**LIVINGSTONE LAKE ASSOCIATION**

**19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and LAKE PARTY**

**Saturday Aug 19, 2023 ~ 3:30**

**Cottage of Dave and Lisa Fitton**

***Minutes***

1. **Welcome/General Comments (3:45 start)**
	1. Opening remarks - Steve
	2. Acknowledgment ~ As we gather to discuss stewardship of Livingstone Lake (Wawiagama), we acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of the Algonquin, the Huron-Wendat, the Anishnabek and Odawa people.
	3. Steve thanked Dave & Lisa for hosting the party
	4. Wayne introduced our Guest speaker Mayor Liz Danielson and guest Deputy Mayor Jen Dailloux
	5. Liz reviewed several key issues as well as informed the group as to what council is up to and priorities. Some questions were raised in advance that Liz also addressed:
		* + *County Road 12 condition* - tried to contact roads department without success. Confident that there is work planned for next year
				- *(Steve’s note: Within a week of our meeting County Rd 12 was significantly repaired. Steve sent a thank you note to Liz).*
			+ *Ice fishing* - township has nothing to do with ice fishing
			+ *ATV use and firearms use on crown land* - not township responsibility. Trying to resolve a lot of crown land issues (ATV use, firearms, etc) - call police if someone is acting out of order.
			+ *Docks & landings* given to township without land, so parking is not the jurisdiction of the township
			+ *Fireworks bylaws*. Restricted number of days the people are allowed to do fireworks, but it's very hard to enforce. Encouraged us to let council know what we would like to do about fireworks - total ban perhaps?
			+ *Taxes.* Blended increase of 2.69%. Tried to keep tax increase low, given all the cost increases
			+ *Online information*. Online portal significantly overhauled to allow taxpayers to get services and information online (permits, tax notices, e-bills, council meetings, etc).
			+ *Compressed work week for staff.* Staff work same number of hours, but have a better work life balance. Fridays off.
			+ *Lake Health.* Septic inspections - 4 year contract for inspections for municipality. 5th year extension. Wrapping up the contract now.
			+ *Waste Management.* Improvements, changes, recycling, reuse. Closed one transfer station, but improved Maple Lake station.
			+ *Shoreline bylaws.* Shoreline preservation work. Difficult task. Differences of opinions, but Liz is a key driver of the shoreline protection proposals in front of council.
			+ *Short Term Rentals.* Looked at policies from other municipalities and council is looking at options to address concerns.
			+ *Housing Crisis / shortage.* Approved on rural properties - okay to have a 2nd or 3rd residence. 400 square feet minimum for house. Considering tiny houses, but not on shoreline (concern about short term rentals)
			+ *License of Occupation.* For shoreline properties that have a road between them and the shoreline - supposed to go into effect last Thursday - putting a short hold on it. Being revisited to ensure fair and equitable treatment of all property owners and tax payers.
			+ Questions
				- Wayne - Dorset pavilion - 4 years since it was closed. Will be up and running by the end of the year. Pavilion park in Dorset - Lake of Bays let it go. Township may look at purchasing.
				- Lisa Fitton - Internet. Funds from the government. Fibre coming, but not sure how far that will get. Oxtongue Lake new tower.
	6. Sad news.
		* + Steve acknowledged Brian Wiese who passed away on June 22nd. Brian was the most recent “past” president of the lake association and a very long time resident of Livingstone Lake … brought to the lake in 1970 by his soon to be wife Susan. He was enthusiastic, energetic, vibrant and passionate about Livingstone Lake. He will be missed.
			+ Also recognized another long-standing cottager we lost with the passing of Paul Adams. Paul was an active member of the Lake Association since its inception and acted as treasurer until just a few years ago.
	7. No changes to the committee since the last AGM
2. **Minutes** ~ There were no changes or revisions to the minutes from the AGM of August 18, 2022. Motion to accept minutes from last meeting - Dee, Second Karen ~ **Carried**
3. **Treasurers update** – Dee presented the financial picture of the association. Costs are going up on key expenditure items. These include: Annual newsletter, FOCA and CHA membership and the cost of the AGM. Still have a healthy amount in our account however we will need to look into raising dues at some point. Motion to accept treasurers report made by Don and seconded by Amy ~ **Carried**
4. **Executive Committee.** Steve asked if there were any additional individuals who would like to volunteer to be on committee (there were none). Motion to accept members up for re-election: Bev McHenry, James Schwartz, Pat Dube, Dave Fitton and Christine Spengler. Motion by Sara Yelland and Second by Vina ~ **Carried.** Members up next year for reelection: Karen Hammond, Wayne Parker, Dee McLaren, Steve Bolliger, Amy McCarten and Beth Adams.
5. **Q&A/Updates**
	1. Liz: Volunteers for committees. Looking for a member for the Committee of Adjustment. Looking at properties under development. Commitment: 1 meeting per month and a tour of properties. About a half day each month. Year round, 3.5 year commitment.
	2. Wayne: Community Watch – Issues like campers on County Road 12, new boats on the lake, more traffic, ATVs on back lanes etc. Started looking into it: Find out how many people are willing to be a part of it, would need to record incidents, address privacy concerns, etc.
		* First step: Notify the lake members that we are looking into it.
		* Next step: Get an indication of how much interest we have.
	3. Wayne: Camping on canoe launch. 5 tents, 3 cars, food all over the table, garbage. Called Chris Clark (Haliburton water trails). If you see someone there, tell them that it's not a camping spot.
	4. Jen: Update on the pit? Wayne: Quietest year in the 30 years he has been here.
	5. Steve - other items
		* Steve and other members have been attending association conferences virtually. Lots of good information to share including Fire safe presentation. Steve printed copies of fire safety principles for anyone to take. Also looking into who on the lake has fire packs, water pumps. We would like to create a map with locations to be shared in case of emergecy.
		* AEDs: Defibrillators: Looking at who might have these on the lake and if the Association could invest in having two of these on the lake (one at each end).
		* Karen: Safe quiet lakes. Campaigning with federal government to put mufflers on personal watercraft. Suggesting we become a member.
		* Karen: Clarity tests. Numbers continue to be okay. A little bit low on calcium, but this is nothing new.
		* Email List ~ Steve printed off the latest email list and asked attendees to check that their emails were up to date.
6. **Adjournment** ~ Moved by Dee with Second by Nancy ~ **Carried**

***Note!!! Date of our 20th Annual General Meeting and Party will be Saturday August 17, 2024. Please mark this date in your calendar***