



LCPOA Board Meeting

Minutes

February 2, 2022

Virtual

9:30 am

PRESENT: Judy Bates, Colleen Beanish, Carol Boudreau, Jean Davies, John Earle, Kathleen Kearney, Lori MacDonald, Lorne Monahan, John Taker

REGRETS: Lianne Pepper, Matt St. Lious

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1

Moved: Colleen Beanish

Seconded: John Taker

Motion to approve the agenda including the amendment to add a discussion regarding documenting Board members and Committee Chair expenses.

Carried

2. Approval of Board Meeting Draft Minutes from September 22, 2021

MOTION #2

Moved: Kathleen Kearney

Seconded: John Taker

Motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Board meeting on September 22, 2021 with amendment to correct a spelling error.

Carried

3. Confirmation of email vote to pass Motion was carried January 2022

Moved to send, via registered mail, letter and documents prepared by LUC Committee to Bruce Howarth, Manager of Economic Development, County of Renfrew.

Documents included a letter to Bruce Howarth, the LCPOA Position Paper, the 2020 Legal opinion from the LCPOA to BVT Council, and a copy of the precipent case related to RVs. Sent on Wednesday, January 26, 2021

(letter and documents attached)

4. Confirmation of email communication sent to members who contributed to the LCPOA fundraising campaign. (email attached)
5. BVT RV Discussion
Notes from BVT Council Meeting, February 1, 2022, in which they were discussing a By-law regarding RVs
 - Bruce Howarth was present to give guidance to help the council develop By-laws that align with the County Plan
 - Bruce spoke only when asked a specific question
 - Discussion divided RV use into permanent and temporary/storage use
 - NO DISCUSSION: regarding Lake Clear, At Capacity lake, Sensitive lake, setbacks, aligning with other ministry rules, or any licensing or permit system
 - Without a licensing or permit system there is no way to know where RVs are and why they are present, how long they are there, and if they are conforming to any guidelines
 - Most of the discussion focused how to implement a lengthy list of variances and exceptions that would allow RV owners to get around any By-law
 - Some concern from council about how any by-law would impact neighbours and would any By-law be “reasonable” for neighbours – without mentioning if By-laws effected the environment, aligned with County Plan, or aligned with other Ministry restrictions

- CAO, Annette Gilgrist, and Mayor Murphy, were very clear that enforcing any By-law would be impossible and that the council members were very strong in their belief that they expect land owners to be “on the honour system”.
- Suggested resolution of offending RV owners would be to contact the owner first and try to understand why the RV is present (“usually a good reason!”), suggest that neighbours resolve it between themselves, send a letter with no mention a time frame for compliance, and then no further actions suggested
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- Advertisement in the Eganville Leader recently for a new Building Inspection Officer and a By-law Enforcement Officer as one job, however the BVT website lists them as separate
- BVT shares its By-law Enforcement Officer with another township
- Mayor mentioned a few times that her main concern was that a By-law be created that would be defensible at an LPAT appeal
- Lengthy discussion around defining what temporary means
- Short discussion about Permanent Use: mainly concerned with lot size and number of RVs on a large lot
- When any mention of how permanent RVs may impact neighbours council members quickly shot it down by saying there are noise by-laws and other by-laws already in place which did not address any significant issue at all – and then there is no real enforcement
- Lengthy discussion regarding Temporary Use of RVs on Rural properties
- Lengthy discussion regarding how to allow exceptions and create variances for a multitude of examples and finding ways to allow a lot of RV owners not have to follow any new By-law
- It was not clear in the discussions whether any councillor had read or understood the lengthy information provided to them by Bruce Howarth in preparation of this meeting
- Kept changing the number of days that temporary RVs would be allowed: went from 30 days a year, to 45, to 60 and then to 45 days every 6 months – which would basically allow any number of RVs on lots for the whole season with no need to abide by any setback or environmental regulations
- Share letter and documents sent to Bruce Howarth with members
 - Share details related to next BVT council meeting when RV/By-law will be discussed
 - Encourage members to join virtual BVT council meeting
 - Share recent article in the Eganville Leader with members

6. Amendments to our By-laws

- Not addressed – put forward to a later date

7. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Judy Bates

