



## **DPPO PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**By Linda Wahrer**

**2023 – 24 Annual General Meeting**

**July 6, 2024**

Hello DPPO Members;

Thanks to Mayor Quirk, Councillor Dale and Mike Voss, Engineering Department, for attending today. It is always good to hear about issues and events concerning our local government.

I would like to introduce your Board of Directors: Glenn Gibson (Treasurer), Dave Langille (Director) and Quinn Simpson (Director) and Jessica Newman (Director).

Over the past year, the Board met 8 times as well as 4 meetings with local government officials. At each Board meeting, tasks are assigned to individual Board members and then followed up on at subsequent meetings. Even during winter months when there aren't any meetings, there is still a lot of work being done by Board members. I would like to thank each Board member for their tireless efforts and contributions to this great community.

This past year (our fiscal year runs from April 1 through March 31) we had member paid dues totalling 107 residents. This nears our record high and exceeds our projection for budget purposes of 95 members. We visited with many new residents around the Point and explained the mission of our association as well as the importance of being a dues paying member.

Some of the highlights of the past year include a fabulous Field Day coordinated by Cinzia Defrancesco and her family. It was wonderful to see such strong attendance and the large number of children in attendance. Activities included a costume parade, races and games, hotdogs and drinks for lunch and the highlight of ice cream truck with treats for everyone. Also, the afternoon highlight event of the annual tug of war with the trophy being awarded to the West side. Evening activities included children's bingo and followed by adult bingo – all very well attended. This year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Field Day event.

We also held our Corn Roast which also had a great turnout. This annual season ending event on Labour Day weekend is something we would like to expand upon in the future.

Last summer we hired a firm to clear out weeds by the shoreline in west right of way. This improved the area and, budget permitting, we will continue with this project in the future. We also engaged a company to control weeds in the playgrounds with a non-toxic weed spray.

Over the winter, we replaced the water pump in the northeast right of way. We also continued with our beautification mission and installed decorative cedar rail fencing around the Point. We

will be planting decorative perennial plants by the fences. A few more fences will be added after the drainage project is completed.

We continue with our tree inoculation which has shown good results over the past few years. We will continue to inoculate 16 ash trees around the point. The Town has removed and replaced some old and dead trees and this will continue as a few more need to be replaced. This year we will have to pursue some dead ash tree removal in the west right of way.

There were two major initiatives that took quite a bit of time over the past year. Firstly was dealing with our contractor and the Town regarding the shelter construction. We had to secure permits as well as get a small variance from the Town and had many discussions and forms submitted culminating with a meeting with the Committee of Adjustments. The variance was unanimously approved by the committee with the Chairman praising DPPO for the improvements being done around the Point. After 5 years of planning, designing and fundraising, the shelter is, but for the metal roof due next week, now done as you can see. Many thanks to the residents who volunteered to join the design committee and to the many donors who funded it – the result is beautiful and will endure for generations.

Secondly, after several meetings with our Councillor Lee Dale and Town engineers, we were allocated funds in the December budget to finally have the drainage study undertaken. We had been requesting this for several years so we were very pleased to have this approved. After the study is completed, later this year, we will be lobbying for budget funds to have the actual work completed next year. Along with the drainage work, we will be requesting major road repairs be done at the same time. We are hopeful that this will get the support of all Town officials.

Both of these initiatives involved more than the usual amount of time by the volunteers on your Board.

Lastly, we amended our banking services to allow e-transfers through our account. This has simplified the ability to collect dues for both members and Glenn (our treasurer).

That is a summary of what your Board has been doing of note over the past year. There is, however, certainly much work your Board does behind the scenes as you will hear in the maintenance report later on.

As always, I encourage you to reach out with any comments or suggestions to continue to improve and enhance this wonderful community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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President, D.P.P.O.