

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by BSRA President, Jan Purvis.
The BSRA Board was introduced. Also introduced were Mayor Bill Dowson, Deputy Mayor Dave Johnston, and Councillors Jim Fergusson, George Irvin, Bill MacDougall and Kay Wise.
2. The agenda was approved on motion of Grant Monteith and Don Bulloch.
3. The [Minutes of BSRA Annual Meeting of August 29, 2009](#), as posted on bsra.ca, were approved on motion of Harlie Johnston and Bill Smith
4. Treasurer's Report
 - 4.1. [BSRA's 2009 Financial Statement](#) was approved, as distributed, on motion of Keith Locking and Larry Marchand.
 - 4.2. The [current financial status report](#) was approved, as distributed, on motion of Keith Locking and Bill Smith. Keith called for subdivisions to get their cheques in quickly. He suggested that subdivisions that pass expenditures at subdivision meetings anticipate future years support of BSRA if they don't hold annual meetings until after June 30.
5. [The Notice of Motion](#) for presentation at the BSRA Annual Meeting to change the BSRA board structure was presented by Bob Campbell. Currently there are defined positions for Environment, Communications and Membership. The board requests that the positions be defined simply as directors at large.
6. Jan Purvis called for expressions of interest in serving on the BSRA Board. There are potentially 4 directors leaving the Board at the end of this term. Jan outlined the time commitments for meetings, including attending Bluewater Council meeting and highlighted the rewards of knowing what was going on, how council worked, and how to influence the outcome.
7. Updates on Current Issues
 - 7.1. Water Quality by John Gillespie
 - 7.1.1. Water testing. BSRA and the subdivisions have been testing for 13 years. [The results are on bsra.ca](#). Currently testing takes place at 4 subdivision locations, Wildwood, Houston Heights, St. Joseph and Ridgeway, with samples taken at the mouth of ravine and 2 at waist depth lake locations north of the ravine and 2 locations south of the ravine.
 - 7.1.2. 2009 testing and reporting by ABCA (\$15,000) was supported by Bluewater. Last year only Houston Heights beaches met the Blue Flag standard (exceed provincial health standard on less than 20% of the tests). The area where the ravine water crosses the beach and enters the lake is an attractive area for children to play. It is never safe.
Part of the funding provided by Bluewater is used by ABCA in the study areas of St. Joseph and Ridgeway assisting property owners find and obtain assistance in making improvements that will improve water quality.
 - 7.1.3. The [2009 BSRA Water Quality Report](#) has been published on bsra.ca. It indicates that we will not see much change in Bluewater beach water quality because the provincial bodies responsible do not see the situation here to be that significant a problem. It is seen as it has always been and there are not that many people reporting illness. The response we are getting is that it not that bad.

7.1.4. **Question.** Where in the lake is the water at the mouth of the ravine tested. John: At waist depth with a reaching pole at 150 meters and 300 meters north and south of the mouth. The closer to that stream the worse it gets. There are beaches that test well all the time because they are not close to one of those streams.

7.2. The [attached slides on Wind Turbines](#) were presented by Paul Mennill

7.3. The [attached slides on the Lakeshore/Dashwood Sewer Project](#) were presented by Harlie Johnston. In answer to the question how many sent information/comment forms in approximately 10 had. In terms of how many asked a question, one indicated he had.

7.4. Bluewater's response to [BSRA's November 2009 Tax Equity presentation](#) to Bluewater council was presented by Jan Purvis. Jan indicated that all of the recommendations on [the attached](#) slides had been addressed and that passage of the budget on June 7, 2010 will start the process of addressing the inequity.

7.5. **Election Planning** for the 2010 Municipal Election was presented by Bob Campbell. Bob provided the tax rate anticipated when the budget is passed Monday. Bob explained the impact by providing an example of a shoreline taxpayer where taxes have gone from almost \$3,000 to almost \$8000 in 10 years. The [tax inequity report](#) was distributed and reviewed.

BSRA has seen a marked improvement in council and staff in recent years. This is due to the quality of the elected representatives. The current balance on council is working for all of Bluewater. Keeping quality representatives with proven skills depends on getting the shoreline vote out to support BSRA recommended candidates.

Bill MacDougall, councillor for Hay was asked he wanted to speak with some words of wisdom or perspective. Bill responded thanking BSRA for its support and indicated that councillors often start their term on council with their own ward's interest out front and change over time to see that their ward benefits when the whole municipality moves forward together.

7.6. [Collection of email addresses](#) was presented by Paul Mennill.

