sokach, Director of Operations, Township of Georgian Bay (Road Conditions)

- Thank you for inviting him – wanting to discuss 12 Mile Bay Road and Waste Collection
- 12 Mile Bay Road – the Township maintains the road under contract – but is owned by the District of Muskoka is responsible for replacement that needs to be addressed. A good portion of the road needs to be resurfaced.
- They have tried to get the contractor to do patching but still hasn't been done and unable to find any other contractor and they are far behind in getting patching done.
- In order to get any action on the road – the cottage association and all of its members should call and email James Steel (Commissioner) and Mark Misco - District councilors Peter Cooper, Brian ?? and Mayor ??
- Continued pressure needs to be put on in order to get work done.
- He expects there will be a crew out for a day or 2 this week to do some patching but it is in very poor condition and more work needs to be done.
- Possible funding may be available at the end of the summer or early fall. May be successful especially if there is participation by the band council.

Question from the audience: How many industrial, marinas or trucking companies are using the road - may be possible to get that information on land use.

They are appraising the road in late May or June – it needs to be reconstructed. Will forward information once it is available.

Comment from the audience – what can we do in order to get work done on the road?

Are we working with the band council? It would be advantageous to have the First Nations included to create a united front in getting the road repaired.

Comment that the road services many others – cottagers on islands etc. and members of other associations – GBA will reach out to other associations that use the 12 Mile Bay Road

Looking at paid parking - Go Home and 6 Mile – deferred and has been delayed at this point.

Dock Clean up

- Abandoned dock pick up – last year’s work by cottage association members was very successful – it was however very expensive. Over \$6,000.00
- The Township is happy to do the dock pick up that the association has brought in but unfortunately commercial enterprises took advantage of it. Originally there were 8-10 docks for pick up but ended up with over 22 docks.
- Pick up was abused by commercial enterprises.
- Asking if the Cottagers would be willing to have the docks pulled up during the week so the Township could pick them up – Township staff don’t get paid to work on the weekends.
- Discussion on how to avoid excess docks being left, trail cams (have been tried but very expensive and were vandalized)
- Option to take docks to Government Dock – left this option with the association to determine which would work best.

Erik Adler offered to take on the task of updating our Cottage Association website.

Any questions or concerns: Eblasts to be sent out – directory of emails – 12 Mile Bay Contact List. Include who should be contacted in regard to the condition of the 12 Mile Bay Road.

Additional docks to be removed – will co-ordinate a day for association members to work together.

Also noted additional clean up along the bay is needed - not just docks.

Brett will send an email blast out in the next week – if you do not receive it then reach out and insure you are put on the list.

Reminder about the new Contact List by Jim McPherson – need to insure that under the privacy laws a form must be completed in order to share info with the group. There is a form at the front desk or it can be sent by email to you for signature.

Minutes of the Meeting from 2023 – have been circulated – Motion by Michael McLaughlin to accept, seconded by Erik Adler. Approved by a show of hands - Carried

Motion to adjourn -by Michael McLaughlin, seconded by Jim McPherson.

ADJOURNED 11:20 A.M.