**Minutes of PaBIA Directors’ Meeting (via Zoom) December 1, 2020**

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

TOA Ward 3 Councillors: **Earl Manners, Scott Sheard** (for first agenda item only)

GBA: **Mark Gwozdecky**

**TOA** Earl Manners and Scott Sheard

Earl is a committee member for the Georgian Cliffs Memorial Park Cemetery. A full page ad will be submitted to publicize its location, services and availability for those in Wards 1, 2 and 3 for the 2021 Yearbook. Hilde Clark can assist by including information in future e-newsletters.

Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Norm Miller’s private member’s Bill 228 carried on first reading. It will now go to Committee. Its purpose is to ban all use of unencapsulated polystyrene (dock foam) in all Ontario lakes and rivers. Bill 228 is available on-line. [https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-228] Information will be included in Earl and Scott’s *Bay Notes* newsletter asking for letters of support for Bill 228 to be sent to our local MPPs. Earl also requested that PaBIA send a letter of support. They will ask other GBA member Associations to do the same.

Scott spoke about the concerns related to speed and wake in the Pointe au Baril Harbour area. There will be community consultations following local authority guidelines. Tom Lundy will be kept informed. The same concerns have been communicated to Tom about Hemlock Channel and the S-Turn area.

Scott Sheard has contacted the Chair of the Shawanaga Island Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) project group to ask for clarification of the definition of boundaries of the area under consideration. Ward 2 Councillor Peter Frost, Scott and Earl are participants in the project group. There are currently 16 other IPCAs across Canada. The main focus is protection, following principles of First Nations conservation. A link to the survey has been distributed by Scott and Earl in *Bay Notes*. It is also available on the TOA website.

Erica has also contacted project group leaders requesting specific definitions of the geographic area being called Shawanaga Island and that this be clearly defined in the survey that has been circulated. The response was that the map used for the survey can’t be changed and there has been no answer given yet about the defined area. The Board agreed that we would delay sending the requested link to the survey to our members pending an accurate map or description of the boundaries of Shawanaga Is. The deadline for survey completion has been extended to December 18th.

**Ojibway Club request** Erica Allen

Erica and Hilde have received information from Club GM John Siddall about plans to rent a large tent for events normally held indoors. The base price quoted was $17,000. It was suggested that PaBIA could also use the tent and that the cost of rental should be shared. PaBIA paid the ‘use of facilities’ fee of $3,000 this year as a gesture of support for the Club even though we didn’t hold any of the usual events there except for use of the Lounge by the Marine Patrol during training week. We would once again pay $3,000 in 2021. Club use of the tent would be for revenue generating events but PaBIA use would be an expense only. At this point, we can’t plan with any certainty for summer 2021. Education events such as Naturalist speakers and boating safety may be held on-line. The Zoom AGM was successful and may be held that way next year. Erica will contact John Siddall to discuss tent use considering the fees paid in 2020 and 2021.

**2021 Membership** Erica Allen

Erica received a phone call from a US resident member to discuss concern about not being able to access his property in 2020 and that PaBIA dues may not be paid in 2021 if border closures continue. Erica and Dave Sharpe will prepare a letter to those members to acknowledge the distress caused by not being able to spend time at their cottages and to make them aware that PaBIA services continued in 2020 and will continue in 2021. The summer cottage patrol by Bruce Tiffin for those who requested it was provided at no cost to the owners. Their continued support is very important.

It has been requested that PaBIA request GBA to lobby on behalf of US and International resident ratepayers to be able to access their properties. GBA did do that in June 2020, communicating with both Provincial and Federal government offices. They did not receive any response. Mark Gwozdecky will ask GBA to repeat the request to both levels of government.

**Community Representative Position** Dave Sharpe

Tonia Blenkarn has served in the role of Community Representative for several years and is willing to continue. Dave has had a discussion with Tonia recently and it is agreed that the job description needs updating. Dave will write and distribute this to the Board.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Nancy Rogers, Recording Secretary