

Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association Annual General Meeting – June 8, 2021

Minutes of Meeting

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting (the **Meeting**) of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association ("**HLCA**") held on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021**.

As attendees were coming in **Nick Mezzapelli** introduced himself and outlined the Zoom meeting protocols. Nick thanked all for joining and outlined how to ask a question, muting to avoid background noise, and informed us that he would be monitoring the chat during the meeting. He also stated that the meeting would be recorded.

Start – 7:02 pm

Welcome and introduction of Board Members in attendance. Each member gave a brief message of introduction.

Present:

Brent McLean, Interim President
Serena Bradbury, Secretary
Brayden Siersma, Treasurer
Nick Mezzapelli, Director
Connor Blackwell, Director
Kathleen Boss, Director
Larry Marion, Director

Absent:

Owen Blackwell, Director
Candace Bradbury Endicott, Director

Introduction of Guest Speakers

Andrea Roberts/ Walt McKechnie – Dysart Update
Lisa Severson/Marco Smits – EORN

Andrea Roberts, Mayor: Andrea thanked the membership for inviting her to the meeting. She acknowledged the difficult year we have had due to COVID, but highlighted the fact that council meetings are now attended in greater numbers due to live streaming of meeting. Meetings will continue to be live streamed going forward. The county website is now AODA compliant.

Updates: Shoreline By-Law: On January 3, 2021, a third-party company was brought in to help with the creation of the Shoreline By-Law. Hutchison Environmental Sciences will be the company in this role. Public consultation will occur on this contentious issue.

Short-Term Rental Licenses: The four local municipalities agree that short term rentals fall under county jurisdiction. Haliburton will look into licensing.

Questions for Lisa and Marco:

Larry: Will all carriers leverage the new towers or will it only be Roger's customers? **Marco:** There are benefits to new towers such as co-location – towers used by more than one carrier.

John Rowsome: How have towers on other lakes changed the landscape? What do we need to do to ensure that 90m towers aren't visible? **Lisa:** She expressed understanding of the concern but noted that without towers there is not signal. She was unclear if/ how many towers would be on Haliburton Lake. The process was outlined as: Dysart will be approached by Rogers. The Land Use Authority Council would need to approve locations. If there is no way forward, Rogers can appeal to the federal government. There will be an opportunity for consultation from the public. She noted concerns and said she would bring them back to her tech team.

Question from chat, read by Nick Mezzapelli: Are new towers as obvious as the old ones – can they be made less so? **Lisa:** She acknowledged that towers can be camouflaged, but it costs half again the price of the tower. The trees can be made to look like artificial trees with plastic boughs, but this impacts cell coverage. The plastic boughs also shed. She suggested bringing up camouflage with the Land Use Authority council.

Question from chat, read by Nick Mezzapelli: Is Starlink being considered in EORN's projects?

Lisa: She stated that she has heard some great reports of Starlink being used, but that more satellites are needed to make it viable. EORN may consider using Starlink to reach the last few pockets of people without service.

Question from chat, read by Nick Mezzapelli: Can we make towers a different colour to make them less obvious? Perhaps Lisa could suggest this to her team? **Lisa:** Sure

Dan Malloy: Could you provide a definition of "major roadway that people live and work on"?

Marco: He defined this as roads that bring people to the places where they live. **Lisa:** She added that roads well travelled but less inhabited (ex. 401) also fall under this definition. Anywhere with a premises fits the definition.

Question from chat, read by Nick Mezzapelli: Can you ensure that we will have internet and cell coverage by 2025? **Lisa:** She stated that the project's end date is July 2025, barring delays due to weather. That said, once fibre internet is awarded, it will take 5 years to complete. She pointed out that as parts of the grid are built, they become active.

CALL TO ORDER 8:03 pm

Approval of Minutes from 2020 AGM

Moved by Connor Blackwell, seconded by Kathleen Boss

Financial Statements 2020

- Net income was down a little year over year due to lack of Regatta and Swimming lessons (\$7088)
- Fireworks donations were up 20% from 2019
- Expenses lower due to lack of legacy events
- Year end balance \$60,795

Dysart Asset Management: Dysart completed an assessment of assets ahead of schedule. They looked at what they own, condition, costs to maintain, and value. There is a small funding gap that came from this.

Voting 2022: Voting in 2022 will be fully electronic – either by phone or internet. Educational information will be sent out prior to the vote.

Welcome Centre: The new Welcome Centre is complete and will open to public this weekend. There are flush toilets in the building.

College Residences: Land has been given to Fleming College to build 80 student residences. This will free up accommodations for others and allow the college to go to capacity.

Affordable Housing: There are 3 affordable housing projects in the works.

Questions for Andrea (submitted via email prior to meeting, read by **Nick Mezzapelli**):

Question #1: What is the status of the bridge on Eagle Lake Road? **Andrea:** The bridge was delayed by COVID and got a late start. It is to be completed this summer.

Question #2: Does Dysart have any plans to address climate change through their use of vehicles? **Andrea:** Dysart has no plans to switch to electric cars as of yet. They will do so when it is financially viable. Plows and heavy machines will remain diesel.

