

President's Report

2017 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. We feel this is a good opportunity to hear what is going on in Georgina and to discuss issues specific to our community.

2016 – 17 Year in Review

This year the focus was primarily on our trees – particularly the problems caused by the Emerald Ash Borer. We have 42 ash trees in the oval park. As agreed at last year's meeting, we had the trees assessed and we subsequently treated 16 ash trees that were deemed still healthy. This was done for a second time this spring. We will continue to do this as long as the trees continue to benefit from the treatment. The inoculation schedule has treatment for 2 consecutive years and then a year of no treatment.

We also planted 13 additional trees (10 paid for by D.P.P.O. and 3 memorial trees paid for by residents). This brings our total of new trees to 23 and the gaps in perimeter of the oval park are now filled. We will begin to plant new trees near ash trees that have not been treated and will eventually have to be removed.

We replaced the lighting in the park. The old poles were about to fall down and the lights were very inefficient. The new pole with just one LED light is much better and more energy efficient. This was evident at the evening bingo last year and everyone could actually see their cards! We chose not to hook up to hydro due to the expense and will continue to have the Coyne's provide hydro when necessary. Our thanks to them for this service.

We also worked over the winter building a new website. Board members Glenn Gibson, Dave Buck and Flo Shortt joined with a website developer to create the new website. It will have links to local websites of interest and also have an online PayPal supported function to pay dues online. This will save postage cost for D.P.P.O. and members. If anyone has suggestions for more information to be posted on our website, please pass these along to a board member.

The Township continued to remove standing water in the Spring at the north end of the oval park. An agreement was reached with D.P.P.O. member Gary Bassik and the town to allow water to be pumped from the park. Thank you to the Bassik's for their assistance with this.

Membership and the Executive

This year we had 95 paid up members. This is a strong increase over our 84 paid up members in the prior year. Board members undertook many face-to-face meetings with new residents to explain the purpose of D.P.P.O. and inform them how their dues are used. We will continue to try to meet with all new residents and encourage all members to also discuss this when they meet their new neighbours.

I would like to thank all the Board members for their contributions over the past year. I would also like to thank volunteers who assisted with our annual Field Day and corn roast. Both these events were very well attended and quite successful. I would encourage more members to participate in the organization of these events.

Looking Forward

The current Board of Directors has continued with the mandate of continual improvement of the Point while adhering to our annual budget. I believe that we have been successful on both counts. In spite of the unforeseen issues with our ash trees, we have continued to provide ongoing maintenance as well as improvements to our infrastructure. Our financial position is strong and Glenn will expand on this when he gives his financial report.

We look forward to continuing to enhance this wonderful community and welcome any suggestions or ideas from our members.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Sincerely

Linda Wahrer
D.P.P.O. President