

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
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SUNDAY 05 AUGUST, 2012
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 1:07 pm – 35 in attendance

West Nipissing councilor Guilles Tessier had been invited but was unfortunately unable to attend due to family commitments. He has worked closely with the Board on outstanding issues and has committed to continue to do so.

2. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Lois Dobson, seconded by Len Tighe. Approved by All.
3. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 31 July 2011. Moved by Claude McGrath, seconded by Fern Levesque. Approved by All.
4. Treasurer's Report. Moved by Lois Dobson, seconded by Lise Levesque that that the report outlining a bank balance of \$1,356.95 be accepted. Approved by All.
5. President's Report – Derek reported on a number of issues that had been addressed since the last AGM

Meeting with West Nipissing Officials - Over the past winter, the hill located near the west end of North shore Rd was impassable. A letter of complaint was submitted to councilor Tessier. At his suggestion, correspondence was forwarded to Marc Gagnon, Operations Director. In response, Marc, other West Nipissing representatives and Chief of Police Chuck Sequin met with Derek, discussed this issue and other issues which had been raised at the 2011 AGM. They also conducted an on-site tour.

Road Repairs – Mr. Gagnon subsequently authorized comprehensive repair of the hill area on Northshore Rd, installation of new culverts etc. This area has seen considerable improvement.

Signage – Mr. Gagnon has arranged to have anti-dumping signage posted on several illegal dumping areas on Clear Lake Rd. It was agreed that warning signs regarding campfires would have little effect.

Police Action – Chief Sequin advised West Nipissing Police Service would remain available to enforce littering complaints.

Objection to Denmar Quarry Proposal – The Board along with Tanner Lake representatives has continued to formally oppose this proposal during meetings

with Denmar's consultants and through regular correspondence with the MNR and West Nipissing Council. As a result of magnitude of outstanding complaints, rather than ruling on the application, the MNR has referred the matter to the Ontario Municipal Board for review. CLCA has received notice that our group and other opponents will be welcome to make a presentation at the OMB hearing (scheduled within the next 4-6 months). The Board plans to make such a presentation.

Public Safety Concerns – Clear Lake Rd – A letter has been forwarded to West Nipissing Council reaffirming CLCA's claim that increased truck traffic on Clear Lake Rd would constitute a threat to public safety. This is one of several notifications that have been provided to council over the past two years. No response has been received.

President Derek also commended CLCA volunteers for the work they done over the past year.

6. **Membership-** Membership continues to remain above past years' levels and attendance at AGMs is very encouraging.
7. **Lake Partner Program** – Len Tighe reports testing indicates the lake remains in good shape. He has yet to receive statistical results from the Lake Partner Program.
8. **Marker Buoys** – Claude McGrath reported a number of new buoys have been purchased and installed. He thanked volunteers for assisting with buoys and encouraged all members to immediately report shallow locations or rocks that may endanger boaters
9. **Neighborhood watch.** There were no reported break-ins over the winter. After some discussion it was agreed to overcome liability concerns, CLCA will continue to watch out for our neighbours on an informal basis rather than establishing a formal program.
10. **Clean-up.** President Derek thanked volunteers for assisting with this year's clean up and invited everyone to keep next year in mind. Remember the cleanup day is always the first Saturday in May each year.
11. **Call for nominations to the Board.**

Derek Stewart, Bob Jolley, Len Tighe, Pat Sayer and Claude McGrath do not complete their terms until 2013. Lois Dobson retains the position of Past President establishing a 6 person Board. (4 vacancies)

Jenny Navid and Howie Longfellow have completed their terms. Jenny has declined to accept a new term for personal reasons. Howie Longfellow was absent, therefore could not be nominated.

Derek encouraged people to volunteer to for Board membership. The Board will entertain any future applications from volunteers who would be interested in assisting, particularly for the position of Treasurer and Membership Chairman. Feel free to call any Board member.

12. New Business

Clearing of Road Allowance – Fern Levesque reported that vegetation at the intersection of Clear Lake Rd and Southshore Rd is restricting driving visibility and creating an unsafe condition. President Stewart advised he would notify Marc Gagnon personally without delay and follow through with a written request for clearing.

Dumping Passes - Claude McGrath suggested that the expected lifespan of the local landfill is being shortened by unauthorized dumping by residents living outside of the Field area. Moved by Claude McGrath seconded by Carole Ann Friedrich

“That the Municipality of West Nipissing issue dump passes to all Field and Crystal Falls taxpayers and their tenants giving them access to the Clear Lake Dump and Muskasung dump. No pass – no dumping.”

Carried. A letter will be directed to Marc Gagnon, Director of Operations requesting that such action be implemented.

Speeding / Illegal Parking – Clear Lake Rd – Residents reported that some drivers including Denmar Construction employees are travelling in excess of the posted speed limits and unduly threatening pedestrians and other drivers. Also, illegal parking at the Tanner Lake boat launch area is reducing the roadway to one lane. Police enforcement was requested. A letter will be directed to Chief Sequin.

13. Attendance Draw – Brad Laird and Jenny Navid each won a \$25.00 CTC card.

14. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 04 August, 2013.

15. Meeting Adjournment Moved by Lois Dobson, Seconded by Fern Levesque that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m. All in favour