

Inverhuron District Ratepayers Association
Annual Meeting
Date September 3, 2011
Held at McIntyre (Lower) Park

Present:

President: Gord Barr

Vice president/Treasurer: Donna Irvine

Secretary: Alicia Noakes

Board members: Drew Robertson, Sheila Ogg, Ellen McLean, Marelle Evans, Kathy Kilmer, Stacey Jewett, Shirley Knautz, Marti McFadzean

Regrets was Stu Ogg

Meeting called to order at 10:20 am by Gord Barr

A motion was made to make an amendment to the agenda. It was noted by Gord Barr that this was changed in the constitution a couple of years ago and that additions were to be presented to the board a week in advance. This notice was posted on all of the signs that were advertising the Annual meeting. However it was decided to add this amendment to the agenda anyway.

MOTION MADE: To add an amendment for the board to consider to add map of Inverhuron and a directory of all advertisers by category in the next publication of the directory.

Made by: Peter Aunger

Seconded by: Donna Irvine

CARRIED

MOTION MADE: To accept the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting as written.

Made by: Stu Neely

Seconded by: Bob Williams

CARRIED

The treasurer's report

Was given by the Treasurer Donna Irvine. Donna acknowledged that the books were audited by Andy Knautz and thanked him again for his hard work. Andy has agreed to continue to audit our books for the upcoming fiscal year.

The amount presently in the bank are

Trust Account: \$ 1,598.55

Operation Acct: \$ 3,255.72

MOTION MADE: To accept the Treasurer's report as given.

Made by: Donna Irvine

Seconded by: Peter Montgomery

CARRIED

Nominations for the 2012 board are as follows:

Patty Cameron nominated by Gord Barr

Seconded by: Sheila Ogg

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Diane Stewart nominated by Shirley Knautz
Seconded by: Sheila Ogg

Mel McGuigan nominated by Perter Montgomery
Seconded by: Shirley Knautz

Kevin Klerks nominated by Donna Irvine
Seconded by: Gord Barr

Diane Stewart was a trustee of the board and felt that becoming a board member would be a conflict of interest. A small board of trustees was formed years ago back when the board had a substantial amount of money in their accounts. The purpose of the trustee is to monitor the money and how it is being spent. After some discussion, Diane stepped down from the Trustee position to accept the board position and Marti McFadzean decided to assume the Trustee position as she was not returning to the board.

MOTION MADE: To nominate Marti McFadzean as a board trustee.
Made by Donna Irvine
Seconded by: Don Stewart
CARRIED

MOTION MADE: To accept the board members for 2012 as presented.
Made by: Gord Barr
Seconded by:

Presentations

OPG/ NWMO

Kevin Orr from OPG made his presentation with a DGR update. Kevin explained that the environmental assessment was completed in 2010. A Joint Overview Panel will be announced shortly. The next steps will be a public comment period for 6 months, after which time a public hearing will commence this time next year. Following that the joint overview panel will report and make a recommendation to move forward with construction in 2013. This phase of construction is likely to take 5 – 7 years to complete. The facility is to house the low and medium level waste generated from the Bruce, Darlington and Pickering sites. Low level waste is from the clean up of the site such as gloves, clothes and sweepings from the site. Medium level waste would be items such as tooling. It would house 95% low level and 5% medium level wastes. It is the goal to keep a high level of communication with the community to maintain the strong level of support currently shown for this project. This project was started in 2001.

It would take 5 – 7 years to build because it is a very large construction project that will be creating main and ventilation shafts but because Kevin is not a mining engineer, he

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was not able to comment further on the construction needs that would warrant it longevity.

The current site has the proper characteristics that are optimal for this project. The limestone is not conducive to the movement of water through it. It take a 1000 years to move so it will not allow any radioactive material to move swiftly therefore any radiation would cease to exist before contraindication of surrounding environment could happen.

Any rock moved out of the area to make room for the DGR shafts will be store adjacent to the sight.

Currently the high level waste such as used fuel, are currently stored on site under water for 10 years. After such time, the radiation of the fuel is dissipated and the cell is then stored on site dry. Currently the low/medium level is being stored in warehouses on site in the form of ash from compacting and incineration, in metal bins already. The will be moved into the storage shafts when ready.

This site will be used only for Ontario waste, not including medical waste, nor from other parts of the world.

Kevin left a brochure which contained a detailed summary, a CD with supportive documentation, the latest newsletters and contact information for Marie Wilson.

