

Norway Lake Association Meeting Minutes

July 6th 2019 at David Johnson's cottage 10:00 start time

54 Cottagers in attendance

1. Welcome and Introductions - 10:05am

Mark Gallivan – President, welcomed the group and introduced the Executive Committee.

Sue McDonald – Treasurer

David Johnson – Cartographer

Anastasia Turner – Lake Steward

Fauve Gauthier – Web Master

Jake Charron – East End Neighbourhood Watch

Regrets:

Bruce Smithson, Secretary - on vacation - Fauve volunteered to take the meeting minutes.

Ruth Berry – Past Treasurer – unable to attend

Glenda McKay – Southside Neighbourhood Watch

Mark then introduced our guest speaker; Lucie Perrier, Councillor – Township of Greater Madawaska, Ward 1.

2. Lucie Perrier - Council/Township Update - 10:08

Lucie has been in Calabogie for 5 years, originally from Carleton Place. She loves the region and wanted to get involved in the community to find out what is going on [ex: trailer park]

Lucie has created a website to share information on township activities, it is political and community focused, to publicise anything from Farmers Markets to council meeting information. Visit www.talktolucie.ca for more information.

lucie@talktolucie.ca 613.282.8247

Lucie opened the floor up to questions

Q: Chuck Weatherdon asked about the trailer park – why are regulations not being enforced?

A: Lucie Perrier responded that it was discussed at Council and is being reviewed – Mark provided background information to Lucy via email.

Mark: 30 letters sent were sent by NLA Cottagers in 2017 outlining all the same issues

Lucie: township just hired someone to review bylaws and possible infractions.

Chuck: the waste is the biggest issue – sewage, bathing in the lake [phosphate free? Etc]

Mark: provided example of another lake owner who was approached by bylaw about a small structure, but the trailer park was ignored. The Association simply wants to know what the regulations are for the lot being used.

*Lucy was obviously unaware of the extent of the situation

Lucie: are they paying taxes for their property?

Group: no

Mark: Council has never addressed this or asked them to pay

Lucie: announced that Township Council will be meeting on July 15th for a Council meeting at 5:30pm in Council chambers, and if anyone would like to attend, they will be discussing this issue.

Betty: *referenced last years meeting minutes* Darryl Wagner was working on this. Fauve provided Lucie with a copy of 2018 meeting minutes.

Lots of discussion on the trailer park, including how they are burying hydro lines.

Chuck: Cottagers on the lake have been dealing with this for 30 years, and its never been addressed. The original 2 trailers have apparently been “grandfathered in”, however they were told at the beginning that they were not allowed to park more than two trailers on the lot. Two months ago one of the old trailers was removed and a new big one was brought in. There are at least 9-12 trailers now.

Lucie: this is a snowballing issue

Mark: the longer this goes on, the more of an issue it is for the Township. These trailer owners are not paying for the dump, OPP services, etc.

3. 2018 AGM Minute Approval - 10:25

Motion to approve by Mike Weatherdon, seconded by Peter Malizia – all in favour.

4. 10:26 - Sue McDonald - Treasurers report

Contact Sue to pay dues and get a copy of financial report.

2018 July 1st Beginning Balance: \$1517.60

Income: \$710.12

Expenditures: \$412.04 [FOCA, Website, AGM, etc]

BBQ Costs reduced by a donation by Mark Gallivan, Gallivan Wealth Management and from Doug Smith's notebooks and the donations from the NLA members in attendance

Being Foca members gives discounts on Cottage Life magazine, helpful hints on cottager duties, etc.

Closing Balance June 30th 2019: \$1815.68

Total memberships for 2018: 111

NLA golf tournament have received a donation from Gallivan Wealth Management for 2019 tournament prizes.

FYI - Nowary Lake Souvenirs are purchased from a separate account and not from NLA dues.

5. 10:28 - Neighbourhood Watch

10:29 – Jake Charron – Smithson Lane/East Side Way – No big news, Trailer park concerns, new decks – nothing fancy

Jake – Lake levels have been steady, its high but normal for now. We are well positioned for a drought if the rain doesn't come. We all hope the lake stays the level it is at currently.

