

Draft - Minutes – 2018 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, September 1, 2018 9:00 am

Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve – Logging Museum

The Minutes were endorsed by the KLCOA Board of Directors at their meeting on November 29, 2018.

They are to be approved by the Membership at the Spring Meeting – May 20, 2019)

Note: These minutes are to be read in conjunction with the slide deck, which provide details of each presentation.

1. Welcome & Call to Order – Deb Wratschko

KLCOA's By-laws set quorum for Members' meetings at 25 members present and entitled to vote at the meeting. Joan Middleton, Membership Director confirmed that quorum had been achieved with 89 members present. The following Directors were in attendance: Gino Ariano, Arlene Burch, Scott Durie, Tina Fagg, Sheelagh Lawrance, Joan Middleton, John Middleton, Terry O'Connor, Jim Prince, John Smith, and Deb Wratschko.

President Wratschko introduced all the Board members and their associated responsibilities and KLCOA activities.

Motion to Approve Agenda for the Meeting

M: Allen Van Gyne

S: Keith Rodd

All in Favour

Motion to Approve Minutes of 2018 Spring Meeting (May 19, 2018) as posted on the website.

M: Tony Lepine

S: Terry O'Connor

All in Favour

2. President's Remarks: Review of Key Initiatives for the Year & Planned Initiatives for the Upcoming Year.

See slides on KLCOA.org site for details of the presentation. (Go to Records –AGM Meeting Charts)

President Wratschko provided an extensive summary of programs and events in the past season, as well as provided a brief financial summary. She thanked the many volunteers who play an integral role in KLCOA's programs. In addition, she thanked Malcolm Cockwell, Managing Director of the Haliburton Forest, and Doug Mahood and Chard Burden at Kennisis Lake Marina for their strong on-going support.

She ended her presentation, advising of some of the issues that the Board will be looking at over the winter will include short-term rentals, mosquito spraying, abandoned docks, and shoreline erosion caused by wake boats. She welcomed suggestions from members. KLCOA is always looking for volunteers for events and to sit on committees and she invited those interested to approach any of the Board members.

3. Update on Key Initiatives

3.1. Roads Update – John Middleton

See slides on KLCOA.org site for details of the presentation. (Go to Records –AGM Meeting Charts)

John gave a brief history, thanked the Roads Committee, and noted that the condition of roads is an important ongoing focus for KLCOA. He next summarized the maintenance work that had been done in 2018, and advised that Dysart would be doing all winter maintenance this year, as opposed to contracting out some of the plowing. He concluded his presentation by noting that information updates would be posted on the KLCOA.org site, or sent out via e-blasts.

3.2. Traditional Rights of Way – Gino Ariano

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Gino reviewed the background on the project and itemized the rights of way that were under investigation. He thanked Pat McCann-Smith who undertook the discovery work over the summer. All surveys have now been obtained. The next step includes reviewing the documentation with a lawyer who specializes in land use issues. Gino indicated that his Committee thinks that we are in a good position to keep these routes open to public access. Next will be the development of an advocacy/educational outreach program to ensure all interested parties are aware of their rights and responsibilities related to use of portage routes.

3.3. Stewardship Initiatives – Jim Prince

See slides on KLCOA.org site for details. (Go to Records –2018 AGM Meeting Charts)

Jim Prince provided an overview to the next three presentations, advising that KLCOA's stewardship initiatives are focused on maintaining the quality of the Kennisis Lakes, through shoreline health, septic health and water quality monitoring.

3.3.1. Water Quality Testing – Jim Prince

See slides on KLCOA.org site for details. (Go to Records –2018 AGM Meeting Charts)

Jim began his presentation giving the background to the program and noted that because the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) does the testing on a 5-8 year basis, KLCOA started to do its own to increase the frequency. Three parameters are measured: clarity, total phosphorous and calcium. While the results are still good relatively speaking, there appears to be a negative trend in testing results over the years. KLCOA will continue with its testing program, as well as MOECC's programs and monitor results. Jim ended the presentation thanking all the volunteers who are involved in the testing and data analysis.

