



MILL LAKE VILLAGE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING - MINUTES
September 30, 2018

A. Preliminary:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:35 *a.m.* by Jan Hobman.
- Many thanks to Mary & Mark McNeil (105 Turtle Bay) for hosting the meeting.
- Association members and the Executive introduced themselves.
- Jan Hobman introduced our guest for today's meeting: Lynne Gregory, Councillor for the *Municipality of McDougall*.

B. Lynne Gregory, Councillor's Report:

- After brief introductory remarks, Ms. Gregory spoke of, reported on, and updated the membership on the following:
 - (a.) the importance of developing/maintaining a productive relationship with the *Municipality of McDougall*;
 - (b.) the status of police services funding;
 - (c.) developments in the *Parks and Recreation Dept.* (e.g. water quality, bike trails, and beaches);
 - (d.) the status of a proposed co-community aquatic centre;
 - (e.) background information on municipal taxes, the budget and various levies (e.g. *Belvedere Heights*, low-income housing, ambulance, police, library, museum);
 - (f.) the status of a new high school;
 - (g.) the reasons for the discontinuance of free land-fill dumping;
 - (h.) the re-paving of Hwy #124;
 - (i.) the possible bed expansion of *Belvedere Heights*;
 - (j.) the procedures for applying for private road grants;
 - (k.) the upcoming municipal election on Oct 22, 2018: and
 - (l.) the municipality's 25-year road plan inclusive of the repaving of 24 municipal roads, including *Burnside's Bridge Road*.
- Ms. Gregory was thanked for her report.

C. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Spring Meeting 2018 were read by Jerry Sauer. They were accepted by Benny Trendle and seconded by Tom Traversy.

D. Treasurer's Report:

- Dave Moore distributed a *Cash Flow Statement* for the twelve-month period Sept. 22, 2017 to September 28, 2018 (copy attached).
- Dave made the following observations:
 - annual dues as reported include 3 members who pre-paid their 2019 dues;
 - owing to lower than anticipated summer costs, \$3,800 was transferred into our Tangerine Savings/Reserve Fund;
 - summer costs included two gradings (one more road grading is scheduled for the month of October);
 - we are entering the 2nd year of a 3-year winter plowing contract;
 - our target is to maintain a reserve fund of approximately \$20K to maintain our current fee schedule at current rates (*i.e.* \$750 for permanent residents, \$500 for seasonal cottagers, and \$250 for landholders without cottages) and to cover for future increased costs;
 - website costs were zero, as we had already pre-paid for a 3-year period;
 - misc. expenses included a commemorative plaque, annual FOCA conference, new cheques, and costs associated with correcting our corporate registration.
- The treasurer's report was accepted by Paul Weatherley and seconded by Jody Trendle.
- Members were reminded that road fees are now due. Members who had already paid were thanked for doing so. Payments can be made by cheque payable to: **Mill Lake Village Cottagers' Association** (mail Attn: Karen Kolankowski, Treasurer MLVCA, 1608 Truscott Dr., Mississauga, ON L5J 1Z4). Payment by e-transfer is available at ontariomlvcai@gmail.com where the answer to the security question is "**MillLake**" (one word with a capital L). Members were thanked in advance for their consideration in respect of their road dues.
- Effective this meeting, Dave Moore will be transferring his treasurer duties to our new Treasurer, Karen Kolankowski. Dave was thanked for his 39 years of work as the Treasurer of the *MLVCA*, and was given a hearty round of applause.

E. Road Report:

- The Executive reported that our association roads are in good condition.
- The Executive wishes to thank the numerous members who helped out this past summer with road grading subsequent to a number of intense rain storms.
- The Loon Crescent sign has been moved. All road signs are in good condition.
- We will be scheduling a brush clearing of our roads, sand pit and plow turnaround area in 2019. The Executive will defer consideration of renting a brush cutter to the Spring Meeting.
- A number of road ditches will need to be cleared out next summer as they are filling in with sand, leaves and other debris.
- Brian Wilton was thanked for periodically topping-up and grading certain sections of our roads on his own.
- All association members were asked to promptly report any problems with the roads, ditches, culverts and/or road signs, so they can be addressed quickly.

