

71st Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 19th, 2025
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West
MINUTES

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Janet Surgeoner-Marks at 9:33am.

2. Confirmation of quorum: Maggie Carveth confirmed that quorum was met.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: “To accept the Agenda.”

Moved: Andy Poprawa

Second: Mary Curtis

The Motion passed unanimously.

4. Declarations of conflict of interest: None were raised

5. Approval of 2024 CPOA AGM Minutes

Motion: “To accept the Minutes of the 2024 AGM minutes as presented”

Moved: Drew Ironstone

Second: Joanne de Visser

The motion passed unanimously.

6. President’s Report - Janet Surgeoner-Marks

We began September with ambitious plans, but along the way, we encountered a few roadblocks that required us to adjust course. In November, we were saddened by the loss of our Treasurer, John Carveth. In response, Andy stepped into the Treasurer role, and Andy P. provided essential training on the MOU and co-ownership agreements—a valuable resource for new members. In January, Maggie Carveth offered her time and energy to join the Board. She now serves as our Vice President. We did not hold an Open Forum meeting this year, as the Dynamic Beach Bylaw required an extraordinary amount of our attention and time. We hope to host a session in 2026, but time will tell.

Our family fun day is back set for next weekend – look at the handout! We hope to see you all out.

Elena and her kids have been conducting water testing, and so far, everything is looking good. We are currently working on how best to present the results in a clear and accessible format for our members. We hope to have a report ready for you by the August long weekend. Just a quick note: all spring runoff ponds contain E. coli — this is normal and expected – just learning how to interpret the results.

We have renewed our membership with FOCA — the Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations. A link will be sent out this week for members to join or renew. There is a Rogers discount associated with the membership as well as insurance.

Our website has been completely revamped and updated, with more changes coming through our blog. We welcome your positive feedback at secretary@cpoa.ca.

On the back page of the handout, you will find an update on the Transportation Master Plan inquiry we submitted to the Township. This issue was originally raised last year. To help improve road safety—particularly speeding—please report concerns to the OPP using their non-emergency number. Community reporting is one of the most effective ways to prompt action.

7. Secretary’s Report - Ann Kenny

A total of 39 inquiries were submitted over the year by 21 members. We had quite a lot of engagement over Tiny's new administration building as well as the Dynamic Beach Bylaw that we will be reviewing later this morning.

Update on Process: For next year's membership renewals starting in January – you will receive a confirmation email confirming your membership has been paid so this is easier to track your membership.

8. Treasurer's Report - Andy Woyzbun

The treasurer reviewed 2024-year end Statement.

Andrew Chomentowski inquired about 'Other/Error'. Andy Woyzbun explained that a payment for services went through to the wrong email address and was returned to the CPOA outside the original fiscal year.

Motion: "To accept the 2024-year end statement"

Moved: Chuck Glassier

Second: Leslie Seaborn

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Michelle wondered if some of the extra money available could be used to supply an external defibrillator, possibly in the general store for emergency purposes. The Board will look into this further.

9. Co-ownership Agreement Committee Presentation – Andy Poprawa

Discussion:

Leslie Seaborn asked: If a non member of the CPOA is injured on the beach are they covered by the CPOA/Townships insurance? Andy Poprawa answer was: Yes.

Janet Surgeoner-Marks will be meeting with two people from woodland beach to see their beach delineation markers. She believes they are about 6 to 8 feet tall. The township is keen to see these along the beach which could aid in enforcing our bylaws. The CPOA board of directors will come to the membership when we have more information on the intention of the beach delineation markers.

The Board of Directors will share this presentation in the form of an E blast to members.

Secretary can provide CPOA bylaws upon inquiry.

9. New Business

a. Shoreline Bylaw Update

- Monday, May 26 – Tiny Township passed 3 bylaws
- Thursday, May 29 because an appeal was filed with the OLT, it put all 3 bylaws on hold
- We are currently under the Interim Control bylaw until OLT resolves all appeals
- CPOA filed an appeal on Friday, June 13, 2025

CPOA presented 3 options for future consideration:

1. Pursuing a Legal Case

The Board of Directors does **not support this option** currently.

