

## TROY LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (TLRA)

**Minutes** of the **Annual General Meeting** held on **Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 10:00 am**, at the cottage of Justin and Alicia Lystiuk.

### **Members present:**

Cieplak, Kris	Ahern, Mike	Grammick,
Lauridsen, Steve	Cerio, Kelly	Stacey
Lystiuk, Justin & Alicia	Parker, Doug	Jacmel,
McEvoy, M. Brent	Kellam, John	Frantzou
Arnold, Todd	Wright, Tim & Janice	Orr, Don
Markovich, Lauren	Fowler, Randy	Hoover, Barry
	Thomson, Al & Jane	Timperon, Graham

President Lauren Markovich called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

1. Agenda: Moved by Randy Fowler and seconded by Doug Parker that the agenda for today's meeting be accepted as circulated. **Motion Carried**

2. Minutes: Moved by Kris Cieplak and seconded by Todd Arnold that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held May 22, 2022 be accepted as circulated. **Motion Carried**

### 3. Treasurer's Report:

a) The most recent Financial Statement, current to 2023 May 15<sup>th</sup> is included with these minutes. The bank balance as of 2023 May 15 was \$8,321.38. This statement covers all transactions from our AGM of 2022 until May 15<sup>th</sup> of 2023.

b) Rideau Lakes Township has provided us a private road assistance grant for 2022 in the amount of \$671.14. This grant was received by the Treasurer shortly after the meeting.

c) The Road Insurance invoice for 2023 was \$763.56 a modest increase of \$23.00 over the previous 2 years year.

d) The renewal of the FOCA membership for 2023 has not been invoiced yet, typically this occurs in late July. FOCA membership permits us to access the best rates for road liability insurance. This organization also lobbies Government on issues important information to us such as electricity pricing strategies being proposed.

e) As a Cottage Association we were invited to join the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee established by the Mayor and Council of the Township in

2019. Steve Lauridsen is the designated representative and Don Orr is the alternate. Quarterly meetings focus on lake water quality, safety concerns on the water, impact of changes brought on by the amended Official Plan, garbage pick-up and a host of other topics. By being represented, the Township has provided us with a grant of \$585.00 in 2023.

4. Road Report: Don Orr reported that our road has been graded and gravel applied earlier in May. The current condition is very good. The invoice has not been received as yet but is expected to be in the \$2000 to \$3000 range. The low spot at the entrance to 394 a b & c needs repair, additional gravel and grading may be needed.

The annual Road Clean-up Day has been set for Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> with a rain date the 9<sup>th</sup>. This year we plan to trim brush, overhead branches and cut weeds/grass along the roadway. We will meet at Don Orr's (566a) at 9 am to commence work.

Members were reminded to be cautious of speed when driving the road as pedestrians, pets and other vehicles are often difficult to see especially on corners or hills. Please also alert visitors to be cautious while on the road.

It was suggested a mirror located on one particularly challenging corner could be investigated as a safety enhancement. Kris Cieplak has agreed to look into this. Moved by Kris Cieplak and seconded by Todd Arnold that purchase and installation of a mirror for the corner between #406 and #450 be undertaken.

**Motion Carried**

5. Road Dues for 2023: Following a brief discussion it was moved by Todd Arnold and seconded by Jane Thomson that dues for 2023 be remain at \$100.00.

Those who wish to contribute toward winter snow removal may continue to do so with the funds provided to Don Orr for his time and equipment used.

***Please forward cheques made payable to the Troy Lake Ratepayers' Association to Steve Lauridsen, 172 Row Place, Brockville, ON, K6V 6V2 or if you wish to use e-Transfer please use the e-mail: Lauridsen@sympatico.ca***

6. Lake Water Report: The data for 2022 has not been supplied to us yet, no report was available for this meeting. As soon as the information is available we will pass it along.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks conducted some water sampling on the lake last year as part of a wider program to get data on warm water lakes. No data has been released from this one-time sample collection as

yet, however MOE staff indicated that in spite of surface conditions being discoloured the water column below about 8 to 12 inches is clear.

7. Nomination and Election of Secretary/Treasurer: Moved by Don Orr and Seconded by Lauren Markovich that Kris Cieplak be nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. **Motion Carried**

There being no other nominations for the position, Kris Cieplak was acclaimed as the Secretary/Treasurer with a turnover of duties later this summer.

8. Annual General Meeting 2024: The meeting will be held **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024** starting at **10:00 am** at the cottage of Al and Jane Thomson (#338a).

9. Other Business:

- Fireworks: A discussion was held regarding fireworks and effects on some pets particularly dogs. We discussed asking members to be considerate of neighbours and limit fireworks perhaps to the 4 long weekends and suggesting that fireworks be held on Sunday evenings of long weekends, weather permitting, so pet owners have an opportunity to limit their exposure or take other measures.
  
- CPR and AED review: Randy Fowler provided a brief update on recommended technique for Cardio-Pulmonary resuscitation (chest compressions are recommended) and use of an Automatic External Defibrillator. Don Orr has an AED at his home and if needed can be made available (if someone is home). The AED is easy to use and instructs you by voice commands, after opening the case and removing the device, exactly what to do.
  
- The President of the North Troy Association expressed an interest in contacting us for future collaboration, perhaps on common items like lake water quality. The Secretary will try to establish contact with them.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 am. We extend our thanks to Al and Jane Thomson for hosting today.

TLRA Executive Committee Members for 2023/24:

Lauren Markovich	President
Kris Cieplak	Secretary-Treasurer
Don Orr	Head of Road Committee
Stacey Grammick	President-Elect