

Farren Lake Property Owners Association Annual General Meeting minutes from April 28, 2022

Explanation of Zoom virtual meeting procedures

FOCA activity/benefits overview: Kirk Kuipers, FOCA

Welcome to attendees and panelists: Board Secretary Kris McDonald

Approval of 2021 AGM minutes (Motion: Neil Kelly, Second: Randi Cherry)

Motion to accept 2021 AGM minutes passed: 100% in favour

Welcome to the Tay Valley Township representatives: Kris McDonald

Regrets noted from Councillor RoxAnne Darling

Comments from TVT Reeve Brian Campbell

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- Appreciation of lake association collaboration with Township
- Land use applications have significantly increased for TVT
- Official Plan revision is presently being completed, input welcome
- TVT Climate Action Plan working on reduction of TVT carbon footprint
- Private “un-assumed” roads working group is active
- Maberly Pines subdivision decisions are being debated
- Municipal election scheduled for Oct/22. Make sure you are registered to vote as a property owner in TVT. Council numbers remain unchanged.
- Multiple provincial grants obtained for road renovation/maintenance, waste management, bridge rehab, and park development
- “Ontario Connects” will bring enhanced broadband coverage to TVT
- Rogers will be installing four new cellular towers in TVT

Comments from TVT Planner Noelle Reeve

(planner@tayvalleytwp.ca)

“Land Use, Planning and Building Update”

- Growth management in TVT is crucial, presently 6x the three year average, decisions made now will shape our living/playing environment
- Natural Heritage Systems extension to include protection of “on-shield” areas of deep forests and wetlands. The majority of TVT is on the Canadian Shield.
- Climate Change Action Plan brings priorities to Council
- Affordable housing targets for all levels of income

- Recent Zoning Amendments in TVT include:
Sleep cabins (bunkies) count as bedroom for septic load
Increased allowable size of home based businesses
Additional Residential Units allowed, 1/2 size of original dwelling
Tiny Homes allowed, require emergency vehicle access
- Interpretive signage placed in Maberly and Glen Tay
- Food/garden waste composter's for sale at TVT Offices (\$50.)
- Biodiversity action through TVT include turtle egg protectors, LDD (Sponge) moth information, phragmites control

Official Plan Open Houses:

June 9/22 at TVT Council Chambers, 217 Harper Road, 3-7pm

June 14/22 Online open house, 5:30-7:30pm

June 21/22 at TVT Council Chambers, 217 Harper Road, 5:30-6:30pm

For more information check out tayvalleytwp.ca or call 613-267-5353

Sign up for e-news on the TVT website for up to date info

Comments from TVT Councillor Rob Rainer

(rainershinetvt@gmail.com)

- Importance of lake health stressed
- Encouraged FLPOA members to be informed & engaged in the TVT Official Plan revision
- Emphasized the critical issues of lakefront development, short term rental
- Climate concerns include lake temperature increases and ramifications
- Housing/cottage prices a significant concern for equitable TVT

Comments from Board Director Paul Seidl

“Dish on Fish, Part II”

- Review of Ontario fishing rules and regulations
- Outdoors Card from MNFR is required to fish or hunt (**ontario.ca**)
- Fishing license, either Conservation (reduced catch limits) or Sport (normal catch limits) is required between ages of 18-64
- Fishing licenses may be obtained online at www.huntandfishontario.com, Or at participating ServiceOntario locations

- **Under 18 years old or 65 and older do not require an Outdoors Card or Fishing License**
- **Canadian Armed Forces veteran or active who reside in Ontario do not require Outdoors Card or fishing license (must have NDI 20 or NDI 75)**
- Reminder: DO NOT fish too close to shoreline or docks, please watch for swimmers!

“Brush Bundles” fish habitat enhancement project

- Collaboration with Watersheds Canada (watersheds.ca)
- Requires Farren Lake volunteers to help gather appropriate branches, build bundles and disperse at strategic spots in lake. Work to be done August 9-11, 2022. Contact Kris at McDonald.kristi@gmail.com.
- Also need Farren Lake property space to store, build and move bundles
- Supplies (nylon rope, cement blocks) provided by Watersheds Canada
- MNRF permits will be obtained by Watersheds Canada
- Watersheds Canada will visit Farren Lake in June/22 to choose sites
- More info on this project will be emailed to FLPOA members later in May

FLPOA 6th Annual Golf Tournament

- To be held on July 23/22 at the Rideau Lakes Golf Course in Westport
- Noncompetitive, fun day with fellow cottagers
- More info will be emailed later in season

Farren Lake Water Sampling: Board Director, Ernie Wilson

- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) tests our lake at an average of 8 sites
- Tests are completed once each in May, September & October as well as twice during the summer months
- Testing for levels of total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), total phosphorous (TP), dissolved organic carbon at deep points, and Eschericia Coliform (E-coli) at inshore sites
- Last year all numbers were lower (better) than provincial guidelines

Financial Report and Membership: Board Treasurer, Donna Hobson

- Review of 2021 Financial Report
(Motion to accept: Ray & Gail Labrosse, Seconded: Greg Fox)
Motion to accept 2021 Financial Report passed: 100% in favour

- Proposal by the Board of Directors to increase annual FLPOA dues to \$30./property (cottage) and \$10./associate member
- Reminder that General membership allows one vote per cottage at AGM
- Associate members receive emails but do not vote at AGM
- It was noted that dues have not increased for many years
- Percentage of property owners who join the FLPOA remains steady at about 68%.
- Questions as to why property owners do not join, and how to encourage membership (road reps, door-to-door?)

(Motion to accept: Steve Hargraves, Seconded: Nicholas Lambert)

Motion to increase FLPOA dues passed: 97% in favour, 3% opposed

Comments on Ontario Not-for-Profit Act (ONCA): Kris McDonald

- Overview postponed due to AGM time constraints
- More info to be sent to membership by email over the summer

Elections for FLPOA Board of Directors: Secretary Kris McDonald

- Request for volunteers or nominations from the floor
- There were no responses to request for additional Board volunteers
- Present Board Directors agree to stand for reelection:
Barb Collishaw, Mike Denomme, Donna Hobson, Kris McDonald,
Paul Seidl, Ernie Wilson

(Motion to accept: Bev Munn, Seconded: Steve Hargraves)

Motion to reelect Board Directors as presented passed: 100% in favour

Motion to adjourn: Ted & Nancy Lennox, Seconded: Helen Clark

Motion to adjourn 2022 FLPOA AGM passed by virtual show of hands

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kris McDonald, FLPOA Secretary
May 4, 2022