10:32 – Brian McKay gave the Neighbourhood Watch report for Southside Way for Glenda who did not attend the meeting – nothing to report other than he has a big, white, noisy dog that barks at anything that moves

6. 10:35 - Anastasia Turner – Lake Steward Report

Anastasia reported on the 2018 data from testing 2 locations; the middle and the far north end of the lake near the trailer park. Overall, the water quality is good. There are 3 items reviewed during the testing:

Water Clarity, measured by Secchi Depth– the middle of the lake is 3.4 metres *down from a reported 6.2 metres in 2016, but the drastic change is because of a correction to the depth measurement process.

Calcium levels – These form the basis of the food chain and we want the levels to be high. New report: 2018 results: 31.8 mg per litre. Up from 30mg/L in 2017.

Phosphorus Levels: Phosphorus is a nutrient source for algae.

- Middle of Lake: 6.4 micrograms per litre which is very good – it is down from 7.0 in 2017 [under 10 means we are an oligotrophic lake].
- North End of Lake: Slightly less phosphorus, no large difference between middle and north of lake.
- The middle of the lake is always tested. The north end was tested to determine if there is an impact from the Trailer Park

Best Practice to keep phosphorus levels down; regularly pump your septic tank, do not use fertilizers near lake, use phosphate free shampoos and soaps.

Last year there were some concern that the dump could be causing issues to the lake. The Township measures this for us, and there are no issues present during this round of testing.

FOCA has lots of info on their website: www.foca.on.ca

Mark Gallivan: Please ensure that you wash your boats before putting them in the lake from outside water sources (7 day minimum) – we don't want zebra mussels!

7. Mapping

David Johnson: new map – new cottagers – please send your names and addresses to Larry Licari for new pdf.

Chuck: #s on map are #1-X. On the back of the map there are the 911 numbers. Fauve will save a copy of the map on the website.

8. Website/Facebook:

Larry: Lost and found issue – can we post it on the website and Facebook page?

Fauve and Larry to work together to post it – maybe post the newsletter itself to the website

9. Golf Tournament

10:45 – golf tournament – Nat Garrow – this year will be 5th year – last year we had 12 teams

At Calabogie Highlands – August 23rd shotgun start @ 8:30am, 1:30/2pm finish with prizes

Scramble – no experience needed. Last year winners were the Murrays and Matt Malizia.

Teams of 4 are welcome to register, but individuals/2somes are also welcome

10. Other news:

10:48 – Betty Gauthier: use of private roads for large construction vehicles, material deliveries (propane, lumber, etc) has a negative impact on the roads. The volunteers who maintain the roads do a great job but can't repair all the damage the big vehicles make. Property owners should be mindful of what is being done and help the volunteers when possible.

Peter Harcourt – Has seen road issues go up and down. Where the private road meets the public the area near Eastside Way is the worst. At Sullivan's – the potholes are terrible. Since everyone uses that part of the road, what can we do?

Mark G: each side of the lake has a private road committee for each road. Talk to Dean McDonald and Bev Harrison for Peter's concerns specifically about Southside Way.

Chuck: praise for people who maintain the north side road.

Karen Corkery: huge, white plastic barrel (human size) washed up on their property.

Gaetan St. Laurent: can we extend the cell tower reception? Anything we can do?

Fauve: The cell towers may have to be modified, the elevation and the tree line blocks access in most cases. You can get extenders for Wi-Fi and data use from your router, but not for phone calls.

MG: we are fortunate to have high speed internet

David Johnson: 5g cellular is coming to the area, which is much better. Cell phone costs are higher because we have limited users in our large surface area in Madawaska Township.

11. Door Prize draw: 3 prizes

#867049 – Judy St. Laurent

#867034 – George Collins

#867029 – Marie Larabie

12. Elections

All Directors are willing to stand again

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Mike Weatherdon moved to accept the slate of Directors
Richard Reynolds seconded the motion
All in favour

10:58 – All in favour of concluding the meeting

10:59 – Meeting adjourned and followed by a fun BBQ!

June 20th 2020 – meeting minutes approved by the executive group.