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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2020-21 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

Dear DPPO Members:

Welcome to this year's Annual General Meeting. Once again, the meeting was postponed from the usual date in early July until now due to Covid restrictions. Thanks to Mayor Quirk for attending to provide information and answer concerns about issues pertaining to our community.

Again this year, it was an unprecedented time due to the ongoing pandemic. I think we all thought that we would be back to more semblance of normalcy by now. Again this year, the positive outcome of this is much more activity around The Point. Many residents who usually travel south remained home this past winter and there were many more people walking, snow shoeing, etc. In the spring and throughout the summer, many folks have engaged in tennis and pickle ball. If you haven't tried it, I suggest you come out and play. It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and have a little exercise at the same time.

Board of Directors

I would now like to introduce our Board of Directors. The board held 8 meetings over the past year. The first few were held via Zoom but then we were able to meet in person this summer. Most of the work done by the Board occurs outside of the regular meetings and directors each spend quite a bit of personal time handling various tasks and duties. Just so you know, we begin each meeting with a review of outstanding issues and jobs to be done and each director must report on the status of their items to be completed. My sincere thanks to each of them for their efforts and contributions. This year, Linda Parsley has chosen to retire from the Board. She was on the Board for 8 years and was a dedicated member and produced the agendas for meetings, took and produced minutes of the meetings and many other tasks that needed to be handled. I want to thank Linda for her valuable contributions to the board. Even though she will no longer be on the board, hopefully she will continue to assist with Field Day as she has done for so many years.

2020 - 21 Year in Review

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Steve McKay who was a Board member for 6 years. Steve provided many valuable contributions to the Board and handled many of the improvements you see around the Point. He and his brother Andrew replaced all the railway ties around the playgrounds, he installed any new signs around the area and made sure the communication boxes were updated frequently. This is just small sample of some of the things he did. He will be greatly missed and we send our sincere condolences to his family. We also lost a longstanding resident and former board member – Dave Tomlinson. Dave always attended the annual meetings had many constructive comments. Again, our sincere condolences to Sharon and their family. Is there anyone else that I may have missed?

I would now like to go over some of the things your Board has been doing over the past year.

This past fall, we planted 5 new trees around the large park. We had an additional 5 free trees to replace those that had died and were still under warranty. Also, the town planted 4 new trees in the small parkette where the road splits. This area is road allowance and on town owned property. We also had an arborist trim all the healthy trees in the park to ensure safety and more consistent growth. This spring we continued with the inoculation of 16 ash trees in the large park. There was an assessment done by our arborist and it appears that the treatment has been working and there hasn't been any decline in the health of the treated trees. We have a number of trees marked with a red "R" that will be removed by the town sometime this fall. We continue to monitor the need for new trees and will consider purchasing more in the future.

We have continued with the maintenance of the 3 right of ways. We continue to clean up the west right of way that has a lot of debris wash onshore. We also engaged a landscaping company to trim back the bushes and trees around each right of way. We continue to maintain the playground area and swing sets. This year the weeds were very bad due to the heavy rainfall in July. We use non-toxic vinegar to kill the weeds (thanks to the Singers for this donation).

We purchased and installed a new sign at the entrance to the Point. It is a large sign that says "No Public Lake Access". The sign was installed this summer (you may have seen it briefly) then knocked down by a vehicle after a short time. It was damaged but looks to be salvageable and will be reinstalled shortly. This sign has the intention of alerting people who come here thinking there may be a public beach or boat launch area.

As suggested at last year's meeting, we purchased a defibrillator for the Point. This will be installed shortly at the north right of way on the east side. This is the most central location for the unit. It took a while to install as we needed an electrician to do the wiring for the unit. The defibrillator is very easy to use with detailed voice instructions when it is activated. We will send everyone a copy of the instruction video shortly. Hopefully we will never have a need to use the unit.



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On the systems side, we recently updated our website. It is now much easier to navigate than the previous version. We also have launched a Facebook page for members and Jason will talk about this later in the meeting. We have now completed the archiving most paper documents from past years. This includes meeting minutes, maps, annual meeting information, etc. There are meeting books dating back to the 1950s and these are now archived in a digital format so they can be stored and accessed forever. Thanks to Dave Buck for undertaking this lengthy process.

Unfortunately, this year, once again we had to cancel Field Day and the corn roast. Hopefully these great activities will be able to return next year.

After approval from the membership last year, we installed a volleyball net in the park. It is already having lots of use and we have received many positive comments from residents. We have a volleyball and line markers that are kept in the storage box inside the tennis courts.

Membership

This year I'm pleased to announce that we have 97 paid up members. This exceeded our target of 95 members that is used for budgeting purposes. We are also seeing an increase in the number of people using PayPal which reduces the consuming task of collecting and depositing cheques. Glenn will expand further on this in his Treasurer's report.

Looking Forward

Last year, we undertook to research the construction of a shelter in the park. There was an 80% approval by the membership to pursue this capital project. We now have a plan to proceed that I will discuss later on in the meeting.

Your Board will continue to ensure good maintenance of all DPPO equipment and property. We will continue to work with the Town representatives to ensure they fulfill their duties to keep our area in good repair. We welcome suggestions from the membership for new ideas and initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Wahrer
President, D.P.P.O.