

## **President's Report**

### **2016 Annual General Meeting**

Dear D.P.P.O. Members:

Welcome to this year's Annual General Meeting. Firstly, I would like to apologise for being unable to attend the meeting this year. I had booked a trip to the Galapagos in February and, must admit, that a D.P.P.O. meeting was the furthest thing from my mind at that time. Thank you to the rest of the Board of Directors for filling in for me.

Once again we had the pleasure of having Mayor Margaret Quirk and Ward 5 Councillor Dave Harding attend today. This is the second year they have joined us and we believe it is a very worthwhile and beneficial meeting for our Members. We hope this continues in the future.

#### **2015-16 Year in Review**

This year, the Board finished off some projects that were started in the prior year as well as initiated new projects for the benefit of the Point.

Although the construction of the playground was completed early last summer, there were some finishing touches that were done this year. Two new benches were installed at the playground. Also, a large memorial rock and plaque were placed at the west side of the playground. Thanks to Mike Nealon for donating and installing the large rock. Also, two new trees were planted on the south and east sides of the playground. In a few years, they will provide some great shade for the area.

We also planted 10 new trees in the large park last fall. This is the beginning of our ongoing tree replacement program that will continue over the next few years. The first 10 trees filled in gaps on the east and north sides of the park. The next group of trees to be planted will fill in the west side gaps. We will then start to replace ash trees.

This Spring the Town of Georgina drained standing water from the north end of the park. This standing water has been an ongoing complaint by residents for many years. This area was deemed to be a hazard by their Engineering Department and, since it is on Town property, they needed to address the situation. Subsequent meetings with Town officials, Councillor Harding and Gary Basiuk, have meant that we will soon hopefully have a long term solution to this annual Spring problem.

We also reviewed our signage around the Point. We replaced old and faded signs. We posted new "No Parking" signs in our rights-of-way. These signs conform to Town of Georgina standards so they will be able to enforce the no parking rules on DPPO property.

This year's large capital project, the new shed, was installed recently. This new shed is a welcome addition, especially for anyone who went into the old shed to retrieve Field Day supplies. We were able to use the existing concrete pad for the new shed and it has a maintenance free finish that should last for many years. We are also replacing the lighting in the park. We will have the improved lighting with one large LED fixture using only one pole. This will be ready for our upcoming Field Day and bingo in the evening,

I would like to point out that all projects and expenditures over the last year were completed under budget. I think that the Board did a great job to keep expenses in check and to continually seek out the best possible options.

Finally, over the past year, we undertook to re-write our bylaws. Thanks to Hon. Leonard Ricchetti for his assistance with this endeavour. Our Board reviewed and unanimously approved the new bylaws and I am hoping that you will approve them today.

### **Membership and the Executive**

This year we had 84 paid up members. We have a target of 90 and we will continue to work to achieve that goal. We will also continue to populate our database of emails so we can continue to expand our communications with members. Our website is the hub for communication and we will continue to expand its use. If you haven't already provided your contact information, please provide it to a Board member today. Any information we receive is held in strict confidence by your Board.

I would like to thank all the Board members for their tireless efforts this year. Sarah Allen, Vice President, is retiring from the board today. She was instrumental in getting the new playground built and also helped populate our website. Glenn Gibson, Treasurer, kept all our financial records in good order and did a great job with budgeting. Linda Parsley, Secretary, did a wonderful job with recording minutes of our meetings and also communications between Board members. Also, she had a key role in our very successful Field Day last year. Dave Buck, Alex Macpherson and Steve McKay, Directors, all contributed their time efforts to achieve our goals of improving the Point.

### **Looking Forward**

A few years ago, the membership told the Board that it wished to have a plan of continual improvement of the Point. I believe that this Board has continued with that plan. Unfortunately, we have a new issue – the Emerald Ash Borer – that will cause unforeseen expenses for the next few years. In spite of that, the financials are quite strong and we will be able to stay within budget to address this concern. Additionally, the Board will build a contingency reserve so we are able to address unforeseen, uninsured events rather than have to raise dues in the event we have this situation arise.

As always, we look to you, our members, to provide ideas, and suggestions for future improvements.

Thank you for your continued support and participation,

Sincerely,

Linda Wahrer, DPPO President