- Proposals from the membership include (a.) erecting a mirror at the crest of the hill near 25 Turtle Bay Road; (b.) plowing Mill Lake Trail in the winter up to the end of the road; and (c.) encouraging members and their guests to refrain from (i.) fish-tailing their ATV's, and (ii.) engaging in standing starts on our hills.
- Tom Traversy advised the membership of some of the issues and procedures to consider when applying for a road grant. A number of suggestions were made to facilitate such an application; such as obtaining a list of all of the private roads in *McDougall Township* and attending the local council meetings.
- PPMPS (Paul Weatherley) is available to members for snow ploughing and can be reached at paul@ppmps.ca or at 705-746-4720.

F. Website Report (www.mlvca.ca) :

- It was reported that our website is well visited. Members were encouraged to visit the site for the latest updates.
- It was noted that some members who utilize Google Chrome were unable to access our website. The Executive will be looking into this.
- Members were encouraged to download the mobile version of our website (*i.e.* mobile.mlvca.ca) and to provide feedback.
- We will strive to ensure the minutes of our association meetings are made available on the website.

G. New Business:

1. Roads:

- Further to our inquiries about the large dead tree near the corner of Turtle Bay and Eagle Ridge, *Ontario Hydro* has advised us that they will not remove any tree adjacent to our association roads that is in imminent danger of falling on a hydro line unless it is within 10' of the road; otherwise, Hydro will wait until as such time as the tree falls on the line.

2. Municipal:

- To date, no re-zoning application has been filed with the municipality in respect of the recently purchased 18-acre property, currently zoned Rural or RU, between Turtle Bay Road and Mill Lake Trail. Jan will be contacting the owners in respect of their road dues.
- Jan Hobman was thanked for promptly advising members of the most current municipal fire rating in our local area this past summer. Members reported that the updates were very useful.

5. Mill Lake:

- Members were advised that during this past summer some of our members and their family members suffered bouts of 'swimmer's itch,' which is caused by Canada Geese excrement entering into the water. It was suggested by a member to use vigorous drying and coconut oil as preventatives.

- If you suspect that Blue Algae is in our lake, you should contact Public Health (70 Joseph St., Suite 302, Parry Sound; 705-746-5801; contact@heathunit.ca) who will investigate.
- Jan Hobman handed out a brochure titled *State of the Bay*; wherein members can obtain the latest information in respect of the quality of *Georgian Bay* (e.g. phosphate levels, nutrient levels, fish health, invasive species *etc.*).

5. Other:

- Members were reminded to check their CO and smoke detectors.
- Jan Hobman advised all members that they can, at any time, drop off food donations at her cottage (25 Turtle Bay Road) for the local Thanksgiving food drive.
- A proposal to have a ‘Family Fun Day’ (*i.e.* an afternoon of games and members’ socializing from 1:00 *pm* to 4:00 *pm* with hotdogs/corn sometime at the end of the summer was suggested) was deferred to the Spring meeting.
- Members were asked to step forward, or advise of any fellow members, who are capable and willing to operate basic mechanical tools and equipment to assist with tree clearing, road grading, ditch clearing.
- Members were advised that the association and its Executive are not associated with, nor use as a means of communication a Facebook site (called “*Mill Lake Ontario Cottage Owners Group*”) that was produced privately by one of our members.
- Paul Capel had a red Adirondack chair float up on his beach. Please contact him (29 Turtle Bay Rd.) if you are missing a red chair.

6. Director terms:

- Jan Hobman’s term will expire this year. Jan is willing to stand again. Jan was nominated by Todd Patterson, seconded by Tom Traversy for a 3-year term.
- Dave Moore’s term will expire this year. Dave will not be standing. Mike Palmer is willing to stand as his replacement. Mike Palmer was nominated by Jan Hobman, seconded by Paul Weatherly for a 3-year term.
- Barry Kirk elected not to continue as a member of the Executive. Tom Traversy is willing to stand as his replacement. Tom Traversy was nominated by Jody Trendle, seconded by Paul Weatherley for the remainder of Barry’s term.
- All members were in favour of the nominations.

7. Spring Meeting:

- The Spring Meeting will be on **Sunday May 19, 2019** (Victoria Day weekend) at **10:30 a.m.** at Jan and Todd’s cottage at 25 Turtle Bay Rd.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Weatherley and seconded by Todd Patterson.