

# **President's Report**

## 2018 Annual General Meeting

#### Dear D.P.P.O. Members:

Welcome to this year's Annual General Meeting. Once again, thanks to Mayor Quirk and Councillor Harding for attending today. This is a great opportunity to hear about what is going on in Georgina and to discuss issues pertinent to our community.

#### **2017 – 18 Year in Review**

Again, the main focus of the summer was treatment and replacement of trees around the perimeter of the large park. We had another treatment of 16 of our ash trees to prevent the destruction caused by the Emerald Ash Borer. As you may recall, we have 42 ash trees in the park and decided to treat 16 of the healthiest trees. After 2 year of inoculation, we will not be treating the trees this year but will resume treatment in 2019.

We also added another 10 trees to the park last fall. This mostly filled in the perimeter of the park. We had to cut down one dead tree at the south end of the park. The fallen trunk of that tree will be removed shortly. We have planted the majority of the trees required for the park with only a few spaces remaining.

Last fall we undertook a clean up of the two rights of way near the road split. These had not been done in many years and were clogged with debris and extensive weeds. The company we used recommended that sand be spread at the water's edge of each right of way. It was too late in the season to do this last fall, so they brought in and spread the loads of sand a few weeks ago. The ROWs will need ongoing maintenance by residents throughout the summer to clear the washed up debris and weeds.



We continued to refine our new website. I encourage you to look at the website and provide suggestions for any ideas you might have. We are doing more communication and invoicing by electronic means rather than paper. We also now accept Paypal as a means to pay your annual dues.

We also replaced the railroad ties surrounding the two swing sets. These were quite rotten and a hazard. Thanks to Andrew and Steve McKay for their assistance with this.

As discussed at our last AGM, we installed a bollard (post) at the entrance of the south end ROW. This is intended to stop it being used as a parking area and also to deter third parties from using it as a boat launch. Since Lamb's closed their boat launch, we had seen some people not from the area using the ROW.

We continued to have the north end of the large park pumped of standing water in the Spring. This is done by the Township after the snow melts. Thanks again to the Bassik's for allowing the water to be drained across their property.

### Membership

For the 2017 year I am pleased to report that we had 95 paid up members. This matched our number for the 2016 year and we were delighted to repeat this high number.

The Board has tried to meet with most to new residents and hand out welcome packages. If you are a new resident and have not received a package, please see us after the meeting.

Last fall we held a morning coffee meeting with some residents who were not paying dues with the intent to find out their reasons and provide information about D.P.P.O. Unfortunately, the turnout was not as expected due to some scheduling conflicts. This may be done again at a future date.



#### Your D.P.P.O. Board

I would like to thank all our Board members for their contributions during the past year. We held 7 meetings during the past year. Board members also do lots of time consuming tasks outside of the monthly meetings. I want to acknowledge these efforts by each member.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers for their contributions to our two community events – Field Day and the Corn Roast. Both events were very well attended and quite successful. Again, any ideas and contributions are welcome concerning these events.

### **Looking Forward**

Once again, we have adhered to our budget and provided strong financials. Even though, that for the past two years, we had the unexpected expense of dealing with the ash trees and planting many new trees. We have been building our reserve fund and are nearing our target of \$10,000.

Going forward, we will continue to look for improvements to the Point while making sure the parks, rights of way and existing equipment are all well maintained. We will also continue to work closely with the Township to make sure they fulfill their obligations of maintenance.

Our goal as your Board is to continually strive to enhance this great community. As always, we welcome any suggestions from our members.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Sincerely,

Linda Wahrer President, D.P.P.O.