

THE LONG POINT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.



RECORD - ANNUAL MEETING June 25, 2023 The Courts on Long Point

- 1) **Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum & President Address**
President Mike Stamper called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

Per our By-Law Section 4.5, a quorum for any meeting of Members is 30. Thirty-four cottage members in good standing were present and four proxies were received in advance of the meeting, to establish a quorum. Two additional members were present who had not yet paid their 2023 annual dues and therefore were not eligible to vote. With apologies to those members for the confusion over due dates, it was agreed that in the future the payment deadline will be the date of the Annual Meeting and not July 1 (which is the date after which a late payment fee goes into effect).

In his President's Report, Mike noted that Long Point is now in its 99th year and he thanked the numerous volunteers for their invaluable contributions that have kept our community strong.

- 2) **Approval of Previous Meeting Record**
President Mike Stamper moved approval of the pre-circulated record of the previous Annual Meeting held on July 10, 2022. There were no corrections or edits suggested and the motion was seconded by Graham Tough and carried in the absence of objection.
- 3) **Receipt of 2022 Financial Report**
The *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act 2010 (ONCA)*, Section 83 requires the Board to approve financial statements and present them to the membership at the next Annual Meeting. Treasurer Susan Reid presented the pre-circulated 2022 Financial Report approved by the Board on May 25, 2023. Revenues for the period were \$30,453 and Expenses \$23,971. The report was received by the members present without any questions.
- 4) **Resolutions to Change By-Law No. 2**
President Mike Stamper raised the following two resolutions to change the current By-Law, both of which were pre-circulated following their May 25, 2023 approval of the Board of Directors and presented to the Annual Meeting of the Members for approval.
 - a) Resolution to hold the Annual Meeting between June 1 and June 30
 - b) Resolution to reduce the number of Directors from 12 to 9

Anne Shaw asked if the number of members present represented two-thirds of the membership as required by the current By-Law, for ratification of any changes to that By-Law (Section 9.1). It was determined that indeed the number of members present did not constitute two-thirds of the total Voting Members, and although the wording of the By-Law is subject to interpretation, it could not be confirmed that a vote today would be official.

Maureen Sloley asked if there were any ramifications to not approving these resolutions today. Secretary Linda Crawford explained that we have until October 2024 to comply with the ONCA, and that these are the first changes of many that may need consideration before that deadline. The Board has conducted an early comparative review of our By-Law to ONCA and has authorized limited expenditure for additional counsel from a law firm that specializes in assisting not for profit corporations with compliance. The Board believes we have sufficient time to complete the necessary review and to comply before the deadline.

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There was considerable discussion and in the end the resolutions were tabled for future vote. An informal show of hands indicated overwhelming support (there were no objections to either resolution) for an earlier Annual Meeting and fewer Directors. The Board was tasked with determining how and when either an electronic vote or special meeting will be arranged - either for the sole purpose of approving these two resolutions or perhaps these resolutions plus additional By-Law changes that might be required for our compliance with ONCA. The membership will receive more information from the Board.

5) Election of Directors

Past President Gary Crawford presented the Nominations Report that was pre-circulated. He thanked George Auger who will retire from the Board after serving two 3-year terms and Jessica Bolla who is leaving the Board after serving one 3-year term. Both have provided valuable advice and expertise. Susan Reid has also completed two 3-year terms but has agreed to remain as treasurer (allowed by By-Law Section 6.). Mike Stamper has completed one 3-year term and has agreed to stand for election for a second 3-year term. Joanne Poulin was appointed by the Board as a Director in 2022 to fill a vacancy and she has agreed to stand for election to complete that 3-year term.

It was moved by Don Thompson and seconded by Jeff Taylor that Mike Stamper and Joanne Poulin be elected. The motion carried.

Gary noted that our Board will have only 10 members in 2024. If the Board wishes additional Directors, they will seek volunteers for that purpose however it is not necessary because filling of vacancies with additional volunteers is at the Board's discretion (per By-Law Section 5.4 that requires a minimum of 5 Directors). The 2024 Board will consist of:

Gary Crawford
Linda Crawford
Heather Kenney
Cory Lamothe
Gerry Lynch
Joanne Poulin
Susan Reid (Treasurer)
Thom Sloley
Chris Stamper
Mike Stamper

Additional officers will be appointed by the Board at a meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting (per By-Law Section 6.1).

6) Announcements and Reports

a) 31st Annual Golf Tournament

George Auger and John Leeder reported that the golf tournament will take place on July 8 at Western Trent. With the support of the Fenelon Falls Brewing Co., the event will raise money for *A Place Called Home*.

b) Tennis Events

George Auger (Board Liaison for Tennis) noted that pickle ball nets are not permanent fixtures and therefore he takes measures to ensure that our pickle ball nets (purchased at a cost of approximately \$300 each) are either non-metal or if metal, will not rust onto our tennis court. He reported on upcoming events:

- Pickle ball round robin organized by Julie Leeder – July 29
- Junior Tennis Camp and Tournament organized by Anna Shaw – August 7-11

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- Balsam Lake open tournament for whom our liaison is Jamie Noskiewicz – August 19 at Long Point and August 20 at Mackenzie Point
 - Mens' Hit & Grunt organized by John Leeder – September 2
- There will be no Ladies Hit & Giggle this year because no volunteer has come forward to organize it.

c) **Regatta August 5**

Joanne Poulin (Board liaison with the regatta chairs) shared information from Regatta Chairs David and Michael Barrons.