3.3.2. Natural Shorelines – Jim Prince.

See slides on KLCOA.org site for details (Go to Records –2018 AGM Meeting Charts)

Jim began his presentation advising that the goal of the program is to improve awareness about natural shorelines, and to make the connection between water quality and natural shorelines. He provided background on what projects had been done to date, as well as 2018 activities - the native plant supply program, in partnership with Abbey Gardens. He advised that two shoreline restoration pilots are planned for the fall, along with 3-4 site consultations. There will also be a shoreline restoration workshop. Information will be posted on the website.

4. Septic Re-inspection Program – Terry O'Connor

Remarks by Karl Korpela, Chief Building Official – Dysart et al

See slides on KLCOA.org site for details. (Go to Records – 2018 AGM Meeting Charts)

Terry O'Connor introduced Karl Korpela, Chief Building Inspector at Dysart et al. Mr. Karpola began his presentation advising that the Kennisis lakes are the test areas for the septic re-inspection program. A large part of the program includes an educational component. To date, 208 inspections have been completed with 84 resulting in minor to major issues. With 756 inspections still needing to be completed by the end of 2019, he urged KLCOA members to book their inspections as soon as possible.

He asked members for input as to how Dysart can get the message out about the program and the need to book an approved inspector. With regard to compliance, Karl advised that under the Building Code a septic system that is not maintained or operated in accordance with the Septic Use Permit is deemed unsafe. The Township has the ability to restrict occupancy, or complete work to remove unsafe condition with associated charges and possible restraining/court orders. Likewise, failure to book inspection within timeframe identified in the Bylaw, could result in charges under the Building Code Act and possible restraining/court orders.

Next Mr. Karpola opened up the floor for questions:

Q: Is it just one inspection?

A: Right now it will take 12 years to do all the lakes in Dysart. They are likely not going to be able to come back in 5 years.

Q: My cottage is 30 years old. Would we be required to move the septic?

A: No, it would be grandfathered.

Q: How are you going to be able to do all the inspections in such a short time frame?

A: Right now, some of the inspectors are being under-utilized. We are hoping people book as soon as possible.

Q – I have heard about inconsistencies regarding the number of bedrooms and what constitutes a bedroom.

A: We do not count pull- out couches, and we do not have the authority to enter cottages, though the inspectors will ask to come in. With the sale of a property however, the number of bedrooms is checked on the listing and must comply with the septic records.

Q: I emailed in my report and have not heard anything back.

A: A letter will be sent to you, along with a certificate.

Q: Our septic was pumped out last year. When should we do the inspection?

A: Next year will be acceptable.

Q: With the failure rates, are there enough contractors in the area to do installations? I was unable to get someone within the 20 day period to make an assessment.

A: We will work with you should you run into this and similar issues.

Q: I have a comment to make. You can educate yourself by getting your existing septic report beforehand, however there is a \$50 fee to get the report.

A: The \$50 fee has been eliminated. Speak to me after the meeting. I will look into it.

Q: Is there a difference between a room with 3 sets of bunkbeds and a bedroom with one single bed?

A: We base occupation on two people per bedroom.

Q: Where does the sewage go after septic tanks have been pumped?

A: There are licenced areas they can go. Some operators own their own pits and some go to the sewage treatment plants.

At the end of the questions, President Wratschko thanked Mr. Karpola for his presentation.

5. Q & A and Discussion from the Floor

President Wratschko opened up the floor to general questions.

Q: Too many trees are being cut down on properties. Do contractors have to get permits to do so.

A: Jim Prince responded that contractors are expected to abide by the Country Tree By-Law. The CHA has a list of contractors that respect the by-law. You can call the County to discuss. However, it is the responsibility of the homeowner not the contractor, and there is some leeway around homes and cottages. Trees that are 30cms in diameter or larger at chest-height fall under the by-law.

Q: What do I do about a neighbour cutting down trees?

A: Call the County.

Q: Wake boating on Little Kennisis has become an increasing issue. I have had damage to dock. What can I do?

A: There have been a number of complaints. All KLCOA can do is educate boaters on safe, respectful boating and keeping away from the shore. You can contact the OPP.

Q: I have lost 6 feet of shoreline due to wake boats.

A: The boat owner is responsible for the damage, but the challenge is making them aware of the damage they are doing to the shoreline and docks.

As there were no further questions, the meeting was adjourned. Members were invited to stay for a municipal all-candidates meeting.

6. Adjourn

M: Scott Durie

S: Janis Parker

