

# Minutes

## North Alport Bay Ratepayers' Association Annual General Meeting

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Date: August 15, 2020  
Location: Montgomery Family property, 1154 Beaumont Farm Road  
Time: 10:00 am

### Introductions

Attendees: Dave Hewgill, Donna Worth, Don Seedman, Jody Kilpatrick, Neeta Wills, Peter Wood, Lesley Happy, Tim and Lorraine Kennedy, Isabelle Heathcote, Jeff Davis, Alex Scheu, Susan and Keith Montgomery, Melanie Roberts, Frank DiMarco, Dave Coon, Blake Heathcote

Regrets: Tom and Luba Yewman

### Approval of 2018-2019 Minutes (previously circulated)

- Change to Beaumont Drive (from Beaumont Farm Drive) in Mark Quemby section of minutes - complete
- Proposal – Keith Montgomery
- Second – Dave Hewgill
- All in favour

### Business Arising from Minutes

- Beaumont Farm Road is being paved
- Level has been built up
- Construction will last for at least another 2 weeks
- They plan on putting calcium on the road to keep the dust down

### Treasurer's Report

- See Treasurer's Report as an accompanying document
- Main points:
  - reserve balance \$8131.23 as of May 31
  - Reserve is approximately \$200 less than the previous year
  - Last year the additional \$100 in road fees got us back to square one
  - Question: Is there a policy for the reserve funds?
  - There is no policy but a general agreement that we aim for a one year reserve
- Move to have report accepted – Dave Hewgill
- Second - Keith Montgomery
- All in favour

### Road Report

- See Road Report as an accompanying document

#### Comments:

- Grading in July done by Wes Finch
- Continue to see potholes due to speed and tree canopy
- Quality is good - better shape than it has been for some time

#### Recommendations:

- Cut overhanging branches overhead to reduce shade
- Proposal - hire bucket truck to remove branches
- Continue to do individual pothole repair
- Late fall - hire a harley rake to break the surface tension of the road to help grade the road
- Thank you to the Kilpatricks for taking on the expense of 4 Tri-axle loads of 7/8" gravel placed from Dave Hewgill's gate to Jeff Davis's property line.

#### Snow Removal

- We have used Daryl Beaumont for snow removal for the last 2 years with no complaints
- Daryl has expressed interest again in removing the snow for 2020/2021
- His insurance has increased, therefore our fees have increased
- \$3960 + HST for 25 runs, \$158.40 every run after 25
- Don sourced another price for comparison. Absolute Landscaping quoted \$12 400 per season or \$400 /visit
- Move to have snow removal contract accepted - Don Seedman
- Second - Donna Worth
- All in favour

#### Road Dues

- Road has been in excellent condition
- Maybe one more tri-axle load by the sign at the beginning of the road?
  - Don will talk to Finch or Medley about a drop in the fall
- Don added spray paint to the road to mark where the road was - Mike Blakely was appreciative so the road doesn't get pushed onto his property. Concern was raised to continue to be sensitive to Mike as a property owner when entering and exiting the road. Thank you to Mike Blakely for maintaining the lawn around our NABRA sign
- Thank you to Dave Hewgill for adding gravel to the road after work was done on his property
- Reminder that the Bell line was added with the trencher approximately 6" deep from the sign to the Hewgill/Davis entrance.
- A poplar was felled from the storm and the tree is still there
  - Should we ask volunteers to help remove it?
  - Most of the tree is on Mike's property - he should be asked first

- Poplar tree removal (and associated branches) could be removed when bucket truck is rented. Don will send out an email asking for volunteers when the truck is scheduled
  - Reminder to property owners to remove leaves lining the road before grading occurs, if possible.
  - Move to accept road report - Don Seedman
  - Second - Jeff Davis
  - All in favour
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- Move to return to regular road maintenance fees of \$400 - Don Seedman
  - Second - Tim Kennedy
  - All in favour
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- Thank you to Don Seedman for your work at maintaining the road

#### Secretary's Report

- Nothing new to report
- Melanie will send an email to the membership after this meeting to announce dues amount and to ask for Treasurer nomination

#### Executive Positions

##### Available positions - President and Treasurer

- Upon no volunteers for available board positions, Susan has agreed to stay on as President for another year
- Search for Treasurer among NABRA Membership. It is time for some new people to step up, please.

#### Annual Potluck

- Cancelled due to COVID

#### Other Business

- Road speed - we would like to reiterate that the management of the road is largely dependant on the speed of the vehicles
- Delivery people are often speeding
- To try to address the problem directly, please send vehicle descriptions of speeders to Don and he'll collect the information and try to handle it effectively
- Please continue to remind family, visitors, contractors and maintenance companies to watch their speed
- Beaumont Drive - if there are road condition issues, please call in to town to report
- Official policy for when a family member passes on:
  - Charity donation made when due paying members or long time past resident passes away, or an exception can be made, as needed

- \$100 donation to charity of family's choice
  - Possible hornet wasp infestation: Gemini Exterminators recommended and an email will be sent out with their contact information
  - Blake volunteered to work on a contractor sharing app or website
  - Thank you to Tom Yewman for his work on the signs at the mouth of the river. He cut back trees and fixed the signs.
  - Reminder: no after sunset paddling, boaters please watch out for paddlers
  - Can we add speed reminder signs/buoys like Port Carling? More readable signs? What if we pay for it ourselves? - Susan will look into
  - Stump in Alport Bay - lots of organizations have tried to move it. Start with approaching Graydon Smith (mayor), possibly Fisheries and Oceans, or Transport Canada or Coast Guard?
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- Next NABRA AGM - June 12, 2021

Motion to Adjourn - all in favour

Meeting adjourned