

# **Blackstone Lake Cottagers Association**

## **Annual General Meeting 2023**

**Date:** July 16, 2023

**Location:** 115 Tolpts Road

**Time:** 9:30 am

**Attendance:** Approximately 60+

Zoom unavailable

Meeting Called to Order 9:40am by BLCA President Erik Mathieson

Motion to approve minutes of BLCA AGM 2022 \*\*) – David Rosen, Seconded : Carolyn VandenHoek, Carried

Treasurers Report Kathy Watts presented 2022 financial statements \*\*, Motion to approve: Leanne Cooley Seconded: Tim McErlean?, Carried

Motion to approve increase in annual membership dues to \$100 – Christine Tekker, Seconded: Chris Morwald, Carried

BLCA Directors: Appreciation to retiring directors, David Rosen and Lisa Pieper Brown  
Motion to appoint 2023 slate of Board Members as presented – Lisa Pieper Brown, Seconded – Rob Moos

**Rupert Kingsley**, Executive Director Georgian Bay Association, see presentation on BCLA website. Key issues: Sustainable Development, Floating Home regulatory policy, Fire Pump operation/ownership-communication and WhatsApp for fast community organized response, What 3 Words- app, ensure everyone including visitors know this app and use it. Check GBA website for ways to best prepare your property to protect against fire.  
Discussion: Firesafety and short term rental risk, Invasive species -Leanne Cooley brought example of Mullien weed and tips on helping to manage – pull and burn seed/flower top.

### **Darlene Cade. Councillor Township of Archipelago – Ward 6**

Appreciation and update on Ian Mead

Review and TOA Key priorities (90% water based 90% seasonal based residents)

TOA water access task force in place to review issues

PLEASE ensure you complete the survey that has been circulated. (Contact [blackstonelakeca@gmail.com](mailto:blackstonelakeca@gmail.com) if you do not have the invitations to complete) Deadline for completion – July 31

This is the best opportunity for Blackstone Lake residents to help prioritize and identify issues that are important to them and ensure TOA council is aware.

Update on Reeve Liverance participation (Chair of Committee) in Coalition involving all Great Lakes & St Lawrence Seaway and emerging issues.

Township Resolution on impact of bill 23 (build more homes faster)

Food Recycler- all residents are encouraged to drop in to the Township website and purchase these units to deal with compostable type waste at your cottage. Subsidized by TOA, units available at TOA office.

Site Alteration/Site Setback: TOA staff still working on final draft to present to council. Then public consultation meeting will be held.

Deerhorne Conference – October 21, 2023. Cottage association board members -one day conference and workshops with TOA staff & reps, etc

Roads: Cooperation between Seguin and TOA on Blackstone/crane lake road and paving of 3 km section still in the planning process. Significant weather event this winter (Xmas Boxing Day) hindered TOA staff ability to clear all roads in timely manner.

Connectivity: continued issue with TOA to bring High speed to all residents. Discussion..water access must rely on WIFI solutions, road access may look forward to Bell Fibe. Darlene to have TOA staff share more info on ISPs, etc with everyone.

Amalgamation: TOA is firm in their position that amalgamation is not a path for us. TOA is a very generous and has contributed to many of the 7 municipalities (ie WPSHC, community pool, many charitable community events),

Fire Protection: Discussion and good education from Darlene on understanding our Fire Protection agreement with Seguin relative to Insurance. Members and welcome to contact Darlene for better understanding as she is one of the top Insurance professionals in the field of cottage/water access insurance.

Darlene will check with TOA to see if there is any Fire Pump purchasing tips/deals/discounts, etc.

Seguin Fire Protection agreement – BLCA board will be reviewing and gathering input for the next renewal which will be in approx 4 years.

**Dianne Jennings:** Reminder of 2023 Calendar ordering – more info to come on how to place your orders. The Committee will be presenting \$450 to BLCA from last years sales and presented \$1200 to BCLA in 2022! This is a great program to support! Please buy a calendar...get your Christmas shopping done early this year!

### **Erik Mathieson- Presidents Report**

Full presentation slides on BCLA website

Reminder for Everyone to complete the Survey. If you need the link, please email [blackstonelakeca@gmail.com](mailto:blackstonelakeca@gmail.com)

Common Voice for Common Good

-July 31 deadline

-Board will review and disseminate

- Town Hall Zoom will follow later in August
- results will be shared with all comments to Darlene
- general comments may be consolidated and summarized to capture 'like' issues and ensure respondents remain anonymous and everyone is respected
- Action items will be shared with appropriate people/departments, (including Anglers Inn)

Fire protection: Board will look to help organize Fire Pump practice and training, etc

Stink Week – Erik working with Muskoka septic and interested cottagers on timeline,etc. may end up pushing forward to 2024

\*\* copies of presentation slides and items noted above can be found on BCLA website -AGM tab

<http://www.blackstonelakeassn.ca/index.php/2023-annual-general-meeting>

Meeting adjourned: 11:30am