

2024 SKERRYVORE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2024@10AM

PLACE: 5 TAMARACK DRIVE, SKERRYVORE

Call to Order @ 10:17am by Steve Spearing

1) INTRODUCTION OF SKERRYVORE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. Steve Spearing (President), Tony Gale (Treasurer), Sandra Sartor (Secretary), Jeremy Lane, Lois Beamish-Taylor (absent).

2) INTRODUCTION OF Township of Archipelago Councillors

- a. Earl Manners and Scott Sheard

3) APPROVE AGENDA OF 2024 SKERRYVORE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion by Bill B, 2nd by Anna G.

4) APPROVE MINUTES FROM 2023 SKERRYVORE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FROM August 19, 2023

Motion by Paul K, 2nd Lynn S.

5) PRESIDENTS Message-STEVE SPEARING

- a. Association financially on track.
- b. Continuing to build relationships with the Township, neighbours and other associations, which included attending PABIA meeting in August. Also continuing to build relationship with Shawanaga Bay Islanders Association.
- c. Main priority will be the Website. There have been issues with it, and we will work to have a more user-friendly site this year.
- d. Community Access Point will be moving forward on building Kayak racks.
- e. Thank the volunteers who maintain the property prior to events by cutting grass and help during the events.

6) TREASURES REPORT-TONY GALE

MAIN OPERATING ACCOUNT

- Balance \$6,327.75, down \$428.55 from last year
- Decrease is based on the following:
- Approximately 30 + members have paid this year, par with the numbers from last year.
- We just paid for a new order of Skerrywear apparel inventory for just under \$2,000 – sales have not come in to offset
- Insurance is paid for 2024
- the flags for our sign and community board were paid for after last year's AGM

COMMUNITY CENTRE ACCOUNT

- Balance \$25,910.40
- \$10,439.59 higher than last year – balance was \$15,470.81
- Increase is based on the bottle drive and the golf tournament as well as 50/50 draws.
- The bottle drive netted \$4,210 and the golf tournament netted \$5,844.
- I will provide more details on these initiatives in my Fundraising update.

TOA ACCOUNT for Community Centre

- Balance \$3,075.00
- This is an account set up at the township that allows donations to the SRA Community Centre account where donors can receive a charitable receipt.
- The contributions are anonymous, but I would like to thank whoever has been contributing.

We have improved our financial position year over year. We have a total of \$35,313.15 in the name of the SRA.

We had \$24,702 this time last year, \$15,099 in 2022, and \$9,783.17 in 2021.

7) REPORT FROM AUDITOR AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

a. MOTION TO WAIVE AUDITOR REPORTS AND REAPPOINTMENT

100% voted in favour of this motion. 80% is needed to pass. Motion approved.

8) **Board Elections:** Shelli Kowalyszyn resigned this year from the board. Thank you from the board for all your contributions over the many years.

9) Election Of 2024 Directors-2 Open Positions to be Elected.

1) Tony Gale up for re-election. Nominated by Jim Kruis, 2nd by Tony Beke, vote unanimous.

2) Open seat: Heather Kruis from Pattison Lane is interested in joining the board. She is a retired school principal and very active in volunteer work. Anna Gale nominates Heather, vote is unanimous.

10) SPECIAL BUSINESS

A) Update on Strategic Plan

This past year we developed a Strategic Plan for the SRA. The plan outlines our future goals and an action plan to go from our current state to a desired future state. The purpose is to build alignment and decision-making capacity to be ready for the future and take advantage of opportunities to grow and become better at what we do.

The planning process allowed us to brainstorm about where we are today and changes that could affect us and how to be ready for them.

We could look in the mirror and think nothing will change but we know change is inevitable. We need to be prepared so we don't hit an obstacle or miss opportunities.

Our plan includes our Mission and Vision, it identifies our Stakeholders, it identifies 5 Values along with Guiding Principles for each, we did a SWOT analysis which reviews our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats as an association, it outlines 6 main goals and a few specific Strategies for each of those Goals.

The document is 9 pages, and I would be happy to review it with any member.

B) Update on Community Access Preservation Committee

The Head of the committee not present (Sheila Cavanaugh) so Steve will present the next steps.

Next steps are to include benches and signs at the approved access points which includes Community Enhancement Project.

Signs will have QR Codes that will include bylaws.

The property at 59 Tamarack does not belong to Township or SRA, but to Hydro-One.

KAYAK Rack to be built shortly. Benches need council approval which will be on the docket for the meeting in September.

C) UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Approximately \$25,000 in account and there has been an application in place for a grant with the Councillors as the steering committee. Hopefully by Spring we will get notification on the funding, and until then, we must have the money in the account to show we qualify for the funding.

D) Update on Fundraising

- The bottle drive netted \$2,411.05 so far this year...on par with last year's proceeds
- The bottle drive started in August 2021
- In that first 5 months we grossed \$1,973.80 and netted 1,226.49 – the difference being the storage shed and totes.
- In 2022 we grossed \$4,325.75 and netted all of it as there were no expenses.
- In 2023 we grossed \$4,409.30 and netted all of it
- So, for the full three years we have been collecting we have netted \$12,372.59
- When you consider the gross amount, we made its equivalent to counting just over 132,000 cans.
- It takes about 60 volunteer hours per year on the can collecting – sorting, counting and returning – we make roughly \$75 an hour which is very respectable
- I wanted to thank Angela and Stephen Quinn along with Sandra Sartor and Craig Moore for your continuous help with this initiative.