It would require forming a **legal committee** and launching a **fundraising campaign** to request contributions from members.

2. **Withdraw Our Appeal to the OLT and support Rowntree Beach Association (Board recommendation – but did not move forward)**

Given the rapidly changing information, the Board may allocate **\$5,000 to \$15,000** from existing funds to support other appellants.

Final amount would be at the Board's discretion. This will require motion but will leave that to end after we answer any questions you might have.

3. **Withdraw and Wait**

Withdraw the appeal and **monitor the next Council** to see if it chooses to **repeal or revise the shoreline by-law.**

Open Discussion:

James Des Roches: It is worth **noting** that this bylaw is an encumbrance, as these duties should be implicitly allowed as per our MOU. They need our agreement to implement this. **Its** a second encumbrance to the MOU as its states it is the CPOA's duty to maintain the beach – not the townships.

Andrew Chomentowski: FOTTSA is looking for funds to help them coordinate. Andrew believes the CPOA estimate for legal fees (100 000-150 000) is low and the cost is not realistic for our organization. He would like to see us work with FOTTSA.

Motion: 4th option which is to fight the bylaw based on our MOU with the township. **Andy P believes we have a unique opportunity that sets us apart from other beach organizations and may be an advantage for the CPOA. The CPOA can ask the township how they plan to resolve the conflict presented by the new Shoreline bylaw and our bylaw that has been in place for some time. This is at no cost to the CPOA.**

Moved: Andy Poprawa

Seconder: Mitek – not sure who this is...James desRoches?

The motion passed unanimously

b. **Other New Business**

FoTTSA

Chuck Glassier felt that FOTTSA has good information that the CPOA could benefit from and brought a forward a motion.

Motion to rejoin FoTTSA

Mover: Chuck Glassier

Seconder: Andy Chomentowski

Motion Defeated. (16 for, 25 oppose, 5 abstentions)

The general comments from the attendees was that more information was needed before the CPOA could make this decision.

Motion: The Board of Directors will provide a list of benefits and cons of rejoining FoTTSA and provide this Information to the membership as soon as possible, perhaps have a meeting with leadership of FoTTSA to discuss CPOA concerns over past governance. This would allow the board the opportunity to rejoin FoTTSA without needing a vote at the next AGM.

Moved: Andy Poprawa

Seconder: Brian Blair

This Motion Passed unanimously

Wetness on Beach

Sylvia Rita-Munroe mentioned that the beach has been very wet and saturated this year and was wondering if it had to do with the black pipes that were removed last year.

Janet stated that this will be an item for the new Board of Directors in the fall as the township said they were waiting some time to see how things settle.

Flooding of Church in the Pines and several CPOA properties from April 2023.

Andrew Chomentowski wondered if the CPOA had heard anything from the township in regard to the flooding that occurred in April of 2023. The township told him it was a once in a 100-year flood, but CPOA member experience shows otherwise. He is also having issues getting his culverts dug out by the township.

Janet would like to organize a meeting with those impacted by the flooding and reach out to Councillor Dave Brunelle to come view the area. The CPOA would like to push the township to conduct a drainage study.

Road Safety Committee

CPOA members have continued concerns about traffic calming and safety on our roads. A committee was formed to put effort into this front.

Initial members are Drew Ironside and Leslie Seaborn. CPOA will be looking for more volunteers to join.

10. Ratification of All Legal Acts of Directors of the Directors for the year ending December 31, 2024

Motion: “That all legal deeds and acts of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year December 31, 2023, be ratified and approved and that all members of the Board be indemnified against any acts legally done.”

Moved: Janet Surgeoner-Marks

Second: Elizabeth Rutter/Fleming

The Motion passed unanimously.

11. Election of 2025/26 CPOA Board of Directors

The following volunteers will sit as the next CPOA Board of Directors:

Maggie Carveth

Tom Fijalkowski

Ann Kenny

Elizabeth Rutter/Fleming

Janet Sturgeon-Marks

Lucy Ventresca

Andy Woyzbun

12. Meeting adjournment

Motion of adjourn the AGM at 12:26pm

Moved: Ken Marks

Secunder: Elena Krazyski
The motion passed unanimously.