8. Other Business

8.1. The [waterline break at Homestead Heights](#) was presented by Jan Purvis.

9. Questions (some of the questioners did not provide their names)

9.1. **Renewable energy projects.** How many companies are working in the same area? Acciona and Nextera Energy are the 2 companies. Nextera have 2 projects with separate meetings in Zurich and Dashwood. Concern was expressed on the high price paid to suppliers and the much lower rate paid by consumers probably means that user prices will increase many times. It was confirmed that rates are expected to rise for the consumer. Further the government is subsidizing the projects from general tax revenues. There is a significant cost issue to taxpayers. Have these cost issues been raised when communicating with government? It was raised in BSRA communication with Acciona and it will be asked of the others at the up coming public meetings. Is this rate structure sustainable? BSRA has asked Acciona what happens if a future government decides the energy is not affordable..

9.2. **Privacy policy and email address collection.** Does BSRA have one in place? It has been required since 2001. BSRA has a privacy policy. It will be written down and published.

9.3. **ATV.** Where do we stand? Bluewater has not passed a By-Law that would allow ATV's to be used on its roads. The issue of ATV use on the beaches is complex and unresolved - in part, because the ownership of the beach is unclear. BSRA will continue to monitor the issue.

Sewage collection System. It was noted that few hands went up when asked if they had submitted the survey form. Some of the subdivisions present here today are not in the affected area. Is it correct that it is not a question of if but when? Yes. What happens when I have just installed a new septic system? We have followed Lambton Shores and several approaches have been presented. In Bluewater we must ask the politicians during this process. We will get a chance at the 2 opportunities we have to ask questions. BSRA will do its best to see that the questions are well answered and the results well published.

It was commented that there is a long time before the costs are known. There will be an opportunity to not go forward if the costs are too high. There is a lot of opportunity to be informed and to ask questions and get answers.

9.4. **Road Grants & Liability Insurance Costs.** What is the reason that insurance is not covered?

There is a question of what else is covered by the insurance, beyond the roads: e.g. private parks and walkways to the beach. It is the technicalities of the coverage vs. what Bluewater sees as its responsibility. Bluewater has had a legal opinion that they should not cover this cost.

9.5. BSRA directors will attend your Subdivision meetings if requested.

10. The next BSRA meeting is the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 28, 2010, 10 a.m. Coffee at 9:30.

The municipal election will be the main item on the agenda. Subdivisions should ensure they have a representative in attendance.

11. The meeting was adjourned on motion of Dave Griffiths and Rick Dizuda at 12:00 p.m.

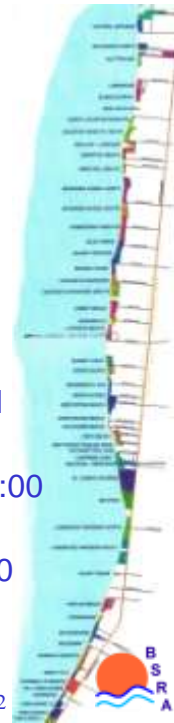
Wind Turbines

- BSRA Submissions to Bluewater Council: 2006, 2007, 2008
- Bluewater Council By-Law: 2008
- Protests/Concerns Across Ontario: 2006-2010
- Ontario Green Energy Act: 2009
- Renewable Energy Approvals
- Acciona Wind Energy: Open House Meeting April 21, 2010
- Bluewater Wind Energy Centre June 28 5:00 to 8:00 pm Zurich Arena
- Goshen Wind Energy Centre June 29 5:00 to 8:00 pm Dashwood Community Centre (158 Centre Street)

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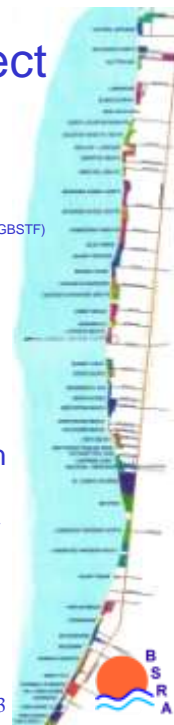
Lakeshore/Dashwood Sewer Project

- Background
 - Bluewater has taken capacity in the Grand Bend Sewage Treatment Facility upgrade (GBSTF)
 - Bluewater started its EA for the collection system in February. Dashwood Road to Driftwood.
 - Communications plan published – info on Bluewater's website
 - Stakeholder group formed – one rep. from each affected subdivision
 - Call for comments and interest closed May 28. Form mailed to all property owners.
 - How many submitted the form?
 - How many asked questions?

