

Date: July 7, 2008
Location: St Philomena's Church Hall
Subject: Minutes of the HIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Attendance: Faye Muller, Gary Hall, Terry Botten, Brian Humphries, Geoff Hobbs, Lisa Webb, Gary Nichol
Regrets: None
Guests: None

<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
Minutes of last meeting were accepted as given.	Terry
Official documents for incorporation were received and given to Gary Nichol as secretary	Gary N
Copy of letter to the Mayor and council of Frontenac Islands regarding the problems with the governance process with Howe & Wolfe Islands received from Dave Munroe. A copy is attached.	
New membership forms are now printed. Some will be placed at the Bulletin board at the ferry as well as the Town office and library.	Terry
The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 5, 7:00 PM at St. Philomena's Church. Suggested topics for discussion are water levels, assessment, deer population, area rating, and governance of the Township of Frontenac Islands. A speaker is also being sought.	Terry
Geoff Hobbs & Lisa Webb will be stepping down from the HIRA board in August. We thank them both for their insight and time given to HIRA.	
New directors are needed to provide new ideas and to assist with duties required. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested.	All
This is a reminder that resident's thought re the Official Plan are posted on the Township site under the April 16 date.	
We will start gathering information re the Foot Ferry and its operation again this winter. Initial indications are that it is funded for next winter.	Gary N
Some discussion took place again re the role of HIRA. As it stands now, HIRA's role is to communicate information only and not to take a position on an issue to push it one way or the other. Through HIRA, elected officials will be aware of your opinion(s) in a timely and businesslike manner.	All
The Treasurer's report is attached showing a balance of \$804.54 as of June 30, 2008. The largest expense this year was for a one-time fee to incorporate HIRA. The purpose of this is to provide more credibility when HIRA has dealings with other agencies such as government. This also provides legal protection to avoid having others using the HIRA name.	Gary H
Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM	
Next meeting August 5, 2008, 7:00 PM at St. Philomena's Hall.	

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Howe Island Ratepayers Association