

Cawaja Propertyowners Association

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64rd Annual Meeting Cawaja Propertyowners Association (CPOA)

**The Place
300 Balm Beach Road W.
Tiny, ON L0L 2J0
Saturday, the 28th day of July, 2018.**

Minutes - Unapproved

The meeting was call to order by President Janet Surgeoner-Marks at 10:02 am

Quorum was confirmed.

No one declared a conflict of interest.

The Minutes of the 2017 CPOA AGM were accepted

Moved Andrew Poprawa
Second David Danischewsky
All voted in favour

President's Report

Janet Surgeoner-Marks

The President told the members that two directors submitted their resignations and two new members were appointed to the Board after the AGM.

Water testing results during the summer showed no dangerous levels of E. coli in the bay at Cawaja.

Lianne Verheyden was thanked for updating the CPOA website and managing the Facebook and Instagram accounts. There is a growing following on those social media platforms.

Phragmites-Adam Parsons indicated that the weeds are being reduced gradually. There was a cut in the spring and another cut is scheduled for mid-September. The focus is on weeds growing near 300 TBRN and on the far side of the Point.

The Township cleared willow bushes from the Beach to make it usable. More beach clearing work is planned going forward.

Q. Are parties still occurring on the beach?

A. Unfortunately there are individuals that continue to act inappropriately. Members are encouraged to speak to the offending individuals and to call Bylaw and the OPP if alcohol is involved. The caller remains anonymous.

A contactor cleans the Beach after each weekend.

Richard Hinton reminded the members that a new Council will be elected in the fall. "The Agreement" will be reviewed by the Township at the beginning of the next term. Members should ask the candidates about their position re: The CPOA Agreement and vote accordingly.

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Secretary's Report

Andrew Chomentowski welcomed the new members attending their first AGM.

The Secretary reminded the gathering that the CPOA is a Corporation which operates according to Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. The Corporation owns and administers CPOA land through its Board. About five years ago, after years of conflict, the CPOA negotiated a co ownership agreement with the Township. Relations with the Township are currently amicable. Details of the Agreement, the Cawaja Bylaw and the list of Fines for offences is posted on both the CPOA's and Township's website.

Members renting parking to none residents is a current annoyance. Members are encouraged to remind their neighbours that this activity is a Township wide zoning infraction which comes with a significant fine.

Andrew is the Association's representative on FoTTSA. FoTTSA is the Founding Sponsor of the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament. Last year, the Tournament raised \$65K for local charities.

Andrew asked members to participate in this worthy endeavour.

The Secretary encouraged the members to use the Tiny Cottager Discount card at local merchants like Rona and The Cawaja Pines General Store to save money.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Czudec highlighted some of the more significant expenditures listed on the Financial Statements that he circulated to the members.

New Business

Jim Curtis presented information and circulated photos of a poplar tree located on the beach (CPOA property) in front of his cottage that was shedding branches from time to time. He asked the CPOA to pay for the removal of the tree because it was not safe. Members were reminded that the cost of the work could be considered a major expenditure which requires a 60-day notice to be considered at the AGM. After an extended discussion, **a Motion was presented.** "To remove the poplar tree for a cost of no more than \$800."

Moved Jim Curtis

Second Rick Legear

The vote was 23 for, 14 against.

The motion passed.

Action-The board will review how to deal with tree issues in the future and report back to the members. Tree removal is very expensive. Dues may have to be increased to cover the anticipated costs.

Geese are a problem. Various methods to discourage the geese from nesting and lingering in the area were discussed.

Dogs on the beach are an increasing problem. Members are encouraged to inform offenders and to call Bylaw.

A member asked about the principles that guided the Association in respect to cutting trees, removing invasive species, discouraging geese and controlling dogs.

Richard Hinton answered re: trees - the SSEA (Severn Sound Environmental Association) provides guidance regarding the species of trees that are appropriate for the beach environment. Our partner, the Township, removed trees based on their recommendations.

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Giant Hog Weed and Queen Ann's Lace are two plants that members should look out for. The CPOA will distribute information about these hazardous plants by email and through social media. President Janet informed the members that she asked the Township to spraying poison ivy on Lefaive and Bearemi Roads. They will not spray on the beach or on private roads like Walker and Card.

Three trees on the Township's path from Lefaive to TBRN (adjacent to Janet Surgeoner Marks property), are scheduled to be cut by the Township at a cost of \$5700, to allow free access for strollers and individuals caring kayaks, etc.

The 10K marine speed control extending to 300 m from the shore was discussed. Enforcement is not possible until the Township acts. Richard Hinton informed the members that according to the Manager of Works the annual cost of installing signage and marker buoys will be about \$72,000. The issue will go to Council in September for consideration in the 2019 budget.

Richard Hinton informed the members that the Township was considering a No Smoking bylaw for Township owned parks and beaches due to the upcoming legalization on Cannabis.

After a discussion, **the following Motion passed** (one member opposed)

"To add Cawaja to the list of beaches where smoking is not permitted, if the Township passes a bylaw which bans smoking on Township owned beach properties."

Moved Andrew Poprawa
Second Leslie Seaborn

There was a discussion about honoring David F. Jameson, one of the original developers of Cawaja. Argyle Road was previously called Jameson Drive. The Board will discuss the idea during the upcoming year.

Encroachment (items left on the beach for extended periods) was discussed. A committee was formed to look into the issue which included: John Carveth, Leslie Seaborn, Alex Seaborn, David Danischewsky and Andrew Poprawa.

Terry Gudzowski suggested celebrating 2022, the 100th Anniversary of the Cawaja Beach. Terry will prepare some suggestions.

A member expressed concerns about Chinese lanterns (candle powered) that were released on Canada Day. The practice is dangerous and illegal.

Ratification of All Legal Acts of Directors of the Directors for the year ending December 31, 2017

Motion: "That all legal deeds and acts of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 be ratified and approved and that all members of the Board be indemnified against any acts legally done."

Moved Tom Zakrzewski
Second Andrew Poprawa
All voted in favour.

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Election of 2017/18 CPOA Board of Directors

The number of nominations equalled the available positions.

Andrew Chomentowski, John Carveth, Tom Czudec, Richard Hinton, Janet Surgeoner-Marks, Adam Parsons, Lianne Verheyden and are the Board of Directors for 2017-2018.

A Motion: "to ratify the election result" was passed by all.

Moved Sally Morton

Second Pat Morton

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:54 am.