

**Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting 2008 August 23
Held at St. Peter's Church**

1. Call to Order/Introductions: President Paul Mennill called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. He introduced members of the Board of Directors: John Gillespie, Jan Purvis, Grant Monteith, Harlie Johnston, Bill Smith, Larry Marchand, and Bob Campbell.

Paul introduced the members of Bluewater Council who were present: Bill Dowson, Bill MacDougall, George Irvin, Jim Fergusson, and Tyler Hessel.

The agenda for the meeting was adopted on a motion by John Gillespie and Grant Monteith.

2. Approval of Minutes of General Meeting of 2008 June 7: The minutes were adopted on a motion by Doug Hillis and Keith Locking.

3. President's Report: (a) Actions on BSRA Priorities for 2007-2008. Paul Mennill gave a report which highlighted the Board's activities on the six priorities (to protect and enhance the interests of shoreline residents, to liaise with councillors, to communicate within Bluewater, to monitor and participate in local, provincial, and federal policies, to monitor and adjust services to shoreline residents, to communicate effectively internally and within the community). The report was received on a motion from Doug Banks and Joyce Hetherington.

(b) Recommended Priorities for 2008-2009. Jan Purvis presented the Board's proposed statement of the BSRA Purpose, Goals, and eight Priorities and Activities for 2008-09. The report was approved on a motion from Jan Purvis and Brian Foley.

(http://www.bsra.ca/general_meetings/gen_mtg_aug_23_2008_rpt.htm)

4. Response to Items proposed at the June 2008 General Meeting

(a) Moratorium on Concentrated Animal Feed Operations. Paul Mennill presented the Board's rationale for not proceeding with a campaign opposing factory farms at this time. Gary Rose presented his belief that residents should be more fully aware of the hazards involved in allowing further development of concentrated animal feed operations in Huron County. A lively discussion followed. On a motion by Bob Campbell and John Gillespie, the Board recommendation was adopted: that we continue with our present environmental initiatives but that we not develop a campaign opposing factory farms at this time.

(b) Raising the fees assessed on each subdivision. On a motion by Harlie Johnston and Larry Marchand, the Board recommendation was approved: that there be no increase in the assessment of fees at this time.

5. Change to the BSRA Constitution and By-Law No. 1.

(a) Constitution: The amendment to the constitution was approved on a motion by Bob Campbell and Larry Marchand: that "Section G. Officers" subsection 1 be amended by deleting the words "a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President" and be replaced by the words "Vice-President, Environment Chairperson". (http://www.bsra.ca/who_we_are/BSRA_CONSTITUTION_20080823.pdf)

(b) By-Law No. 1: A motion by Bob Campbell and Larry Marchand was approved to change the by-law in two ways: In Section 3 Corporate Structure, the words "two Vice-Presidents" are replaced by the words "a Vice President, an Environment Chairperson" and in Section 15 Duties of the Vice

Presidents, the section will read “Duties of the Vice President – The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President during an absence or inability. As well, other specific duties, as requested by the Board or the Corporation, shall be assigned as required.”

(http://www.bsra.ca/who_we_are/BSRA_BYLAW_NO_1_20080823.pdf)

6. Reports from BSRA Directors:

(a) **Treasurer:** Harlie Johnston gave the Treasurer’s report. It was received on a motion by Keith Locking and Brian Foley.

(http://www.bsra.ca/general_meetings/gen_mtg_aug_23_2008_rpt.htm#Treasurers_Report,)

(b) **Grand Bend and Area Sewage Treatment:** Harlie Johnston reviewed current developments. His report was received on a motion by John Gillespie and Doug Hillis.

(c) **Water Quality:** John Gillespie gave his report on developments in water quality. His report was accepted on a motion by John Gillespie and Keith Locking.

7. Follow-Up Activity on the June 7 General Meeting Table Discussions and Reports. Paul Mennill and Jan Purvis reviewed the charts which had been prepared by groups of members at the June 7 meeting. Five topics were outlined: property assessment and taxation, sewage treatment, shoreline regulation, wind turbines, and water quality. Each member present was asked to help prioritize these issues by casting data-dot votes for the most important items. The exercise engaged everyone present and the Board will employ the emerging priorities in 2008-2009.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee:

On behalf of the Board, Bob Campbell presented the following BSRA slate of officers for 2008-2009:

President – Jan Purvis

Secretary – Harlie Johnston

Treasurer – Bill Smith

Membership Director – Grant Monteith

Environment Director – John Gillespie

Communications Director – Paul Mennill

Past President – Bob Campbell.

A friendly amendment was accepted to add that the position of Vice-President be filled by the incoming Board. On a motion by Doug Banks and Joyce Hetherington, the report of the Nominating Committee was approved.

9. Adjournment:

President Mennill adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.