

Date: October 7, 2009
Location: St Philomena's Church Hall
Subject: Minutes of the HIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Attendance: Terry Botten, Gary Hall, David Jones, Brian Humphrys, Robert Staples
Regrets: Gary Nichol, Austin Page, Faye Muller.
Guests: Wendy Jones, Norm and Jane Vincent

| <u>DISCUSSION</u> | <u>ACTION BY</u> |
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| Minutes of last meeting were accepted as given. | |
| <p>Item of discussion.</p> <p>1) Treasurers Report-</p> <p>Balance on hand \$1535.75</p> <p>2) Membership report-</p> <p>HIRA had 113 paid members including 21 new members. Annual dues are still outstanding for some existing members who are encouraged to remit the 2009 dues.</p> <p>3) Island Brush Petition-</p> <p>Terry Botten reported on his discussions with Tim Taughter who was collecting signatures to a petition at the recycling site on October 3. The petition was addressed to Council requesting a brush site at the recycling site. The Brush Site Committee understood that the subject would be on the agenda of the next Council meeting.</p> <p>HIRA supports this initiative in principle and will contact Bob McLennon, a member of the Brush Committee, to encourage the Brush Committee to work together with HIRA on this project.</p> <p>4) Island Historical Site-</p> <p>Terry Botten reported on his discussions with Wilf Garrah who contacted him regarding his work on reopening consideration on converting the old school house for use as a Howe Island Historical Site. The plan is to approach Council to get support for the project.</p> <p>Norm and Jane Vincent made representations to the HIRA Board regarding the importance to Howe Island of having a place to showcase and protect the heritage of Howe Island.</p> <p>HIRA indicated that it considers this initiative very positive and awaits further information as the project goes forward.</p> <p>5) Wolf Islander environmental assessment</p> <p>Terry Botten advised the Board that he had not received a response to his letter dated September 29 to the MTO requesting more information on the announced environmental assessment. More details of the study were announced in the Whig Standard on</p> | <p>Name</p> |

September 24 with public meetings for the City of Kingston and for Wolfe Island in the Spring of 2010.

HIRA is following this initiative to understand the impact, if any, on Howe Island.

6) Website and Communications

Work is continuing on the upgrade of the website.

The AGM minutes along with details on the Tick problem are ready for distribution to all of the mailboxes on Howe Island.

7) Communication over the winter

Most members of the HIRA Board are away from the Island in the winter, accordingly winter meetings are a problem. Communications during the winter have been conducted by e-mail in the past and it was decided to continue this again this winter.

8) By-law

Terry Botten reported on his discussions with Austin Page regarding the status of enforcement of By-Laws on the island. Austin Page reported that he had been advised that the Township has taken action to enforce the trailer by-law.

Meeting adjourned time 6:40 PM

Next meeting date, November 2, 5PM at St. Philomena's Hall. The date for the December meeting

was set for December 7. Members are welcome to attend.