

**Meeting of the Hamlet of Collingwood Lakeshore Estates
RM Office – Strasbourg
May 19, 2012**

Attending: Joanne & Bruce Moldenhauer, Diana & George Bahr, John Fouillard, Brian Delorme, Shelley Fairbairn, Steve & Erin Folk, Isobel & Rick Harnish, Roberta & Allan Moffatt, Joyce Rieder, Pflueger Eugen, Nadia Antoschkin, June LeDrew, Brent Johnson, Diane & Mike Herman, Kevin & Deborah Patzer, Marilyn LaBatte, Rhonda Hordichuk

June LeDrew made a **motion** to adopt the agenda as presented. 2nd by Diana Bahr. Carried.

John Fouillard made a **motion** to adopt the minutes of the September 3, 2011 meeting as read. 2nd by Kevin Patzer. Carried.

The Financial Report was reviewed – no need to approve.

Bruce Moldenhauer's three-year term is up. Kevin Patzer was appointed to the Board by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS

A. Terms of Reference for Hamlet Committees (JuneLeDrew)

June reported that she thought all committees and sub-committees ran well last year. June stated that as the community grows, we may need to decide if some or all committee members need to live at Collingwood full-time, be lake-front or back lot representatives, etc. There are presently five committees at Collingwood, being the Community Planning Committee, Garbage Committee, Green Space Committee, Health & Safety Committee and the Recreation Committee. June stated that possibly a Communications Committee may be in order; however, it was decided that at this time, each committee chair will be responsible for their own communications.

Discussion followed and the importance of terms of reference for the Hamlet Committees was stressed. June will do the terms of reference for the September 1, 2012 meeting.

B. Play Structure (Renata Tkatchuk)

Marilyn LaBatte spoke to this matter as Renata was not in attendance. Marilyn stated that Renata Tkatchuk had received one quote for \$14,000.00 for the play structure. As the park is not designed at this time, nor approved by the R.M., this matter was tabled.

C. First Aid Course (June LeDrew)

June stated that Collingwood needs to send someone to the First Responder Course.

Marilyn LaBatte stated that if someone would come to Collingwood to train for CPR, we may be able to get a deal on a defibrillator. Marilyn suggested that we look into the cost to certify anyone who wanted to take the First Aid Course. June will check into the cost.

With respect to the First Responder Course, June stated that first priority should be given to a Collingwood permanent resident. If Collingwood pays for the First Responder Course, the individual is a first responder for Collingwood only, and not the other resorts around Collingwood as well.

D. Parc's Conference (George Bahr)

George stated that Parc is the Provincial Association of Resort Communities. George attended the Parcs Conference on behalf of Collingwood in the Fall, 2011. There were also three RM Councillors in attendance, one being Marilyn LaBatte. George stated that there was a presentation on the 2011 flood, and that Collingwood was mentioned as one of the best communities in responding to the flood situation. Garry Dixon from Colesdale is on the Parcs Board of Directors for 2012. There will be more Parcs workshops this summer and a conference in the fall.

George stated that most important was the potential impact of the 2013 re-assessment of our property. Under the 2013 re-assessment, there may be a shift in taxes, which may result in residential properties in small communities (such as Collingwood) paying more taxes. The Provincial Government had made a promise to lower education taxes for farmers, which will result in an increased mill rate for recreational properties.

George commented that we must ask the R.M. to keep the taxes in line. Marilyn LaBatte said that the R.M. will adjust the mill rate in accordance with the increase in the education tax mill rate. George asked Marilyn to provide any information she can with respect to this matter, to the Hamlet of Collingwood.

The education mill rate will be announced in the 2013 spring budget. June LeDrew suggested that George draft a letter on behalf of the Hamlet of Collingwood Board of Directors to Glen Hart, MLA for Last Mountain-Touchwood, with copies to the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Education, other resorts and the RM office regarding this matter.

George Bahr made a **motion** that the Hamlet Board write a letter to provincial politicians concerning the 2013 re-assessment with c.c.s to other Hamlets, RM 220 and the RM Council. 2nd by John Fouillard. Carried.

It was noted that a motion was required to pay for costs to send someone from Collingwood to the PARCS summer workshops.

George Bahr made a **motion** to set aside funding for two people to attend the summer PARCS workshops, to a maximum of \$300.00 for both. 2nd by Bruce Moldenhauer. Carried.

E. Docks (Marilyn LaBatte)

Marilyn stated that Environment and Oceans and Fisheries have stated in their minutes that whomever makes our dock is responsible for the liability. If we buy a dock, the manufacturer is responsible for liability.

Discussion followed re purchasing a dock, and it was decided that the Recreation Committee will be responsible for purchasing the dock.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Park Design (Marilyn LaBatte)

Marilyn stated that she met with Joanne Moldenhauer on May 5.

The R.M. office has provided a service agreement for the Hamlet to sign. Collingwood is responsible for cutting the grass and maintaining the park. The R.M. has approved the trees, walkways and the benches.

Marilyn said that Angie at Unique Gardens could do a park design for \$60.00 per hour (maximum \$500.00) and could do it in a day. The final design would include the walkways, playground and bushes/shrubs.

Marilyn made a **motion** to hire Angie at Unique Gardens (maximum \$500.00) to do a final design for the park. 2nd by Isobel Harnish. Carried.

Marilyn said the Collingwood barbeque would be July 28, 2012. A new event this year would be a park naming contest. The drop off would be at committee members (Joyce Rieder, Tasha Glenister, Renata Tkatchuk, Al Moffatt, Marilyn LaBatte).

B. Future Development Around Collingwood (June LeDrew)

June stated that she had heard a rumour that there is a trailer park/campground in the works. Marilyn LaBatte said that there is planning for seasonal campers by the Strasbourg Bible Camp and that it has gone to Community Planning.

George Bahr said that the R.M. needed to provide details of all development to the Hamlet of Collingwood prior to it going to Community Planning.

Marilyn stated that the Lagoon System Steering Committee had picked a company to do a feasibility study.

OTHER BUSINESS

June LeDrew noted that there was not a sign in sheet attached to the minutes of the LMWM meeting held in April, 2012.

Shelley Fairbairn stated that there was no need to read the minutes at the meetings as the posting was ok. George Bahr noted that the minutes are sent to the R.M. office within 30 days and are posted on the website as well.

June LeDrew asked Marilyn LaBatte to pass on our thank you to the R.M. for allowing us to take our household garbage to the landfill free of charge when the road ban is on.

Next meeting is September 1, 2012 at the R.M. office in Strasbourg.

MOTION TO ADJOURN - Diana Bahr.