- On-line ticket sales will commence soon with an email notification and the deadlines need to be respected in order to place our food order
- Please donate raffle prize donations and drop them off by August 4 to the Trent cottage at 197 Ridge Drive
- Events will start August 5 at 1:00pm.

She also stated that Riley Doolittle will be assisting with organization this year and will succeed the Barrons next year as Regatta chair.

d) **Long Point Clothing Campaign 2023**

Vice President Chris Stamper reported for the committee of Susan Reid, Victoria Hale and himself, that sales for Long Point gear will commence when an electronic order form will be available. Deliveries are expected by Regatta. There may be extra items available for purchase at the Regatta.

e) **100th Anniversary Celebration in 2024**

Vice President Chris Stamper said that in July a contest will be launched, to create a 100th Anniversary Long Point logo.

Treasurer Susan Reid said she is seeking volunteers to join a planning committee for our 100th anniversary in 2024. The idea is to have an "old fashioned celebration" of sorts incorporating walks through our centre lands, memorabilia displayed in our storage shed, and food served at The Courts. A Goggle Drive document has been created to capture ideas, and will be placed on the Website so others can contribute ideas. Meetings of the volunteers will start in July 2023.

f) **Liaison with City of Kawartha Lakes**

Gerry Lynch (Board Liaison with the City of Kawartha Lakes) reported on anticipated local bridge work and road resurfacing. Work on the Fennel Road bridge over the Trent Canal started mid-June and a traffic light was installed as during construction only one-way traffic will be allowed over the bridge. The Fish Hawk Road bridge will close on July 4 for rebuilding. He will monitor progress to provide further information on completion of these projects. When asked, he clarified that the intersection at Fish Hawk and Elm Tree roads will remain open.

Gerry also said that next year road resurfacing is planned for Fish Hawk Road from Fennel Road to Omega Road, Omega Road from Jasper Road to Otter Road, and Otter Road from Omega Road to Maple Avenue.

Gerry reported that the sunken Togo Rock in Balsam Lake off the channel marker to the south east of Grand Island is no longer marked by the Federal government waterways. He will investigate with the Balsam Lake Association to see if it might be marked.

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A concern was raised regarding the use of Balsam Lake boat ramps on either side of Long Point. A number of parked cars are hazardous for passing traffic. Gerry will investigate and Tim Anevich offered to work with him on this.

g) **Balsam Lake Association**

Tim Anevich shared that he is our representative on the Balsam Lake Association and is willing to remain so. He stated that 15 cottage and/or road associations make up the Balsam Lake Association. Their representatives meet four times per year. In the past year the Balsam Lake Association has:

- participated in the spring Fresh Water Summit at Coboconk;
- worked to stop the Greensides Recycle and Salvage drop-off near Coboconk on Highway 35 because materials were leaching chemicals into Balsam Lake;
- liaised with the Balsam Lake Provincial Park to educate renters of canoes and kayaks because Balsam Lake cottagers conducted 23 rescues in 2022; and
- participated in the phosphorous water testing program through the Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association.

7) **Ratification of Actions of the Board of Director**

Robert Reid noted that per By-Law Section 5.6, the Board of Directors is elected to manage the affairs of the Association and to conduct the Association's business. The actions of the Board of Directors must be confirmed and ratified by the Members. He moved such ratification, the motion was seconded by Robin Stamper and carried with the absence of opposition.

8) **New and Other Business**

- Brush pit and leaf pit management – President Mike Stamper urged everyone to respect signs when they indicate these areas are closed. Keep your brush and leaves on your property until these pits re-open and do not dump debris in the centre lands. Our centre lands are a Managed Forrest and that program reduces our tax on those lands. Dumping debris anywhere in non-designated areas could jeopardize our designated Managed Forrest.

Fred Bate urged members to respect use of the pits so that we continue to benefit from their use. He suggested the Board consider installing a surveillance camera on the storage shed near the tennis court and pointing down the road into the brush pit in order to monitor who uses the pit.

Mike also recognized the number of volunteers who worked this month on trail clean-up.

- Marsh Anevich urged everyone to respect the burn ban. Vice President Chris Stamper said that bans can be monitored through the Ontario government Website at [Outdoor fire restrictions ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/en/health-safety-and-environment/outdoor-fire-restrictions).
- Jeff Taylor asked members to respect a City of Kawartha Lakes noise ordinance that requires loud music to cease at 11:00pm.
- Bob Shaw asked if the one-way traffic on the Fennel Road bridge plus the closure of the Fish Hawk Road bridge will impact the response time of the Kirkfield Fire Department. Thom Sloley said that last winter when there was a cottage fire on Long Point, the Kirkfield Fire Department responded within 20 minutes and the Fenelon Falls Fire Department was on-site within five minutes after. Any 911 call response will be from multiple fire departments.

9) **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bob Reid.