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DUCLOS POINT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (DPPO)
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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President's Report by Linda Wahrer:

Welcome to this year's Annual General Meeting. Thanks to Councillor Harding for attending today. Unfortunately, Mayor Margaret Quirk was unable to attend this year.

This is a great opportunity to hear about what is going on in Georgina and to discuss issues pertinent to our community. Please pick up some of the brochures on the table about services and events in Georgina.

2018 – 19 Year in Review

A focus for the summer of 2018 was the clean-up of the 3 rights-of-way (ROW). We had cleaned out all the debris that had accumulated in each and then brought in loads of sand to the 2 northern ROW's last summer. This year, we just completed another clean-up of these 3 areas. We kindly had a donated garbage bin dropped off and taken away by Scott Nugent which helped with somewhere to put the garbage and debris.

Another focus was the continued replacement of trees around the perimeter of the large park. We added 4 new trees last year. Also, some trees at the north end have not survived the very wet conditions there and will be replaced. These were guaranteed by our supplier and there should not be any charges for the replacement trees. We will continue to fill in gap areas with new trees as the budget allows. As you may recall, we have 42 ash trees in the park and are treating 16 of the healthiest trees. After 2 years of inoculation, we did not need to inoculate in 2018. Treatment of the trees was required for 2019 and this was done a couple of weeks ago.

The bollard at the south right of way had a sign added so that it worked well throughout the summer to stop third parties from using the area to launch boats and also to limit snowmobile activity in the winter. The Board has now decided that the bollard has served its purpose and has removed it. Should we see third parties using the ROW in the future, we will look at means of deterrent again.

This past winter we replaced the 3 heart shaped signs that are posted around the park. The original signs were done in the 1950s and we are hoping that the new ones will last another 60 years.

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 now only mail 20 of the 140 member invoices. This saves paper, ink and postage costs. Credit card payment via PayPal is proving to be an increasingly popular way to pay dues saving Board members time dealing with the collection of cheques, not having to prepare deposit books and going to the bank and also providing a clear trail with email address information.

We also have entered the digital age by buying a laptop to digitally secure and store member data, email management and historical corporate records. Shortly, we will begin digitizing all previous records relating to DPPO. Many of these old records were stored in various people's homes or offices. Now everything will be on the DPPO owned laptop which can pass from board to board. All board members have been briefed and are familiar with privacy laws so any information provided is secure.

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.

Late last year we had a new retroactive MPAC property tax assessment for a parcel of land owned by DPPO. We appealed the charge and unfortunately the appeal was denied. We are now working with Georgina to reassess this land. We are hopeful that this will be rectified shortly.

Over the winter, we dealt with some vandalism done to the park grass last November. We worked with the responsible member to have repairs done once the area was dry enough this spring.

Recently, we installed a platform at the NE ROW that was discussed at last year's meeting. This is being done on a trial basis and is only intended as a place to launch kayaks and canoes as the lake bottom there is too mucky to walk in for launching. The board investigated the insurance implications of such a platform and there are no issues with our coverage.

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 extremely

successful. Thanks to the donations we received, Field Day broke even without any contributions from the DPPO budget. We still require volunteers for this year's Field Day so please see Linda Parsley if you can offer support.

Membership

For the 2018 year I am pleased to report that we had 100 paid up members. This was the highest number ever recorded and I would like to thank board members (especially Dave Buck) for their diligent efforts in getting members to pay their dues.

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.

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.

The things I have mentioned are all tasks undertaken by the board. This is in addition to the routine issues the Board manages – from grass cutting, insurance, website maintenance, tax return filings, park and ROW maintenance, member inquiries, financial records and insurance.

Looking Forward

Once again, we have adhered to our budget and provided strong financials. 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.