

**Minutes of The Maple Beech & Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners'
Association – Annual General Meeting**

May 23, 2010

Secretary: Paul Irwin

President: Paul MacInnes' general remarks in summary form.

Minutes moved by Andy Muirhead, seconded by Doug Fraser. Passed.

Overview of taxes by N. Simpson. Reminded us that MPAC increase would be phased in over four years.

Last year no increase; this year we're looking at a 12% increase for local. County, up by 12%. Province staying the same. Revenue didn't change between 2008 and 2009. This year an increase of 11%

Spending has increased 37% over last year which had been lower than 2008 at \$6.593M; this year \$9.034M.

(An increase of \$750 per ratepayer because of new spending.)

Paul MacInnes. clarified by explaining that for every additional \$25,000 the township spends taxes need to increase by 1%

Concerning elections, the Association role is to make information about stance of candidates on key issues.

(only 37% of voters voted in the last municipal election.)

Napier's Report (President of The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations)
They held:

First ever Lake Stewards meeting;

Association editors sharing information, e.g. sharing ecotips;

Lake Stewards' Manual proceeding well;

Developing questions for candidates so members will know where they stand.

Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (Doug Palmer) est. 2006

Is supported by most Haliburton Associations and deals with water levels and distribution.

MBC actively supports the CEWF. Our voices need to be heard if our water levels are to improve.

Membership Report (Doug Palmer)

Membership continues to grow with seven new members in last month.

Welcome Information Pamphlet a service to members. Reminder to renew early and keep up to date on address and email changes. Only paid up memberships give us weight with government.

Financial statements presented and accepted by members.

Paul presented expenses on a per member basis and his desire to have association on a sustainable basis. Paul stated that members of Executive sometimes pay expenses out of their own pockets. We spend \$4.07 more per member than we take in with a \$20 membership fee. We need to have revenue beyond expenses.

Paul suggested a motion for increase to \$25.00. The members protested that the increase was not enough. Most members wanted to increase the annual membership fees to \$30. In response to a suggestion from a member President explained that Green Lake not same municipality so wouldn't become a member.

Moved by Rick Armstrong, sec. by Bob McKay that \$30 be new annual membership fee. Passed.

Explained how water quality measured. Showed Secchi disc readings to 2009. Showed phosphorous loading. We're doing well.

Paul Irwin presented Cottage Dreams, recommending it highly.

President spoke highly of outgoing Treasurer, Doug Fraser, thanking him for his work on behalf of the association.

Presentation of proposed new Executive: Bonnie Sacchetti; Mike Whittle (sp), biologist, ecologist.

Susan MacInnes, scientific background Moved by Pat Barrie, seconded by Larry Giles Ernie Francis, moved, Rick Armstrong seconded, voting of rest of ongoing executive (with resignation of Doug Fraser.)

Executive Member of the Year, Doug Palmer. List of his achievements in membership, etc.

Presentation of Don Wetmore, Volunteer of the Year.

Airport Expansion Update, Andy Muirhead

History: Dismissed township's ability to proceed, given their lack of expertise. It hangs fire in hands of Environmental Assessment. We learned in July that a full screening would take place, as a result of reasoned opposition. We await a preliminary report. Some extra work will be required. It is not too late to stop.

We demand a full accounting and accountability from our municipality. .

We will see a draft environmental assessment report and have a chance to comment on it.

Election: Critical that we vote

Paul presented Elizabeth Danielson of County Voice as prospective candidate for Ward 2 Councillor. She outlined her experience in local politics, 12 years in NW Territories, as municipal Councillor and deputy mayor. She also outlined her experience and knowledge of the area through her work as Municipal Affairs reporter for The County Voice.

Former news anchor, curator of museum. Has worked as clerk of managing and running an airport. A good listener and communicator, a consensus-builder, a team player

including with the people who pay taxes. Would involve members of community and not proceed against their manifest will. Sees airport being improved “and maybe even paying for itself one day.” Hooked on politics. Very experienced in many aspects of Municipal governance.

Does not live in AH, but has leased property here. Why would she run? She loves this area, respects our environmental concern, trails... vision for developing tourism. Not sure industrializing the area is the way to go. Wouldn't proceed with airport expansion, but proper management of current airport. Would concentrate on financial management; improve recreational facilities, achievable economic development that would fit into area's.

Paul clarified that ward 2 was former Stanhope Township. Tom Gardiner and Carol Moffat currently the Councillors for Ward 2.

Paul MacInnes told of his history with and love of Haliburton. He volunteers because he wants this beautiful country for his kids, not able to allow their care to be handled by Council and other local leaders. That is why he volunteers.

Milburn moved that our dues be raised retroactively. Paul clarified that by-laws require six month notice of increase of dues.

Larry Giles mentioned first public meeting of new Haliburton Highlands Historical Society at Maple Lake UC June 30th. at Maple Lake UC.

Request for feedback on cards rating the meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Aaron Middleton