



Annual General meeting
Saturday July 7, 2018
Baysville Community Centre, Baysville

1. **Call to Order** – Ian Beverley

Ian Beverley, President of the Association, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Beverley welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared that with the consent of the meeting he would act as Chair of Meeting and would ask Lili Davis-Burchat, Secretary of the Association, to act as Secretary of the Meeting.

2. **Notice and Quorum** – Ian Beverley

Mr. Beverley noted that Ms Davis-Burchat, meeting secretary, advised him that Notice of this Meeting was included at page 63 of the Association's 2018 Yearbook which was mailed to all members on or about May 28, 2018. As such Notice of this Meeting has been sent to all members as required by our By-Laws.

Ms Davis-Burchat also advised him that a quorum of members required to conduct the business of this meeting as required by our By-Laws is present.

As such, Mr. Beverley declared the meeting duly constituted for the conduct of the business for the meeting as set out in the Agenda that had been distributed.

3. **Introductions** – Ian Beverley

Mr. Beverley introduced himself, the other members of the Board of Directors of the Association and others attending the meeting.

Board of Directors of the Lake of Bays Association

Mary Ann Peden – Vice President and Communications Chair

Ian White – Past President, and Chair Volunteer Relations and Nominations

Kathy Ogryzlo – Treasurer

Barry Morrison – Planning Co-chair

Brian Simpson – Planning Co-chair

Caroline Konarzewski – Environment Chair

Linda Robinson – Membership Chair

Gloria Woodside – External Affairs Chair

Andy Barnett – Environment and Nominations

Bob Breithaupt – External Affairs

Jane Dupéré – Communications

Wendy Gibson – Planning and Communications

Fraser Govan – External Affairs

Don Macintosh – Planning

Bruce MacLellan – Environment

Marcia Watt – Membership

Absent with Regrets
Pat Birnie – Safety Chair

Administrative Support

Beverley Govan – Administrative Assistant
Lili Davis-Burchat – Executive Coordinator
Absent: Bryan Dearsley – Yearbook advertising manager

Political Representatives

District of Muskoka:
Chairman John Klinck

Township of Lake of Bays:
Mayor Bob Young
Councillor Terry Glover
Councillor Nancy Tapley
Councillor Mike Peppard
Councillor Bob Lacroix

Guests

Lorraine and Steve Miletic, Co-presidents, Shoe Lake Ratepayers Association
Tom Swain, President, Paint Lake Ratepayers Association
Rick Esselment, President and Founder, ESSE Canada (speaker)

Exhibitors

Dennis Rolland, Vivian Rolland, Morris Eccles; Andrew Daniels Fish Stewardship Foundation
Stephanie Prince; Forests Ontario
Susan Brown; Chestnut Park Real Estate
Brooke Forward; Muskoka Watershed Council

4. **Adoption of the Minutes – Ian Beverley**

Mr. Beverley noted that the first item of business was the adoption of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Members which was held on Saturday July 8, 2017.

Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Lake of Bays Association held on Saturday July 8 2017 be adopted.

MOVED BY: Simon Miles; SECONDED BY: Betty MacDonald; CARRIED

5. **Presentation of the Auditor's Report and Financials – Kathy Ogryzlo**

Mr. Beverley noted that the next item of business was presentation of the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements of the Association for the financial year ended October 31, 2017, together with the Auditor's Report thereon were contained in the Yearbook of the Association, which was mailed to all members with the Notice of this Meeting. He asked Kathy Ogryzlo, Treasurer of the Association to present the Financial Statement and Auditor's report.

Ms Ogryzlo recognized and thanked Association Administrative Assistant Beverley Govan who does the banking, invoicing and bookkeeping; Association Executive Coordinator Lili Davis-Burchat for her coordination and Association Director Fraser Govan for his assistance. She explained that she was able to do her Treasurer's work from Calgary through the winter months after Mr. Govan helped with the

computer set-up. Ms Ogryzlo commented on the hard-working, passionate Board members, Executive committee and volunteers.