- We can always use more help. The shed is always open during the transfer station operating hours. If you can spend some time counting and labeling cans it would be a great help. And if anyone can help bring cans and bottles into town, we would also be grateful.
- Last year we held our inaugural **Skerryvore Golf Tournament**
- The purpose of this tournament was twofold – one – to be a social activity where we could gather in a larger location for some fun with friends and family and - secondly – to be a second major fundraiser for our community centre initiative
- Last September we had a beautiful day at the Parry Sound Golf and Country Club – a gorgeous day was presented by mother nature, and we had 36 golfers participate. We had another 14 people join us for dinner. Prizes were awarded for low team scores, longest drive and closest to the pin. We had a 50/50 draw and a great prize table. So as a social event it was a success.
- I want to thank the sponsors we had that day as they made the difference in making this a great success
- Jim & Heather Kruis – Kruis Kontrol – Tournament Sponsor
- Steve Spearing – Viking Fire Protection – Tournament Sponsor
- Sarah West – Golf Sponsor
- Tony Gale -- TD Wealth Financial Planning – Golf Sponsor
- Derek Good – Goodcorr Property Management – Dinner Sponsor
- Rino Torelli – Dinner Sponsor
- Craig Moore – SeeMore Forensics – Hole Sponsor
- Bill & Lois Beamish – Beamish Landscape Services – Hole Sponsor
- Richard & Kim Fowler – Hole Sponsor
- Netspectrum Internet Solutions – Hole Sponsor
- Karrie Beal – Create-a-Sign – Signage and Communications
- I also had some great volunteers for the golf tournament – my bride was my right hand person organizing the registration at the start of the tournament, running logistics throughout the day, and organizing the prize table after the tournament. Thank you Anna.
- Heather Kruis, Maryann Hunt and Joyce Malchin were travelling the golf course taking photos
- Anthony & Heather Gale helped on the closest to the hole.

E) Update on Special Events

- i) **Sign up for the Paddle/Peddle Boat races, BBQ and Kayak/PWC tours at the tables.**
 - ii) **Golf Tournament 2024**
 - The tournament this year is September 21st at the Parry Sound Golf & Country Club once again.
 - We can still accept new golfers – whether you are a group of four or a single golfer – we are happy to have you join us. Last year we had 36 golfers – this year we are up to 68!
 - We also welcome those who would like to join just for the dinner and prize table – everyone is welcome!
 - Cost for golf, cart and dinner is \$170 per golfer.
 - Dinner only is \$35 and will start around 6pm.
 - We will have a bus this year to transport us to and from the golf course. It will leave Skerryvore at 11:45am and arrive back by 10pm – if you would like to join the bus, please sign up at the golf registration table.
 - We are always looking for sponsorships and prizes for the silent auction and raffle table. Please let me know if you can donate.
- All cheques payable to Skerryvore Ratepayers' Association (not SRA)
- iii) Family Day Event for 2025 is scheduled for Feb 16th, with a snow date of Feb 17th.
 - iv) Canada Day Parade: this year was a first after many years in hiatus. We had over 100 people present with 12 floats. Next year, the scheduled date is Saturday, June 28th, with the rain date of June 29th.

11) COUNCILOR'S PRESENTATION

Earl Manners: Steve and Tony have spent countless hours in discussion with the township regarding the community. There has been slow progress due to the budgeting process, but there is progress. Site Alteration Tree Cutting Bylaw-Clear Cutting is a concern, but cutting a few trees is not an issue. Normal tree cutting activities do not require a permit application.

Community communication now includes TOA Express. Also, new notification update, so you must sign up as new updates start on Sept 20.

Road Safety Issue: Community member Craig Moore has sent numerous letters to MTO concerning a flashing light, turn lane and through traffic/keep right lane at the North bound intersection of Hwy 69 and Woods Road. Please send your concern to the MTO to add to the importance of this safety concern.

Email Address: chris.pascos@ontario.ca, NorthernOperationsCorrespondence@ontario.ca, copy the Township and the Councillors, as well as SRA. Directions to follow.

Scott Sheard: Good news, only a 2% municipal tax increase approved this year, which is much less than the other municipalities around 4-6%.

Speed and Wake Control: Skerryvore already has a speed restriction zone in the Moonlight Bay-Lagoon area of 10 km/L. Implementing a similar zone in the Pointe au Baril Harbor.

Postal Code: Community member Craig Moore's idea of having a Postal code for the area of both South and North Archipelago not practical but made the recommendation to allow the replacement of 'Nobel' with 'Skerryvore' on our mailing addresses.

12) OPEN DISCUSSION

Update on Hi Speed Fibre question by Heather: Bell was given contract to HSF to Northern Ontario.

Currently Picard Construction is mapping via water. Contact Joe Villeneuve, Director at TOA with questions or see update on the TOA website.

Large Item Pickup-Valerie Fraser question. What happens if they are physically unable to take the large items to the Transfer station on September 8? Steve-bring it to the SRA attention, and perhaps they can help.

Can the Bins come early? The contract is for Adams Construction, and the councillors will pass the request on.

Paul Klager asked about the Tamarack property beside his...supposed to be owned by Hydro-One, but who is responsible for the mess? He is to send an email to TOA with his concerns.

Adjourned at 11:30 am.