

Norway Lake 2023 Annual General Meeting

July 22, 2023

1. Introductions
2. Motion to approve 2022 Minutes Mike Weatherdon, seconded by David Rochon
3. Jeff Levesque and Rob Tripp from Greater Madawaska Township to speak
 - a. Sharing high points
 - i. Rob – Trailer park – given directly to legal, details were in camera, and therefore can't be shared, steps are being taken, working through the process. It's ongoing. It may take a while to deal with. It is multiple sites in question.
 - ii. Jeff - Southside Way – Rebuilding culverts, rebuilding the road to create better drainage, looked at doing LCD [surface treating] wont move ahead due to costs [\$150-175k] They are committed to make the road better than it is now.
 - iii. Jeff - Forest roads are everywhere; they are township roads that traverses privately held land. When review was done, there's only one property, but there's nothing further to do to change title transfer.
 - iv. Q: Dave Rochon thanks Jeff for the work he's done.
 - v. FYI 508 from Mill St. to Norton Rd will be under construction from late July to October.
 - vi. Rob – Taxes. On our tax base we have a budget of \$8m, about \$6m is from grants for taxation. We have held it at 2.95% [a major achievement to hold these numbers down]. We have one of the lowest tax rates to our neighbours. Of your tax bill 1/3 of it stays within our town lines. We need to get creative on our funding so the increase isn't always coming back to our residents. We will have to support our tax base, can be done through development fees, looking into other ways to collect without taking from rate payers. Looking into new grants, believe it will pick up speed once internal structures are updated.
 - vii. Jeff: Asset Management Plan: If you're looking for support, use the website to determine who to call if needed. They are the voice, but cant fix issues themselves.
 - viii. Rob: Council's Authority is only during a meeting, the process is complicated, but change can be implemented if you reach out
 - ix. Who they are as a council: an impressive team. A very strong council. Each have come to the table new, no one has come with an agenda, or a personal drive. Skillset is diverse, and once they get through this first trimester, they will very effective.
 - x. Q: Mark: Brydges Rd. Halliday Creek – as part of asset management, 40 new homes, construction vehicles, possibility of paving the road? Barret's chute road was paved.
 - xi. A: Rob: nothing has been put forward, it is a conditional sale. The team doing it is very involved in the development, being very respectful to the

environment. Donating part of the lot back to township. They will be large lots, small footprint homes. No discussion about pavement. Smart managed growth is very important.

- xii. FYI: Former CAO has left the township – they’re reviewing resumes. It’s the only position that reports to the council, everyone else reports to the CAO. New building official, Chris Vereyken. New fire chief, full time position. Morgana Dill is the tourism advisor
- xiii. Q: Chuck – how did they put the fire out on Ashdad road? It was quick. Thank you to the fire department. They were amazing. We appreciate it.
 - 1. A: Rob: mentioned how impressive the whole community is, volunteers work for businesses in the community
- xiv. Q: Darlene – is council looking to put policies around waterfront development? A: Waterfront is interesting. Each lake has different needs. We are looking into it. The strategic plan is being looking at, it was horrifically old and out of date. There is a survey online – it’s been put on the Norway Lake Friends Facebook page.

4. Treasurers report:

- a. LY collection from 72 members: \$1075
- b. Expenses \$420; FOCA, printing, etc.
- c. Bank balance to end of June is \$1785
- d. Did you get your commemorative take away
- e. Souvenirs – Merch

5. Director Reports

- a. Water Stewart – Will Johnson taking over for this year - giving 2021 results.
 - i. Prosperous levels – up a little bit, but still below the index, so we’re okay.
 - ii. Calcium Content – calcium is very good for the lake. Our levels are down, but only very slightly.
 - iii. Q: Andy is that
 - iv. Water Clarity – Our lake has been very consistent over the last 5 years.
 - v. Q: Sean Murray – are the snail shells harmful? A: They are very good for the lake, it’s a good mollusc.
 - vi. Q: What is the status on the spiny water fleas. A: Tests in 2019 came back positive. *We don’t test ever year.
 - vii. Q: Dave Rochon: Has signs for invasive species,
 - viii. Q: safe sun block, and safe soap? A: Phosperous free soap and sunscreen. “Reef Safe” Sunscreen is best.

6. New Business

- a. Map update: David Johnson, let us know if there are changes needed. PDF available on FB Group.
- b. Facebook Group: Updated group, with a buy and sell, sunset photo sharing. Etc. Survey link has been shared.
- c. Golf Day – Nat Garrow – Saturday, August 19th, at Calabogie Highlands. Best Ball.
- d. Recognition of Founders – Bev Harrison, Jim Panton, Ruth Berry – Sweet words were spoken. Bev recognized Ruth as the hardest worker. Jim as keeping him

inline. Jim mentioned Bev as a road committee member. Ruth mentioned how much she loves being part of this lake and hopes that everyone gets to live long and enjoy it.

- e. Fire Safety: FYI. Be vigilant and aware.
 - f. Jake Charron is giving his duties to Bruce Smithson for Neighbourhood Watch.
7. Elections
- a. Neighbourhood watch going to Bruce Smithson
 - b. Secretary to Fauve – Also doing Digital and Website Maintenance.
 - c. Thank you kindly to Ana Johnson for her years as lake steward, the torch will be passed to William Johnson to take over as Lake Steward.
 - d. Mike Weatherdon to pass motion for approval. Glenda seconded.
8. BBQ TIME!
- a. Meeting adjourned