- Ms Ogryzlo explained that at the beginning of each fiscal year, the Executive Coordinator and Treasurer, in consultation with Committee chairs, prepare a budget. This is approved by the Board of Directors. The budget sets revenue and expense projections to provide us with guidance and give us benchmarks against which the Board and our members can evaluate our performance. We monitor expenses and revenues against the budget through the year.
- Revenue for the Association comes from two sources; membership fees and advertising. The only way to increase revenue is sell more advertising or raise membership. Approximately 60% of properties around the lake have a membership. Area Stewards work hard to increase that percentage. Ms. Ogryzlo encouraged members to encourage their friend and neighbours to support the Association if they do not do so already. The membership fee for the Association has remained the same at \$60 for many years.
- This year 80 local businesses and organizations advertised in our Yearbook. Please support them. The Association also expanded this revenue source by selling advertising space in our Current Connection newsletter.
- Membership and advertising provided us \$124,000 of revenue for 2017. This is how we spent that money:
 - Yearbook is the largest cost and includes publishing, advertising commissions, postage and mailing.
 - Contracted services are for Administrative Assistant and Executive Coordinator.
 - General administration is the cost to operate an office.
 - Newsletter and membership services include the cost of Current Connection newsletter, maintaining the membership database and looking after our members.
 - Environment costs are primarily for the water-quality testing program.
 - Professional fees are for the audit of our financial statements by BDO Canada.
 - Revenues exceeded expenses for the year and this will add to our accumulated surplus.
- The Lake of Bays Association has two “pots of money”; the operating fund, as just reviewed, and the Action Fund, which was created to provide funds for specific special projects relevant to the lake. It is intended to cover costs such as legal and consulting fees, preparing briefs and representations associated with development plans, environment, water and air quality issues and government restructuring. This year we used Action Fund monies as follows:
 - Support for Dorset Health hub, Dwight Lion’s Club washroom building project at the Dwight beach and the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation.
 - The major expenditure for this year was an Ontario Municipal Board appeal regarding a portion of the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan.
 - The fund retains a healthy accumulated surplus of just under \$190,000.
 - Members are encouraged to contribute and the Association will continue to be involved with development proposals around the lake.
- Overall, as of October 31 2017 the Lake of Bays Association had cash and investments of almost \$350,000 which is \$3,000 less than the previous year end. We continue to maintain a healthy accumulated surplus.

Ms Ogryzlo moved adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Financial Statements of the Association for the financial year ended October 31, 2017 together with the Auditor’s Report thereon, are hereby approved.

SECONDED BY: Doug Ward; CARRIED.

6. **Appointment of Auditors and Remuneration** – Kathy Ogyzlo

Ms Ogyzlo moved adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved that BDO, Chartered Accountants, are hereby appointed the Auditors of the Association to hold office until the close of the next Annual Meeting of the Members, and the Directors of the Association are hereby authorized to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

SECONDED BY: Fraser Govan.

Member, Pamela Bowen asked whether other auditors had been considered. Ms Ogyzlo responded they have not been, but we will look into tendering the audit for 2019 and report at the Annual General meeting next year.

The motion was CARRIED.

7. **President's Remarks** – Ian Beverley

Mr. Beverley addressed the members with the following remarks:

This is my last address to our Annual General Meeting as LOBA President and I thought I would share some of my reflections on my time in this role, our Association and our lake.

Unlike Mary Ann Peden, who you will hear from in a moment, my family's experience at Lake of Bays has been relatively brief, though we have a long history in Muskoka, dating back to 1923 when my father and my grandparents began annual visits to Elgin House (now "Clublinks Lake Joe Club" on Lake Joseph). In 1967, my parents bought the family cottage on Lake Rosseau near Port Sandfield and we enjoyed over 35 years with them there and worked at the local resorts for many summers.