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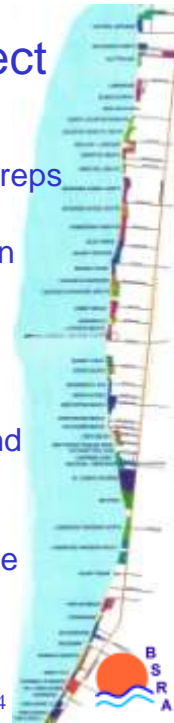
- **Next**

- Stakeholder meeting June 10th (open but only reps are asked to go)
- The 1st EA Public Information Centre (PIC) is in “July” on a Saturday.
- BSRA would like to see all information to be displayed at the PIC published before the meetings
- All questions asked be answered/published and
- That needs, costs and timeline always be the starting point .
- Note: unlikely any government money available beyond provided for GBSTF
- GBSTF in OMB mediation – over what?

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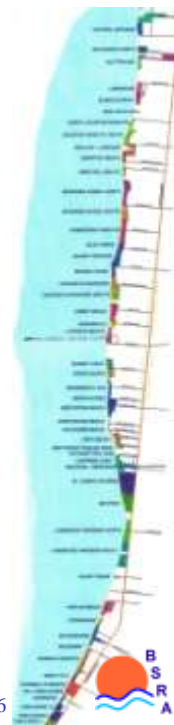


Bluewater’s response to BSRA’s November 2009 recommendations

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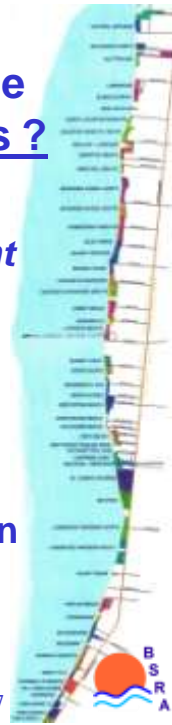
How Can Bluewater Council Provide Relief For Taxpayers in ALL 7 Wards ?

- Commencing with the 2010 tax year, *implement the option of a 10-instalment tax payment plan.*
- Adopt a Municipal Budget Policy that would *limit the annual tax increase on any residential property to a maximum of 5 % over the previous year's taxes, regardless of the effect that increases in current value assessment would otherwise have.*

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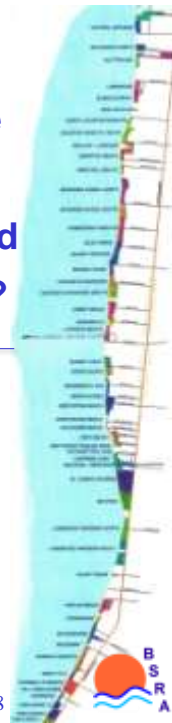
How can Bluewater Council reduce the inequity that exists among its 7 wards with respect to taxes collected from, and direct services provided to, each ward?

Allocate a greater share of our existing budget within the Wards of Hay West and Stanley West.

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Within the existing budget of the Roads Dept., allocate sufficient funds to:

- Change the Road Grant reimbursement program to:
 - remove the per kilometer reimbursement cap.
 - include general liability insurance premium as an expense eligible for reimbursement.
- Develop a schedule to pave currently assumed roads west of Highway 21.

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- Assume and maintain, at Municipal expense, those residence-access roads within the Wards of Hay West and Stanley West that are designated on subdivision plans as:

– “*Fee Not Dedicated*”,
provided the subdivision association wishes the Municipality to assume that road;

OR

– “*Dedicated*” (i.e., not privately-owned, but currently unassumed).

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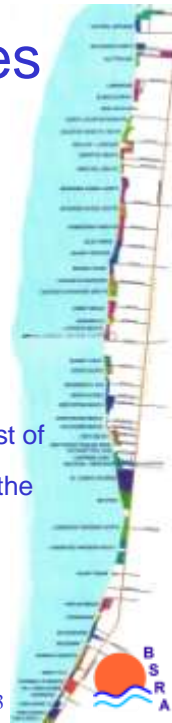
Collection of email addresses

- **Background**
 - Results of Survey of Contact Persons February to April 2010
 - BSRA Board Decisions May 15, 2010
- **Current Plan**
 - Email Requirements
 - Sent to (a) every resident or (b) Subdivision President/Contact Person for forwarding
 - Every Subdivision President is asked to collect email addresses for every resident within the next month
 - Every subdivision is asked to forward a single-column list of email addresses to pmennill@gmail.com (or send the address of the person who will forward future emails to the residents of the subdivision)
- **Next Steps**
 - Assess Email marketing companies, and select one
 - Test the system

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Water line break at Homestead Heights

HURON COUNTY'S PRISM 911 EMERGENCY SYSTEM:

Residents who have not previously registered for PRISM 911 are urged to contact the County of Huron at 519-524-8394 or visit the County of Huron website to register: www.huroncounty.ca

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