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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:

Hello everyone and welcome to the Annual General Meeting of Duclos Point Property Owners.

Firstly, if anyone has received proxies for voting, please come up and register these with Linda Parsley at the conclusion of this section.

This certainly has been a year like no other and nothing any of us could have envisioned a year ago. In spite of the difficulties this year, it has been nice for our community. Residents buying groceries for their neighbours when they were quarantined, meeting more people (and their dogs) walking around the Point and increased use of the tennis courts and park area – even during the week - while many people moved up here to COVID bubble. While many people have struggled to escape the city this year, we are all certainly fortunate to have such a beautiful place to live.

Board of Directors

I would like to introduce your Board of Directors. (Introduce board). The Board has had meetings 8 times over the past year. Each and every member has undertaken various tasks and has

worked tirelessly over the past year to deal with issues and ensure that the Point is maintained and enhanced in the best possible way. Much of the work done by the Board occurs outside of our meetings as each member spends quite a bit of time on individual tasks. I would like to thank each member for their contributions over the past year.

This year we have 2 Board members retiring from the Board. Flo Short, Secretary, is unable to continue on as a Board member. Flo has been a great asset handling the minutes of our meetings as well as the AGM and an active participant in the corn roast last year. Also, Dina Khait is unable to continue on as a Director. Dina has been a very active Board member and was instrumental in writing policies on the website and dealing with the Town on issues relating to the Point. She was active in recruiting new members from the south end of Duclos Point organizing informal meetings to encourage residents to become members. She was also an active participant in Field Days as a raffle ticket organizer and seller. Thanks to both Board members for their valuable contributions to the Board.

2019 – 2020 Year in Review

I will now talk about some of the things your Board has been doing over the past year.

As always, the trees around the Point are an ongoing concern. The 16 ash trees being treated were inoculated in 2019 continuing with the recommended schedule of treatment. As you have noticed, some trees planted over the past few years have not survived. This is mainly due to the very wet conditions at the north end of the park or a few around the park that didn't get

enough water over the summer. Some of these trees were likely under warranty and we are working with our provider to provide replacement trees in the fall when planting conditions are best. We will be considering other options for the north end of the large park. The willows planted a few year ago at the very north end circle are doing quite well and may be a better option for the wetter areas.

We are also working with the town to remove dying trees that are on town property – this being road allowance. They recently removed 2 dead ash trees from the small south end parkette and will be returning to stump and replant in this area. We are also trying to get the town to invest in some beautification of this small park – with rocks similar to what they did at the north end small park.

This fall we will be engaging a tree service to trim up all trees on DPPO property. Many of the trees are getting older and this is necessary to remove dead and low hanging branches to improve the health of the older trees.

We also have been continuing with our program of maintenance for the three right of ways. We put a gravel base in the south right of way this spring. The tire ruts were worn quite low and the new base will ensure a better surface for cars driving on the right of way. Recently we acquired a dumpster and did a cleanup of the west right of way. It is likely that we will again need a load of sand in this area next year. The platform in the NE right of way for launching kayaks and canoes was reinstalled this year and maintained by Shaman Ayerhart. Permanent signage explaining usage was posted in the area. The platform required some repairs this year and Shaman paid for these and did the necessary repairs.

We were quite active with issues pertaining to our website and email platforms. Over the winter, our systems were hacked and

Dave Buck worked with our providers to rectify the problem. No one's personal information was at risk. Dave can explain further about this issue if you are interested. We have completed the digital archiving of old paper materials that had accumulated over the years. We now have a permanent history and trail of all documents relating to DPPO. We are now making sure all meeting minutes are stored digitally.

Last year, a vote was held and 80% of attendees wanted us to investigate the construction of a permanent shade facility in the park. This was to be used for people using the tennis courts and playground area to have a shaded place to go as well as be used for events such as the Field Day and corn roast. During the past year, we have been researching various designs and types of structures. As you have seen in our budget, we have been building a reserve and putting aside funds (similar to what was done with the tennis court resurfacing and playground construction). We are still quite a bit away from a final proposal to submit to the membership. Glenn will discuss this further when covering our financials.

Membership

To date this year, we have 95 paid up members. This is within our budgeted amount however 5 less than last year. We think this is due to people moving or their financial situation due to COVID. We will continue to try and expand the membership. We are also at nearly 50% paying with PayPal – this eliminates the time-consuming task of collecting cheques visiting the bank to make deposits.

Looking Forward

This year, unfortunately saw an interruption to our long standing Field Day event. This has taken place for over 50 years and, situation permitting, we hope to have it return next year. We also had to cancel the annual corn roast that would normally be held this weekend.

Your Board will continue to ensure the good maintenance of all DPPO equipment and property. We will continue to look for ways to enhance and improve this beautiful area. Ongoing dialogue with Town officials will continue and try to ensure they fulfil their obligations regarding maintenance.

As always, your Board welcomes any suggestions from our members for new initiatives or improvements to our existing plans.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Wahrer

President, D.P.P.O.