My wife, Laura and I were introduced to the Lake of Bays area by our good friends, Sarah and Don Macintosh (Don is a LOBA director) in around 1995 when we first visited Sarah's family cottage- Donnie and Gene Farley's place on Old Hwy 117. We loved the area and rented a cottage up Tock Lane on Otter Lake for over 10 years.

Nine years ago, we were fortunate to get our own place on Lake of Bays. At the time, Laura lamented that it was too bad that we had acquired the cottage so late for our family to really enjoy a cottage as a family (our kids Meg and Jamie were ages 16 and 13, respectively).

In reality, nothing could have been further from the truth. For our family and I expect for everyone here, the cottage offers a such a unique opportunity to be just that- a family, year-round, in any weather - where conversations and connections are possible that are not possible anywhere else.

Lake of Bays is now very different from where my parents cottaged. We went back a couple of years ago to see my parent's place and that part of Muskoka is much more intensely developed now on the water and around the towns. Indeed it was my feeling that it was hard to really say that it is a "rural" area anymore with streams of traffic on weekends for many miles.

Part of what we (my family and I) value about Lake of Bays is the feel of the place- it is rural and it is largely natural. Not that we can or should stop development here but development should be of a scale and scope that enhances and supports the unique qualities of the natural environment that is the backbone of the local economy and the reason we all come here.

That is what LOBA is all about and that is why we need your support and that of your neighbors.

The municipal elections this fall will be of critical importance. Under the new regime of the Planning Act, the Ontario Municipal Board has been largely neutralized so that most planning decisions will be final and binding decisions that are made by the local municipalities (the Township of Lake of Bays Council or the Town of Huntsville Council), without right of appeal. This makes it critically important that our members become informed and make thoughtful and discerning choices on who they vote for this fall and more important than ever that our members do cast vote. We are a large constituency that represents at least 25 percent of the voting population of the area.

To this end, you will see that, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, LOBA will be hosting two all candidates meetings (one on Saturday Aug 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Baysville and the other on Thursday August 30 from 6 to 9 p.m.). Please plan to attend and get informed.

Voting will be easier than ever with internet and telephone voting available from October 12 to October 22 (the actual election day).

It has often been said and I believe it is true that municipal government is the level of government that has the greatest impact on the lives of citizens because it is the level of government that is closest to the people and that is directly responsible for programs and policies that affect our daily lives. So, please get informed and make sure to vote.

I have been asked to make a special appeal to you for new members and new volunteers:

- *We always want new members. If you have new neighbors or neighbors who you know are not members but who might be, let us know. Linda Robinson will be happy to have one of the members of her Area Stewards team to make the connection*
- *Volunteers- we always need them and there are innumerable ways to get involved. Ian White will be happy to speak to anyone who has an interest in helping us a volunteer.*

Without members or volunteers LOBA can do little. No experience or particular skill is required- just some energy and interest.

A final few thoughts. LOBA is really a great organization and, over the last four years as President, I have had the privilege to work with a great Board and with the support of a great administrative staff (first Wendy and for the last two years, Lili and always Bev).

Thank you everyone.

And now I am happy to introduce Mary Ann Peden as your incoming LOBA President.

8. New President's Remarks – Mary Anne Peden

Mary Ann Peden addressed the members with the following remarks:

When I think about all the values that the Lake of Bays Association represents for me - maintaining a beautiful, clean natural environment, enjoying a safe and quiet area, and having a community of residents, cottagers and businesses who are dedicated to this wonderful area, I realize it embodies our family history on this lake. My grandparents made that day long trip to Lake of Bays on the Portage Flyer and ferry to stay in a lakeside resort, then rented a cottage on Pancake Island and fell in love with the area. They purchased a cottage in the Glenmount area and I was born several years later and arrived as a one month old. I literally grew up on Lake of Bays - all of my summers were spent here, many Christmas holidays, and periods of the other

seasons as well. There were the summers as a teenager, working at the Log Cabin gift shop on Old 117, hanging out with the sailing instructors from the Lake of Bays Sailing Club and meeting my future husband, John. We were married at the Norway Point church and danced outdoors at the top of Black Point, almost 40 years ago.