Question #3: What is happening with the Trent Severn Waterway and water levels? **Andrea:** The water levels are out of Dysart's control. It was a dry winter and water is low everywhere.

Question #4: Has a ban on fertilizers been considered? **Andrea:** This will hopefully become a part of the Shoreline By-law.

Walt McKechnie, Councillor, Ward 5: Walt thanked the HLCA for the invitation to the meeting. He reviewed roads that will be resurfaced this year (see appendix for list), as well as roads that will have brushing done. The speed limit signs are ready and will be installed by the July long weekend. Radar signs will also be installed.

Septic Pump Out: Walt encourages those that need a pump out to do it now and not wait for the 2022 evaluation of tanks on our Lake. If you do pump out now, keep your receipt. Walt explained that in 2022 a company called WSP will contact you to make an appointment to assess your septic system. They will ask you to remove earth covering the lid, then run water. If they see no problems, you do not have to pump it out. If they have concerns, you will have to pump the system out. The pumper reports back to WSP with what needs to be repaired.

Further questions for Andrea or Walt: Send an email to president@haliburtonlake.com. Brent will forward.

Lisa Severson/Marco Smits, EORN: Lisa and Marco presented information regarding the Gig Project and the Cell Gap Project (slides attached). The Gig Project's aim is to have fibre lines or the equivalent to 95% of homes and businesses. The Cell Gap Project aims for 99% coverage in making a call, 95% in using email etc. via phone, and 85% to have high-definition streaming in Eastern Ontario. Roger's communication has been awarded the contract for cell phone coverage.

Highlights

- Membership down by 7 members
- 52% of Members made a donation to the HLCA
- HLCA – now able to accept etransfers

Motion to accept the 2020 Financials by Serena Bradbury, seconded by Brayden Siersma.

HLCA Updates:

Thank you to all the Lake Volunteers:

- Love your Lake / Public Beech - Lindsay Bevan
- Fireworks - Brendan McLennan, Rob Newton, Moe Thompson
- Kids Bingo - Julia Kea, Alison Kea
- Navigation - Bob Bevan
- Regatta - Serena Bradbury
- Rock Bass Fishing - Jay Kea
- Social Media – Serena Bradbury
- Swimming - Erin Scott
- Scavenger Hunt – Sue Harrison

2021 Status:

- Finances are in good shape, income currently at 65% of 2020 or \$22,500 to date
- Membership currently at 70% of 2020
- Board meeting bi-monthly
- Return of Legacy events for summer of 2021 – Covid regulations pending
- Fireworks scheduled for July 3, 2021, if COVID regulations permit. Aug. long weekend is alternate date
- HLCA tax returns current with CRA
- Financial assistance from Dysart to be received July 2021 for Beach vegetation, beach cleanup and grass cutting

HLCA Elections

Existing Board of Directors: Dissolve the existing HLCA Board of Directors as of June 8, 2021

Stepping Down:	Owen Blackwell
Agreed to Stand Again as Director:	Nick Mezzapelli
	Candice Bradbury Endicott
	Larry Marion
	Kathleen Boss
	Connor Blackwell

Accepted Nominations as a Director: Jason Kea

Agreed to Stand as an Officer: Brent McLean – President
Serena Bradbury – Secretary
Brayden Siersma – Treasurer

Note: The roles of President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the HLCA will be two-year term moving forward. Director Positions remain at one year.

Is there anyone in attendance that would like to become a director or officer of the HLCA? No

All in favour to approve and accept the nine named candidates for the HLCA Board of Directors 2021-2022 – Moved by Nick Mezzapelli, seconded by Larry Marion.

New Business

Brent McLean asked the attendees if there was any new business to discuss.

John Rowsome: John asked if the Board could put in place a watch of the new cell towers and their placement? **Brent:** The Board is aware of the issue and will discuss it. He acknowledged it as a meaningful topic. **Serena:** Serena expressed her concern that cell towers will take away from a landscape that has remained constant and is valuable to all on the lake. **Brent:** Brent added that a balance must be struck between needing cell coverage and aesthetics. He suggested that people view the EORN presentation. Brent stated that no one wants towers to stand out, and that EORN works with the municipality in their placement. He suggested remaining in contact with Walt and attending Zoom council meetings. **John:** John asked if Brent agreed with concerns about changes to the lake landscape. **Brent:** He maintained that he wants to see the locations of towers but knows that service is needed. **John:** John asked if the Board was therefore not taking a position. **Brent and Nick:** The HLCA has to represent both sides of the issue and find a balance.

Dave Love: Can we look to other lakes and see their best practices regarding tower placement? Can two small towers replace a large one?

Question from chat, read by Nick Mezzapelli: Has the HLCCA considered a lights out/ dark sky policy for stargazing? **Nick:** Nick suggested we take this issue back to the Board to discuss and find a position.

Adjournment – 8:32 pm

Motion by Brent McLean, seconded by Nick Mezzapelli to adjourn the 2020 HLCA AGM.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2020 Annual General Meeting is adjourned. **CARRIED**

Termination

There being no further business before the Meeting, upon a motion regularly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the Meeting terminate at 8:32 pm. The Meeting there upon terminated.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2021.



Brent McLean

President



Serena Bradbury

Secretary