

HOWE ISLAND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

August 22, 2013

1 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., with 47 members in attendance.

34 signed in at the door.

Coffee and Timbits were provided by Agnew's Tim Horton's and bottled water by HIRA.

2 Board members in attendance were Ed Beseau, Gary Hall, Austin Page, Jim Taugher and Peter Tucker. Regrets from Kim Nossal and Doug Harpell.

3 Dale Kristensen, Manager of Queen's University Phytotron, gave an excellent presentation on noxious and invasive weeds.

4 A Town Hall meeting was held with our elected representatives Mayor Denis Doyle and Deputy Mayor David Jones.

Some of the issues discussed were:

- rumoured extension of Baseline trail. Mayors confirmed there would be nothing further without discussion and consultation with islanders.

- Transportation study (promoted by HIRA) should be due in October, after original draft was presented to council earlier.

- Lower ferry problems were discussed, particularly with hydraulic pump of Italian manufacture. Parts are on order and they are looking into a Canadian replacement.

- Mayors were looking into having propane deliveries being made on Tuesdays and Thursdays, similar to Wolfe Island.

- David Jones to make a note of everyone not paying ferry fees, which seems to be an ongoing problem.

- Question was raised about holding the ferry unnecessarily when ambulances come to the island. It would be known when the ambulance arrives and approximately how long they would be before returning to the ferry. In many cases a crossing could be made in the mean time. Mayors will look into this situation.

HIRA Business Meeting

a Agenda was adopted

b Minutes of 2012 AGM adopted

c Treasurer's report as of June 30th, 2013 showed a balance of \$2,210.45. Expenditures were a total of \$898.13., which included \$250 for hall rental, AGM expenses of \$111.27, ant-littering signage, researched, promoted and installed by HIRA under the direction of Peter Tucker, \$149.67. HIRA is in debt to Robert Hall, who contributed a significant sum of money to cover future years of our web site. Mention was also made of the \$100 lifetime membership fee and the fact that cheques can be dropped off at the HIRA mailbox.

d membership report was 62 paid households as of June 30, 2013. The good news is, as of this date in the 2013-2014 fiscal years we have 89 paid households and counting.

e Directors nominated for 2013-2014 were Ed Beseau, Gary Hall, Kim Nossal, Austin Page, Jim Taugher, Doug Harpell, Jim Mills and Brian Humphreys. Thanks were given to Peter Tucker for all his efforts during his term of office.

f A recap of accomplishments by HIRA for 2012-2013.

1 Briefing by the Ministry of Natural Resources at the 2012 AGM.

2 Town Hall questions and answers with the mayor and Deputy Mayor at the 2012 AGM.

3 Anti-littering signage initiated, researched, implemented and funded by HIRA.

4 HIRA sponsored the annual Pitch-In campaign, another success.

5 Attended council meetings and made representations to council.

6 Under the direction of Kim Nossal, a ferry break-down and restart alert system has been proposed and approved by the Township and the County, pending legal endorsement.

This system would be available to all Islanders, not just HIRA members.

7 Transportation study proposed by HIRA and funded by the Township has been initiated.

8 HIRA lobbied for yellow lines on Howe Island Drive.

There was no other Business.

The meeting was terminated at 8:30