**Minutes of PaBIA Directors’ Meeting (via Zoom) February 2, 2021**

Directors participating: **Erica Allen, Dave Sharpe, Mike Berton, Helen Bryce, Hilde Clark, Tom Lundy, Michael Phippen, Cam Richardson, Nancy Rogers, Virginia Skuce, Mary Thomson**

GBA: **Mark Gwozdecky**

Township Councillors: (Ward 1) **Laurie Emery**, (Ward 3) **Earl Manners**, **Scott Sheard**

Insurance Review: **Bill Culp**, **Sandy McLaren** (unable to attend - Randy Johnson)

**Township of the Archipelago**

 Laurie Emery reported about on-going renovations at the Community Centre and improvements at the Wharf.

 Earl Manners and Scott Sheard spoke in support of MPP Norm Miller’s private member’s bill to eliminate the use of unencapsulated foam for docks. Scott reported that the lint filter trial for home washing machines in Parry Sound has shown the filters to be effective. In-water “Sea Bins” which collect water-borne pollution were installed in 2020 by Desmasdon’s and Beacon Marine. In 2021, TOA will install one at the Wharf. Another will be installed by Payne Marine. The TOA will continue to support, through grants, the eradication of Phragmites on roadways and shorelines.

 High water levels in 2020 impacted some septic systems in the area. The TOA Planning and Building departments want to focus on the oldest systems and the possible need for updating.

 Tom Lundy spoke about the TOA Survey on boat speed and wake sent to ratepayers with their tax bills. He encouraged participation in the Survey. Hilde Clark will include a link to the Survey in the next Connections e-newsletter.

**Insurance** Tom Lundy

 Bill Culp and Sandy McLaren, both retired insurance executives, have been reviewing the three current policies (Commercial General Liability, Directors and Officers (D&O), Marine Patrol Boats). Randy Johnson also participated as Chair of Fire Safety. Their completed report was presented to the Board.

 There is some concern that the D&O policy which is a group policy issued to the GBA has an aggregate limit of $5 million, which means that one large claim from one insured could exhaust the policy limit for all other insureds.

 It was agreed that hull insurance on the smaller of the two Marine Patrol boats could be dropped due to the limit of the coverage and age of the boat, while maintaining the liability insurance.

 Sandy McLaren will be in contact with a recommended broker to follow up on the issues raised by the report.

**Fire Pumps** Tom Lundy

 As part of the Insurance Review and concerns about age of the fire pumps currently in use, there have been discussions about the feasibility and expenses of replacing them. It is no longer possible to get replacement parts. Tom and Randy Johnson (Chair of Fire Safety) will review PaBIA’s history in this area along with information related to the current pumps and expenses related to fire protection.

**2020 Financial Statement** Nancy Rogers

 The 2020 Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report were circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. They will be included in the 2021 Yearbook.

 Motion: to approve the 2020 Financial Statement as circulated. Erica Allen, Mike Berton. Carried.

 **Communications** Hilde Clark

 Hilde spoke about the need for a Social Media Coordinator position. She led a first meeting on the topic with Mike Berton, David Anderson (webmaster) and Savannah Richardson, who volunteered for the position. We hope to engage the younger members through Instagram and Facebook. This would complement the website, e-newsletters and Yearbook. Directors were asked to share ideas with Savannah and provide content.

**Education** Helen Bryce

 Helen participated in a Zoom meeting with some of the Georgian Bay Biosphere (GBB) personnel to discuss how some of PaBIA’s summer programs could include Indigenous perspectives.

 Leslie Prior Taylor was in contact with Erica Allen, concerned that the historic Regatta medallions that have for many years been donated by the Prior family may no long be considered appropriate as they depict an Indigenous chief. There are enough medallions to be used for one more year.

 The topic of PaBIA’s relations with our area’s Indigenous neighbours, whether with GBB or Shawanaga First Nation will be discussed further by Erica, Helen and Mark Gwozdecky.

**Member Activities** Virginia Skuce

 The Chairs for all activities are prepared and open for changes as may be required, depending on COVID-related regulations during the summer.

Meeting adjourned.

Nancy Rogers, Recording Secretary

**Next Zoom Board Meeting** will be held on **March 2, 2021** beginning at **5 p.m. EST**.

Before each Board Meeting, Wards 1 and 3 Councillors will be invited to attend if they have any topics to present.