

LCPOA Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2021

Present: Judy Bates, Colleen Beanish, Jean Davies, Carolyn Desjardins, John Earle, Karen Jerome, Kathleen Kearney, Lori MacDonald, Lorne Monahan, Lianne Pepper, Liz Shultis, John Taker,

Regrets:

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1

Moved: Judy Bates
Seconded: Kathleen Kearney

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding media strategies discussion and photo contest update.

Motion Carried

2. Proposed BVT RV bylaw discussion Judy Bates

- LCPOA position is a formal objection
- Mayor Murphy has acknowledged receipt of letters to the council
- Many property owners have shared their letters with Judy
- Position: to continue to encourage and support friends and neighbours to send letters to council before the February public meeting
- Executive has engaged in discussions with:
 - a. Retired planner from Ottawa
 - b. Planner from the Rideau Conservation Authority reviewed the proposed bylaw and offered input
 - c. Formal letter from LCPOA was cc'd to 3 Ministers:
 - ☐ Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - ☐ Minister of Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
 - ☐ Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

- Renfrew County will only get involved if the Bonnechere Valley Township council ask them to.
- Submissions need to focus on facts, based on policy and legislation
- Legal position sought and submitted to BVT council is that any current RV being used as a permanent residence is unlawful
“if not specifically permitted, then they (RVs) are not legal.”
- LCPOA position is that if BVT allows an RV on a vacant lot then the owner should be subjected to BVT’s own current bylaws
- If the amendment is passed, the township will allow up to 4 RVs on a property, which our legal opinions have deemed unlawful.
- Public Meeting with BVT council - February 16, 2021 at 3:30 regarding proposed amendment to by law
- Email danaj@eganville.com if you would like to participate and you will be provided meeting login details when it becomes available
- Directions for how to join the February 16, 2021 Public Meeting will be sent to the membership via an e-Update
- BVT council have several options:
 - a. Choose to wait and park the amendment
 - b. Could move forward with current amendment
 - c. Could amend the current draft
- There is no obligation for council to act on any comments from the public meeting
- If the amendment is passed the next option would be to submit appeal to LPAT (Local Planning Appeal Tribunal)
- \$400 - \$1,000 to submit application to LPAT
- LCPOA’s recent member survey shows that a majority of property owners are concerned with water quality and unregulated RVs. (Results are posted on the LCPOA’s website for the public)

3. Letter Writing Campaign Judy Bates
 - Shore Reps have been asked to reach out to their members to encourage their support in writing letters to BVT council
 - The e-updates from the LCPOA’s Executive are thorough and already encourages members to share their opinions
4. Petition
 - Letters are important but politicians want to know how many people agree with a position so a petition is easier to collect numbers

- Urgency to have the petition to council soon
- Ad hoc committee to be chaired by John Taker, with Colleen Beanish, Jean Davies, and John Earle as members.

MOTION #2

Moved: Judy Bates

Seconded: John Earle

Motion to approve the creation of an ad hoc committee to design a petition to send to the LCPOA membership, that in accordance with our mandate to protect the lake environment, states opposition to the BVT proposed bylaw amendment regarding RVs on Lake Clear.

Motion Carried

5. Membership Update Lianne Pepper
 - December 31, 2020 243 paid memberships
 - 244 for 2021
 - 3 new members have been added and now receive emails
 - Membership data on website will only report raw data (membership revenue divided by number of members) 2008 – forward
 - Will share membership information via e-updates and remind property owners to purchase new memberships for 2021
 - Karen has not heard back from CRA (must approve the change in fiscal year date) but we will continue as though it will be approved

6. Website Update Colleen Beanish
 - Significantly new information from the Environment Committee has been added to the What's New section on the main page
 - All links are now working and format has been updated
 - Historical Information will archive past events such as Poker Run and only current year activities will be on main page

Next Steps:

- Fix up the mobile version of the website
- Highlight website on e-updates and facebook

7. Environment Committee Update John Taker

- Educational material has been updated on the website
- Invasive species is an increasing threat
- working with LCC
- Presentation to BVT council on Feb. 2 to get support for a boat de-contamination center (LCC member speaking at council)
- Ideally would like to use township owned land
- Being able to operate a de-contaminating station depends on co-operation from township

Next Step:

- ☐ LCC would take the lead, but we would work with them, to fund raise
- ☐ LCC would be able to issue tax receipts
- ☐ Goal to fund raise \$18,000

8. Other

a. 2021 Jacquie Lecuyer Environmental Scholarship Jean Davies

MOTION #3

Moved: Jean Davies
Second: John Taker

Motion to approve that a poster advertising the Jacquie Lecuyer Environmental Scholarship be distributed to the media.

Motion Carried

b. Media Strategies (regarding RV amendment opposition)

- ☐ Discussion to contact other newspapers to reach a broader community
- ☐ Possibility of a paid advertisement in the Leader?
- ☐ Possibility of printing the petition results in the Leader?

- ⌈ Suggestion that we seek out guidance to manoeuvre effectively through various media
- ⌈ John Yakabuski MPP (Renfrew, Nipissing, Pembroke) should be contacted and made aware of the proposed amendments a council in his home area is attempting to pass – as Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry john.yakabuski@pc.ola.org

c. Photo Contest

Colleen Beanish

- ⌈ Would like to launch February 14, 2021
- ⌈ Announce winners on Long Weekend in August
- ⌈ Kathy Haycock has donated prizes
- ⌈ Letter drafted for membership and to be posted on website
- ⌈ Information for members in e-Update in early February

MOTION #4

Moved: Judy Bates

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried