

**Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association
General Meeting 2008 June 7 (Unapproved)
Held at the Zurich Arena**

1. Call to Order/Introductions: President Paul Mennill called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 Bluewater Councillors who were present: Bill MacDougall, George Irvin, Jim Fergusson, and Dave Johnston.

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

2. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 2007 August 25: The minutes were adopted on a motion by Bob Campbell and Bill Halloran.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Harlie Johnston presented the Annual Financial Statement. On a motion by Harlie Johnston and Bill Smith, the [BSRA Financial Statement for the 12 months ending December 31, 2007](#) was accepted. On a motion by Don Bulloch and Jim Chapman, the [Treasurer's Report](#) was accepted.

4. President's Summary of Current BSRA Activities: Paul gave a report which highlighted the Board's attempts to be proactive on both the longstanding and some of the emerging issues in the Municipality of Bluewater. He summarized BSRA activities on several issues: member services, volunteer specialist helpers, website review, monitoring Bluewater Council and Huron County Council, environment and water quality.

Paul also gave notice that the Board plans to present two changes to the BSRA constitution at the August Annual General Meeting:

- Create the position of Director for Environmental Issues
- Eliminate the position of Second Vice-President and change the name of First Vice-President to simply Vice-President.

The report was received on a motion by Paul Bieman and Keith Locking.

Gary Rose proposed that the association increase the assessment for each subdivision. After general discussion, Paul asked members to consider this idea over the summer in preparation for further discussion at the August 2008 Annual General Meeting.

5. Table Discussions and Report-Back Session: Members selected a subject of interest and joined a one-hour table discussion on that topic. Topics included the following: property assessment and taxes, water quality in Bluewater, large-scale wind turbines, sewage treatment, and shoreline regulation by ABCA and Bluewater. Presenters then outlined each group's concerns, and made recommendations for further steps to the BSRA Board. Paul indicated that follow-up discussions will take place at the August Annual General Meeting.

6. Other Business:

A brief discussion took place regarding the Grand Bend Sewage Treatment project.

Gary Rose presented a policy statement from the American Public Health Association concerning their call for a moratorium on new Concentrated Animal Feed Operations. He proposed that BSRA study the possibility of adopting a similar stance on preventing the expansion of concentrated livestock operations in Ontario. Paul responded by saying the BSRA Board will examine his proposal over the summer.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.