As a teacher, I continued to spend summers at Lake of Bays. We have life-long friends on Lake of Bays, both of our children celebrated their weddings on the lake, and we have grandchildren coming to the cottage now. Lake of Bays is our gathering place for family and friends and will always be “home” with all of the wonderful memories we have yet to make. It is the perfect place to truly disconnect and enjoy nature at its best. Retirement has allowed us to spend even more time here and we do.

We have a very dedicated group of volunteers serving on the LOBA board and I feel it is a privilege to work alongside all of you, maintaining and enhancing this exceptional and lovely Lake of Bays and I am ready to take on the upcoming issues and challenges.

Thank you.

9. **Election of Directors for 2018/19 – Ian White**

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on June 16, 2018, the Nominating Committee comprised of Ian White and the President, presented a slate for the election of Directors to fill the vacancies on the Board.

The Committee’s nominees are:

- (a) for a three-year term: Ian Beverley, Mary Ann Peden, Kathryn Ogryzlo, Wendy Gibson
- (b) for a two-year term: Don Macintosh
- (c) for a one-year term: Andrew Barnett, Jane Dupéré, Marcia Watt, Ian White

Mr. White moved adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the persons nominated as set out in the Report of the Nominating Committee be and they are hereby elected as Directors of the Association to hold office for the respective periods indicated in the Report.

SECONDED BY: Don Macintosh; CARRIED.

Mr. White recognized the years of service of Barry Morrison and Brian Simpson who are retiring from the Board of Directors. They were each presented with a gift from the Association.

Mr. White recognized the dedicated service of Ian Beverley, President of the Association since 2014, who is stepping down as President, but remaining on the Board of Directors. In recognition, Mr. Beverley was presented with a gift from the Association.

10.. **Presentation of the Betty Day Award – Ian White**

Mr. White explained that the Betty Day Award is intended to acknowledge and thank the recipient for their efforts on behalf of the Lake of Bays Association. Since inception, the Betty Day Award has been presented annually. To qualify as a recipient a nominee must be a member of the Association who has made an extraordinary effort in performing volunteer activities that further the goals of the Association.

Mr. White presented the 2018 Betty Day Award to Barry Morrison. Mr Morrison has been a Director of the Association since 2004. He has for many years been co-chair of the Planning and Development committee. He has been a tremendous contributor to the committee and the Association during a number of proposed developments on the lake as well as his work on District and Township Official Plans. Barry’s professional experience in the field has made him invaluable to LOBA.

Mr. Morrison thanked the Association for the award and recognition.

11. **Video and Guest Speakers**

Caroline Konarzewski, chair of the Environment Committee introduced the “Ribbon of Life” video about healthy shorelines.

Rick Esselment; President and Founder of ESSE Canada, a family business providing inspection, maintenance programs, compliance reporting, sampling, design review and warranty services for onsite and communal wastewater treatment systems across Ontario; presented technical information about Septic Systems and an overview of DIY information, best practices and practical advice for system owners preparing for a reinspection or just doing their own maintenance and due diligence.

Lake of Bays Association Director Wendy Gibson provided an update and overview of the development proposal for Langmaid’s Island.

Mr. Beverley thanked the speakers and indicated that ESSE Canada would be offered a Shopping Gallery advertisement in the 2019 Yearbook as a token of our thanks.

12. **Further Business, Closing Remarks and Termination**

Mr. Beverley asked if there was any further business.

There being no further business, a motion for Termination was put forward.

Be it resolved that the Meeting be adjourned.

MOVED BY: Margaret Casey; SECONDED BY: Marcia Watt; CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved _____

Ian Beverley, President

Lili Davis-Burchat, Secretary