



Hudson Lakes Association Meeting

Thursday, May 30th, 2024

7:00 pm @ Hudson Hall and via WebEx

Attendance: Bill, Sarah, Renée, Jim, Laurie M, Dana and Chelsie (WebEx)

1) Land Acknowledgement

2) Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Jim Seconded by: Bill

3) Motion to Accept the Minutes of February 27th, 2024

Moved by: Dana Seconded by: Bill

4) President's Report – Sarah

Going to be brief. Not much has happened since our last meeting. No information from Township with Official Plan and Zoning By-Law, seems to be at a standstill. Dana has requested that it be on the June meeting so that it happens during the summer. Thank you to Dana and Laurie for completing the gable ends of the mailbox shelter. Good job getting it done before bug season. So far 14 paid members so we will do a social media blitz to remind people to pay their HLA fees. AGM is July 31st. Renee asked about sending out the invoice before AGM and after for those who have not paid. The invoice was included on the July/Regatta Newsletter last year and we will do that again this year.

Sarah's term ends 2025 and she plans to step away completely at that point. Sarah would like to end her term as President this July and remain on as Past President until July 2025. We need to look for Directors.

5) Treasurer's Report – Laurie

Laurie has all last year's and up to April for this year's statements and shared with Renee to make copies.

Balance is \$11256.30

Just received in the mail from Ramsay's a cheque for both Craven Rock and HLA on one cheque. Sarah will take care of that.

Cade Associates – insurance will be \$1202.04 went down by \$10. Had to remove that HLA provides swimming lessons. Renews on May 31st we have 30 days to pay.

Cheque for Dana \$158.81 for materials for shelter to be paid.

Northern Signs – join the lakes sign \$107.35.

New balance will be just under \$10,000 once bills are paid.

Quickbooks – is it still needed? Bill is paying and it is not necessary. Will let Bill Ramsay know that he does not need to renew. We will continue to have Ramsay Law Office logo/link on our website as he provides legal advice at no charge when required and our mailing address is his office.

Motion – That we discontinue the use of Quickbooks for our accounting.

Moved by: Sarah Seconded: Laurie

Motion – That the Association accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Moved by: Dana Seconded by: Bill

6) Township Meeting Updates – Dana

Asked that Official Plan and Zoning By-Law be on the next Agenda in June. Krystle will be reaching out to the company get some information.

Taxes are going up 4.61% to keep up with inflation and to achieve a balanced budget, as we can’t keep pulling from reserves every year. Took some things out of the budget to keep the increase under official inflation. Lots of little things happening in the township. Flooding at Catt’s was discussed – the issue is on private property. Money for road repairs will be going to Hillview Road. We got a new grater that cost \$800,000. Dana sent our Newsletter to Krystle to share with Council.

7) Open House for Township Official Plan & Zoning By-Law – Sarah nothing to report currently.

8) Summer/July Newsletter/Regatta

President’s Report – Sarah (half page)

Centre fold will be for Regatta schedule etc... (Chelsie)

Reminder/Invoice to pay membership and reminder of the AGM date & time

Hudson Taxes – Dana

Shoreline and Septic Health Tips -

Official Plan if there is an update

Did not discuss a date to submit to Renee by but it should be in by June 27th for editing and for Nicki to have time to put it together so it can be delivered the third and fourth weeks of July (July 14-27th).

Discussion at this point about AGM guest speaker

Last year we asked Chris Hawkins to talk about wilderness safety but he was unavailable. We could ask Shay to speak about forestry and why things are the way they are – she is getting us trees (600) soon – would have liked to hand them out as our 75th Regatta but it is too late so instead some will be handed out at the Hudson Hall and some at the mailboxes. Chelsie will make tags from the HLA/Regatta to put on the seedlings for June 19-20. Thomas McClean – teaches the SHSM program on Search and

Rescue (Timiskaming District Search & Rescue). Bruce Murphy from Hilliardton Marsh. Chelsie will ask Frank or Bruce Taylor to join her with her Regatta Report. During our discussion Thomas McLean and Alex Shillinglaw were confirmed as our guest speakers.

9) **Update on Shelter Shingles** – Thank you to Dana and Laurie McLean for completing the shelter project.

10) **Update on Signs for the Map – Dana** – Promote HLA sign done and put up

11) **FOCA Renewal – Sarah**

Currently set to renew on August 1st and looking into moving it to November 1st. Spoke to Adam Edwards from FOCA (he would have to make an adjustment to our fee for the extension approximate cost would be- \$131.37)

Motion to pay the extension costs to move our FOCA renewal date to November 1st effective this year (2024)

Moved by: Sarah Seconded by: Dana

12) **HLA Welcome Package/Flyer to Recruit members – Renée & Dana**

Meeting on June 24th with Nicki and hope to have a flyer to promote HLA and a package for everyone and to give to new residents/cottagers going forward.

13) **Regatta Report – Chelsie**

Meeting on Sunday, June 2nd. Recruited a couple more volunteers. Will provide an update to HLA via email after meeting.

Reached out to see if Patrick could do the fireworks but he is not available.

Laurie indicated we need more sand in the horseshoe pits.

14) **New Business**

Chelsie provided an update on communication she has had with a concerned HLA resident. She has come up with an action plan to address the concerns that would also be beneficial for all members.

- 1) Continue the water testing that we do. Sarah will follow up to be sure that this is still happening. Does this test for phosphorus and other contaminants? Need to make sure that it does. Dana checked and phosphorus results are on the website. - Agreed
- 2) Publishing links to this information above on our website and in our Newsletter. Trends over time. - Agreed
- 3) Post on Facebook again to read the Lake Capacity Study. - Discussion on whether this will really be effective as it has been posted more than once and included in our Newsletter - did not agree
- 4) Poll on the Hudson Lakes Facebook page on how everyone feels about septic inspections being mandatory? Renee asked who will be responsible for these inspections and enforcing it? Dana shared that the Township has no monies for this. Dana is trying through Council to get an incentive program for emptying/inspecting septic systems. Renee is concerned with doing it on Facebook page as there are many people on this page that are not residents nor are they property owners, therefore the results would not be accurate. Suggestion was made to do a Google

Form prior to AGM to the email list of our members and potential members and then share the results. We would need to be very mindful of the wording. Dana is willing to work on the wording with Chelsie to promote the results to Council for the incentive program.

- 5) AGM – physical information, digital/email information, Facebook reminder and in person at the AGM reminder to check the Lake Capacity Study – agreed but again not sure how effective this will be.

15) Next Meeting Date

AGM – July 31st, 2024 at 7:00pm at Hudson Hall. Virtual option if requested. She will put it in her President’s Report in the NL.

16) Adjournment – moved by Laurie at 8:33pm