Conservation walk

On July 23 11a.m. to meet on the beach by the river with Jeff Peach presented by Shirley Knautz.

The goal was to have Jeff Peach educate us to protect our sand on our beach. As a conversationalist, his main recommendation would be plant grass in front of the cottages. This was done at the provincial park with and station beach in Kincardine and we have seen that the beach at the park is almost non existent. We could use snow fencing to prevent the movement of the sand and it was mentioned that the County of Bruce may have a warehouse full of them that we may possibly use. Shirley Knautz and Sheila Ogg were to be meeting with Anne Eide, our deputy mayor to discuss this possibility. We need to be stewards of our beach and work together to determine the best solution and hopefully could come up with come suggestions. The continued loss of sand would cause our beach to become wetlands which would cause e coli and bacteria therefore leading to closures.

We have an ancient beach, the sand we have is all we have, there is not any more coming, so lets protect what we have now.

Tennis Club update

Presented by Drew Robertson

The Tennis Club has officially closed due to lack of leadership. All monies that were collected were returned to the people who paid dues.

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It was in the vision to have a clubhouse built on site that would be open to hosting various events. Since there was \$25,000 allocated from the municipality toward to Murrelle contacted Karen Keifer about it about a month ago. The municipality should be notified of the status of the Tennis Club.

MOTION: Gord Barr to contact the municipality of Kincardine regarding the status of the Tennis club and to request formally that any allotted monies be held for future endeavors.

Made by: Donna Irvine

Seconded by: Marelle Evans

CARRIED

The results of the Survey on Water and Sewer Project

Presented by Drew Robertson

Drew gave a quick run through the result numbers as noted in the survey presented. See copy of survey. There were 186 responses from the 418 surveys that were sent out and most wrote a comment. Drew read some of the comments that were included on the surveys as feedback from the residents who returned them.

There is moderate support of the sewer, extremely little support of the water and most of the residents think that the municipality should contribute more funds to the project.

Drews opinion on this issue is to drop reserve and allocate funds to split the cost 50/50. This would increase support within the community of this project.

Drew will be presenting these survey findings to the Municipality of Kincardine on behalf of the Inverhuron residents.

MOTION: To accept proposal as written from Drew Robertson

Made by: Peter Aunger

\Seconded by: Donna Irvine

CARRIED

Residents would like to have a clause in place that future development would pay their fair share in the future. Perhaps there should be an additional meeting with BM Ross to include that in the final plan.

MOTION: To discuss how our future development in our community would be addressed fairly and appropriately.

Made by: Peter Aunger

Seconded by: Donald Stewart

CARRIED

MOTION: To release our survey results to the media to encourage more input and surveys to be completed and submitted by due date prior to the presentation to the steering committee for consideration.

Made by: Don Stewart

Seconded by: Bob Williams

CARRIED

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It was mentioned the lack of guest speakers by members in the audience. It would have been helpful to have a counselor here to address some of this information.

MOTION: To always invite our counselors to our Annual Meetings.

Made by: Isabelle Bauman

Seconded by: Donna Irvine

CARRIED

Status of the Lake Water and Sewer project

Presented by Stewart Neely

Stewart started with making a correction to the agenda, they are not separate but all part of the Inverhuron community. The project is moving forward with the Steering committee.

The bottom line is what is affecting people's decision as they are looking at the stranded debt. This has not been factored into the bottom line of this project. At a public meeting, flooding was mentioned. Flooding was not addressed as it was not an issue noted this season. There is a need to address the flooding potential as it could become an issue in the future. The BM Ross representative said because there was no flooding it was not included as part of the grant or the Environmental Assessment study.

Other Business

Chris Tomsett from the part was not invited

MOTION: To always invite the Superintendent of the Provincial Parks to our Annual meeting.

Made by: Christine Feaver

Seconded by: Bob Williams

CARRIED

It may be possible that we will need to bump up the proposal to include the flooding issue. It can be done through an application to the ministry that does not require legal counsel. Murelle Evans has done this before with her water. There is no cost to the individual but will slow down and increase the cost of the project overall.

Amendment to the minutes from Annual meeting of 2010.

Donna Irvine wanted to be noted that the \$94 raised by Betty Lamont is still in her (Betty's) possession. She initially presented it to the IDRA but somehow got the money returned to her.

MOTION: To adjourn the Annual Meeting at 11:50 am

Made by: Gord Barr

Seconded by: Peter Auger

CARRIED