

BATTTERSEA LOUGHBOROUGH LAKE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 3, 2021 via Zoom

1. **Welcome** – The meeting had initially been scheduled to occur in the Loughborough Heritage Orchard and Zoomed from there to members who could not attend in person. Unfortunately the weather was tending towards rain and the meeting was converted to a Zoom only format. It began at 2:05 with 17 Zoom participants (approximately 23 people) attending. Vice President Roel Vertegaal conducted the meeting in place of President Evonne Potts. The following Board Members were present, Evonne Potts, Roel Vertegaal, Acting Treasurer Bob Fugler, Secretary Philippa Fugler, Anne Fisher, Meela Melnik-Proud, Catherine Sutton and Ron Jackson. Roel welcomed everyone and spoke about the challenges that COVID-19 had on the population and the organization, including increased boat traffic and new cottage/homeowners joining the lake community. In addition, he noted that the lake's water quality remained unchanged but that there were reports of increased weed growth. He also spoke about the Township Official Plan which is currently being developed and that the Association would always advocate for water quality measures. A new initiative of the Association is to look into setting up a boat washing station at the main boat launch on Perth Road to remove invasive species from boats before they enter the lake. The Association received a grant from the Township for this purpose.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – There were no errors or omissions and Meela Melnik-Proud moved that the agenda be adopted, seconded by Bob Fugler and carried.
3. **Approval of**
 - a. **Minutes of the 2020 AGM** – There were no errors or omissions and Anne Fisher moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Nada Beamish and carried.
 - b. **Treasurer's report** – Bob Fugler reported for the period between October 19, 2020 and October 3, 2021 revenues of \$2,365.33 which included memberships of \$1,320, advertising of \$990, donations of \$25.78 and interest of \$29.55. Expenses of \$1,911.35 included insurance of \$1,053.00, FOCA membership of \$440, name change costs \$79.50, web expenses of \$216.65, newsletter costs of \$48.40 and bank charges of \$73.80. Income less expenses led to a surplus of \$453.98. The bank balance stands at \$9,466.29. Bob noted that we are a non profit organization and can expect small losses and small profits from year to year but that we are toeing the line. Bob did note that the name change would incur legal fees and administrative fees of \$700 or more. He moved that the financial statement be approved, seconded by Meela Melnik-Proud and carried.

- c. **Special Resolution for the name change to Loughborough Lake Association** – Bob Fugler read the Special Resolution to the membership. (a copy of the resolution is included with these minutes). He asked if there were any questions regarding the name change. Nona Mariotti advised us that a similar request was not agreed to in 2007 by the Board which felt that the name had historical importance. She further added that the goals of the organization will have changed with the name change and with more full time homeowners amongst cottagers. Roel Vertegaal countered that the organization has been more proactive in monitoring water quality and development. He further added that the name change would be more inclusive of the West Basin. The Maxwell-Robinson family felt a name that includes both the name of a town (Battersea) and the lake could confuse people. Karl Montgomery noted the original impetus for the formation of the lake association and its name was the placing of the culvert beneath the Perth Road bridge to allow the passage of boats between the West and East Basin and also to support the commerce of the town of Battersea. Bob reported that all members of the Board of Directors had voted to approve the name change. He called for a counted vote on the adoption of name change to Loughborough Lake Association which was carried unanimously.

4. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Membership report** – Ann Fisher reported the Association has 127 members of which 50 are life members, 44 hold 3 year memberships, 1-2 year member and 32-1 year members. She asked that members spread the word about our Association as our numbers are down. Bob Fugler added that we no longer give memberships to our advertisers so that is part of the reason for the decline. Christine Galvin noted that with properties changing hands we need to approach new property owners to join and suggested we do a mailing campaign in the spring. Lynn McDonnell further suggested that Facebook would be a way to reach new members as it would be difficult to identify who and where new members are. Christine Galvin also mentioned the website of “Our Lakes” as a possible way to reach new residents.
- b. **Website report** – Roel Vertegaal spoke about Heather Gregg leaving the Board and thus we have need of someone to monitor the Facebook and Instagram sites. He said that traffic had increased considerably over the last year. The newsletter is now being transmitted virtually to all members for whom we have email addresses. We did mail approximately 13 newsletters this summer. He added that the Board is attempting to post articles throughout the year to keep the website interesting.

5. **Nominations of Board of Directors**

- a. **Nomination of existing Board Members** – Philippa Fugler asked all the existing members of the Board of Directors if they would be willing to continue for the next year. They all agreed. She then thanked Heather Gregg who has recently left the Board for all her work in setting up the Facebook and Instagram sites, developing several member surveys and keeping the sites stocked with photos and stories.
- b. **Nominations from members** - Philippa then called for nominations from the floor or volunteers. No one volunteered.

- c. **Election of Board of Directors for 2021-2022** - The slate of the Board of Directors was read out - Evonne Potts, Roel Vertegaal, Bob Fugler, Philippa Fugler, Anne Fisher, Meela Melnik-Proud, Catherine Sutton and Ron Jackson and Philippa moved that this slate be approved as the 2021-2022 Board of Directors, seconded by Karl Montgomery and carried.
6. **Other Business**
 - a. MeelaMelnik-Proud reported that the County of Frontenac has approved the Johnston Point condominium plan but the Township of South Frontenac has not yet done so.
 - b. Diane Koen spoke about a temporary dock on a property on Johnston Point. She said she understood that there were only to be two community docks for the condominium development. Roel Vertegaal stated that he did not feel the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority would deal with this concern. Roel then added he had had a meeting with the Mayor of South Frontenac, Ron Vandewal, in which he stressed the importance of water protection especially since we reside within the Frontenac Arch Biosphere which is recognized as a UNESCO Biosphere. Roel felt we need to climate-proof our lake and made the point that development stresses on the lake could affect water quality. Lynn McDonell suggested there should be a resolution from the Lake Association. Members of the Battersea Loughborough Lake Association moved that the Township and authorities recognize that the Frontenac Arch and its lakes be protected such that development is managed within that intent. Specifically, as an example that as agreed upon Johnston Point's condominium agreement be enforced. Seconded by Nona Mariotti and carried. Lastly, Meela wondered if the JP lot owners have been informed on what they can and cannot do on their lots.
 - c. Light issues – the Maxwell-Robinsons spoke about a neighbour of a new property approximately 1 Km. from their property who has very bright lights which illuminates the Maxwell's dock. At present there is no lighting bylaw in our Township but other Townships have enacted them. Fireworks, outside of days of national celebration, were also mentioned as a concern amongst some members. Cottage Life and FOCA have recently published articles on lights and how to position lights not to illuminate more than the area directly beneath them. Roel suggested an article on lighting should be written for the website. Christine Galvin proposed that the Lake Association could lobby the Township council to develop a bylaw by examining other communities who have enacted lighting bylaws.
7. **Adjournment** Diane Koen moved that the meeting be adjourned seconded by Nada Beamish and carried.