

Date: November 3, 2008
Location: St Philomena's Church Hall
Subject: Minutes of the HIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Attendance: Faye Muller, Gary Hall, Brian Humphrys, Bob Staples, Terry Botten
Regrets: Gary Nichol
Guests: Gerry Ross, Communications Committee

<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
Minutes of last meeting were accepted as given.	
Treasurer's Report-cash balance is \$732.95 with no outstanding invoices	Gary Hall
Membership is currently reported at 96 households by Faye Muller. Terry Botten will contact the balance of the membership for renewal	Terry Botten
Brian was informed by Carol Dwyer who advised that the "Community Profile" would be tabled at Council on Nov. 10 and following the tabling of this document, it will then be available to the public. Brian will undertake to acquire a copy for HIRA's review. Carol also advised that a draft OP should be available sometime in Dec/Jan.	Terry Botten Brian Humphrys
Sustainable Frontenacs: The County of Frontenac is holding a workshop on Nov. 18, Sustainable Frontenacs: A Community Planning Workshop. Terry and Brian have been invited and will attend.	
Bob Staples will take lead on the property assessment issue. Terry will send information to WRAFT (Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation) and TIARA (1000 Islands Residents Association). HIRA requested and received the following information from the Township. The increases in 2006 were 13% in the province, 22% in the County, 20% in Frontenac Islands and 34% on Howe.	Bob Staples
The Deer on Howe (DOH) committee is confirmed with the members covering different geographic parts of the island and different points of view. The formal announcement is on the website.	Terry Botten
Terry to follow up with the Township and the County regarding Mayor Jim Vanden Hoek's and Deputy Mayor Pat Norris's comments at the October 16 Township Council meeting at which time, both commented on fares not being collected on both ferries.	Terry Botten
Website-All agreed that Gerry is doing a terrific job. A few housekeeping items were reviewed relating to the Editorial Policies and Procedures. Gerry will send Terry the names of those members who don't have the "instant messaging" informing them that something has been posted to the site. During the month of October, www.howeisland.org had 550 first time visitors and 272 returning visitors reviewing 2,187 pages.	
Other Business-Following the discussion at the October 16 Township Council meeting regarding trailers and mobile homes, it was agreed that Terry will follow up with the Township to review the action taken re the existing by-law. Township meeting records show that at Council's September 2005 meeting when a proposal was presented to Council to change the by-law, Mayor Vanden Hoek stated that trailers have an impact and dampen assessment values and all councilors were not keen to change the by-law. The Township was to investigate. At the January 2006 meeting, Council agreed that there needed to be fairness in taxation, property standards and a consistency	Terry Botten

of position regarding trailers and by-law enforcement and again, they were not keen to change the by-law. Council instructed Terry O'Shea to draft a trailer by-law that would include licensing of existing trailers until January 1, 2010 and would allow trailer use during construction of a residence.

With extended winter vacations for some board members, it was agreed that the next board meeting after December will be on April 2, 2009; however, a HIRA representative will attend Township Council meetings and use email/telephone to keep the board in communication should issues arise.

Meeting adjourned time 8:20 PM

Next meeting December 1, 2008, at 6:30 PM at St. Philomena's Hall.