

## Bayfield Ratepayers Association

### Board of Directors Meeting

June 6, 2023

In Attendance: Don, Anette, Ian, Bob, Robin, Dave, Brian

**Agenda:** Moved to accept. Moved by John, Seconded by Dave. Approved.

**Minutes of Board Meeting May 9,2023:** Moved by Anette, Seconded by Bob. Approved.

**Financial Report:** Ian reported we currently have \$2765.13 in the bank. We added \$60.00 today through new membership dues. Ian announced he will be retiring from The Board as of the upcoming AGM.

**Retiring Board Members:** We will need 3 new Directors to replace retiring Directors Ian Matthew, Bob Campbell and Dave McLaren. We will send out a request for nominations for new Directors, to the current membership and also in the Summer Bulletin and an announcement in The Breeze for interested new residents to get involved with the BRA.

**Short Term Rentals:** Bluewater changed the STR by-law at their Council Meeting June 5, 2023 to create a new, shorter by-law to be approved at June 19,2023 meeting. Date of Registration of Grandfathered STRs to be decided. Fines for non-registration to be reduced from \$5000.00 to \$900.00. This may not be a deterrent for STR owners to register. Bob suggested we should prepare a proactive report on STR to show our members what has happened, what is happening and what actually happened. It appears that the legal staff have the lead in program preparation. We need the know where Council is on this major issue. Anette will prepare a comparison of surrounding Municipalities regulations, fees, penalties, etc. and publish it in the Summer Newsletter. Bob will help Anette in the preparation of the report for The Summer Newsletter.

**Bedrock Energy Project:** Interesting project. Currently, there is a small version project in Goderich. Bedrock is gathering questions on the project so that they can prepare answers in the future. Their website is very limited. Anette has done a lot of research on Bedrock and other renewable energy resources and it appears that there is very little information about Bedrock, the project and their financing. Why all the secrecy? How viable is the company, the financing and the project? We will mention this project in the Newsletter and stress that Council due their due diligence before jumping into a partnership with Bedrock. John will prepare the article for The Newsletter.

**Petitions and Shell Letters:** It appears that more residents are willing to write letters to Council. We should expand our ability to send Shell letters via our website. Scott to investigate. Letters sent to The Mayor and Council must be put on the agenda for the next meeting. We should encourage our members to write their own letters using our "prepared bullet points".

**Membership and Communications:** At AGM we need a resolution to change by-laws to eliminate Life Members. Don asked all Directors to review current by-laws and notify Bob and Anette of proposed changes so we can publish changes to the members in the announcement of the 2023 AGM. In addition

to these proposed changes, we will include 2022 Meeting Minutes. All info for the Newsletter to Don before June 23, 2023

**New Web Site:** New site to be operational before 2023 AGM and include meeting minutes, minutes of 2022 AGM and recent Newsletters published by this current Board.

**New Business:** Bluewater has hired a new Treasurer. Bob attended BSRA meeting May 20,2023.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Anette, Seconded by Dave, Approved.

**Next Meeting: July 11, 2023 at The Lions Building 2:00pm.**

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