



ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC

APPROVED MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 11, 1999 BATTLE LAKE BEACH

The President called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

1.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Proposed by: Odette Surch
Seconded by: Lawrence Surch

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – MEETING OF JULY 25, 1998

Proposed by: Nelson Coyle
Seconded by: Jacques Levasseur

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3.0 PRESIDENT'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT

3.1 President's Report

The Association received a letter from Margaret Carey, our Municipal Counselor, thanking Ian White for "*Under our Feet*" and Louise Tondreau for translating the Municipal By-Law (174-89) regarding shoreline vegetation.

3.1.1 Fire Department

The Fire Department has received its two new trucks from the United States. Each truck can hold 3,000 gallons and can pump 850 gallons per minute. The question now is whether the pumps used to fill the tanks can keep up with the demand.

Perkins has already faced two major brush fires: one near the graveyard and the other on Domaine Road.

Those who plan on burning branches will require a permit; the permit costs \$10.00 and is valid for one month. Permits are a way of monitoring fires within the Municipality and helps to decrease false alarms.

A discussion ensued regarding fires on the islands, especially "Rock Island", on Rhéaume Lake. Members agreed that this should be a cooperative effort with the youth within the Domain.

Proposed by: Simon Veilleux
Seconded by: Gwen Roberts

THAT the Executive Committee has a moral obligation to completely ban fires on all the islands within the Domain and that the Association post bilingual signs prohibiting fires on all of the islands within the Domain.

A vote was called.

21 In Favour; 8 Against

CARRIED

It was noted that the islands are provincial Crown land and that the Association does not have the right to ban fires, nor post signs, without provincial approval. It was agreed that the Executive Committee gets in touch with the Municipality for clarification and/or assistance on the matter.

3.1.2 Public Works Department

Municipal Council has abolished the "Special Roads Improvement Tax" and has used the monies for road improvement projects. Council has approved \$571,784.00 towards the paving of Municipal roads from which Ward 3 would receive \$124,214.00 to pave approximately 1.563 km of Blackburn Road.

The Ministry of Transport Quebec has indicated that they the province will complete the improvements to Route 366 (du Carrefour Road, also known as the "Route Panaromic"). The work is to be performed during 2003 and 2004.

Council will be hiring contractors to pick up and destroy the rest of the branches from the ice storm. The grant received from the province does not allow branch pick up on private roads. Property owners will have to purchase a permit to burn their branches.

Arbo Services was hired last year by the Municipality to clean up the branches after the ice storm. Arbo is now suing the Municipality for non-payment. The Municipality disagreed with some of the costs billed by Arbo. Legal counsel advised the Municipality to pay the first installment in good faith and because of this, the Municipality lost their case on June 11, 1999. An emergency Public Meeting was held on June 25, 1999, to approve payment to Arbo Services (approximately \$962,000) and to cover the court costs (approximately \$11,000).

3.1.3 Urban Planning Department

The pilot project for automatic septic system pumping was abolished by Council following the intervention by the tax payers involved (St. Pierre de Wakefield and McGregor Lake). A committee has been struck to find ways to implement the project.

Council has approved two sites as authorized vehicle compounds for stolen cars, accidents, etc., in the sectors of Perkins and St. Pierre. Dennis Connelly was awarded the towing contract for Perkins.

3.1.4 Recreation

Council has approved a committee, headed by Counselor Serge de Bellefeuille, to oversee tourism. Mr. De Bellefeuille is also working on a web page (internet address: www.orbit.qc.ca/vdm) for the Municipality.

3.1.5 Recycling

A new committee has been struck; their mandate is to increase recycling (from 12% to over 20%) within the Municipality. In addition, six new recycling boxes are being constructed; one of the boxes will be placed at the junction of Blackburn and Chêne Rouge Roads. Pamphlets on what can and cannot be recycled were distributed.

3.1.6 Battle Lake Beach

Guy Audet has informed the President that he plans on selling the Battle Lake Beach (he pays over \$500.00 in taxes per year). It was noted in the past that the Association had been approached to purchase the land but that the Executive Committee had decided that the cost was too prohibitive. Much discussion ensued.

Proposed by: Lynne Corney-Legault
Seconded by: Jacques Levasseur

THAT the Executive Committee looks into the following scenarios and report back to the membership next year:

- (i) Contributing towards the taxes for the Battle Lake Beach;**
- (ii) The cost of purchasing the Beach;**
- (iii) User fees for the Beach, e.g. water lines, boat launch; and**
- (iv) Possible tax reductions for the Beach property.**

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3.2 Treasurer's Report (attached)

David Hodgkin briefly reviewed the 1998 revenues and expenses. The Road Grant budget was under spent and the Map of the Domain expenditure was not disbursed leaving the Association with a net gain of \$769.31 versus a net loss of \$1,014.71. Generous members had contributed an additional \$120.00 towards fish stocking that will be used this Fall. It was noted that the Association had 185 paid up members last year and that the goal was to have 200 members for 1999.

David Hodgkin outlined the projected 1999 revenue and expenses. It was noted that the mailing expenses and newsletter costs had sharply increased. The increase in postage and printing included Ian White's paper, *The Nature of Perkins-sur-le-lac – Under Our Feet* (sent to members only) as well as the By-Law on shoreline vegetation (sent to all property owners). PSLL provincial registration fees have not increased although the extra cost is due to an administrative oversight on the part of the Association.

Proposed by: André Fortier
Seconded by: Nelson Coyle

THAT the *PSLL Revenues and Expenditures for 1998* and the *Statement of Projected PSLL Revenue and Expenses for 1999* be approved as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

4.0 MAP OF THE DOMAIN

The Map of the Domain sign was not produced. There appears to be mixed feelings regarding the map: some feel that it is a useful guide for guests while others believe it is a road map for thieves. If the Association proceeds, other quotes will have to be obtained. It was unanimously agreed that the Association not proceed with the sign (although a copy of the map is to be included in the Spring *Newsletter*).

5.0 FOLLOW-UP ON THE WATER QUALITY OF OUR LAKES

David Kerluke reported that there had been no progress on the survey of septic systems on the three lakes (Rhéaume, Barnes, Battle). The Environmental Committee is recommending that it become part of the Association's efforts.

Dawn Lucas has prepared a draft welcome bulletin to educate new arrivals and to encourage property owners to become PSLL members. This includes information on Municipal By-Laws to control the removal of lakefront trees and other vegetation. Once finalized, area realtors will be notified about the bulletin and they will be asked to inform the Association of potential new property owners.

A copy of the Municipal by-law regarding the protection of shoreline vegetation was sent to all property owners. A request to install two signs (at the intersections of Blackburn/Chêne Rouge and Blackburn/Bataille) has been sent to Gilles Reny, Director of Public Works. Once approved, the Executive will have the signs produced and installed. (A copy of the letter was distributed.)

Ron Malis and David Scrivens prepared a survey of the four worst roadway drainage problems. The report, and accompanying letter requesting a meeting, was forwarded to Stéphane Mougeot, Director of Urban Planning and the Environment. (A copy of the letter was distributed.)

6.0 GENERAL MEETING 1998 FOLLOW-UP

France Joncas has been in touch with Gilles Reny, re: advertisements along Blackburn Road. Public Works staff will be removing the signs by mid-August.

One item from the July 25 minutes was not completed: registration forms for the neighbourhood watch program were not included in the Spring mailing to members. France Joncas apologized for the oversight.

7.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Simon Veilleux reported that to qualify for the program, PSLL would need 90% of the property owners to participate. A door-to-door campaign was proposed; those willing to participate are to provide Simon Veilleux with their name and phone number. The Executive is also to include the registration forms in the next mailing.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY TO THE EXECUTIVE

Members of the Executive were thanked for their hard work.

Members expressed their sincere thanks, and applause, to Ian White for *Under Our Feet* – now required reading at the cottage. Larry Surch was thanked for translating the document.

A gift was presented to Jacques Levasseur to thank him for taking the initiative to sand and paint the fence at the Beach.

9.0 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

France Joncas chaired the elections. The following vacancies were noted: President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Representatives for Battle and one Representative for the following lakes: Rhéaume, Louise, Maskinongé, Barnes and Deer.

The following candidates were nominated:

David Mainwood	Secretary
David Hodgkin	Treasurer
David Kerluke	Battle Lake Representative
Jim Dale	Rhéaume Lake Representative

No other candidates were nominated.

Proposed by: Jacques Marchand
Seconded by: Larry Surch

THAT the slate of candidates be duly elected to the Association Executive Committee.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Some concern was raised that the Association did not have a President. It was agreed that the Executive Committee try to find an incumbent.

Proposed by: Michael Lucas
Seconded by: Odette Surch

THAT the Executive Committee be mandated to ratify the position of President, in the event that the Committee finds an incumbent.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Lucas and France Joncas