

**Joint Lake Association Meeting  
August 29, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.  
(Council Chambers)**

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:**

Councillor John McDougall (chaired meeting)  
Councillor Larry York  
Councillor Pat Barr  
Councillor Ron Vandewal  
Councillor Bill Robinson  
Councillor Allan McPhail

**Staff:**

Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mark Segsworth, Public Works Manager  
Brian Gass, Chief Building Official  
Rick Chesebrough, Fire Chief  
Louise Fragnito, Treasurer

Councillor McDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions by all members present took place.

The agenda included a brief update from last year's meeting and the actions taken

- Mark Segsworth briefly to the changes made at waste sites and the goal to increase the lifespan of our sites. Feedback sessions are currently in progress.

The Communal Waste Bin Program continues to grow with lane associations' participation. A new supplier has been found and the product is considered bear proof.

The Private Lane Upgrade Program will be included in the draft 2014 budget.

Roads and bridge construction for 2013 in excess of \$4 million.

- Fire Chief Chesebrough spoke to the need for additional volunteers; the changes to the fire permit system, and the ongoing need to upgrade private lanes to improve emergency access.
- Wayne Orr spoke to the 2014 elections and the desire to increase voter turnout, the use of civic web for on line agendas and minutes, the new website scheduled for this year and reinforced that bylaw enforcement can be reached independently at 613 541 3213

- Louise Fragnito spoke of anticipated information being available on the new website, as well as the shift to routine tax sales for properties sin tax arrears.

The Chair opened the floor to questions, comments and input from the various Association representatives.

Given the decreasing resources to support environmental initiatives, Council was asked to treat Lake Associations as a neighboring property for any development in a Lake's watershed area, and notify them of any proposals. Lake Associations have a lot of knowledge and resources that could be of benefit during such discussions.

Many communities across Ontario have instituted mandatory septic inspection programs as a means to protect water sources and the long term viability of communities. Council was asked to consider forming an ad hoc committee with various lake association representatives and a member of Council to look at the issues and explore options for consideration in South Frontenac. There are numerous models out there to consider. Lake Associations recognize that municipal funding is an issue; however they are looking to start the process of dialogue.

The overall goal of lake associations is not to stop development but to preserve and protect the lake. After all once lake quality is lost, it cannot be recovered.

The need for improved communication between all stakeholders is important. The recent fishing derby on Desert Lake is an example. Collectively we need to encourage good neighborly communications. The letter from the association to Council raised a number of issues including, public access, possible encroachment on road allowances, docks and the dumping of sand into the lake. [Staff are developing a report for Council]

Lake Associations were referred to the MNR, MOE Lake Partnership Program or the Conservation Authority for support with lake water monitoring.

General concern: it appears that limited expansion will be granted at times but that it gets bumped up over time and in subsequent applications.

The real concern on lakes may be from the older development. Development over the last 15 years or so has been under much stricter regulations and inspection.

The cumulative impact of growth is also a concern. While the Township Op and Zoning are much more restrictive than in others areas, the challenge is that each approval under these rules has a cumulative impact and demands on the lake and roads etc.

Lake Associations may wish to join the Lake Networking Group

Council was asked how they see the relationship with Lake Associations moving forward. It was pointed out the Associations have knowledge, resources and funds.

Associations were encouraged to put concerns in writing to the attention of Mayor and Council copied to the CAO in order to be placed on the Council agenda. Lake Associations can be viewed in a similar light to the Verona Community Association. As a conduit to bring issues which are of a common theme forward.

The fire departments capabilities with superior water shuttle certification were clarified in response to concerns that a water supply is not readily available in all locations. The Fire department is open to suggestions for development of Dry hydrants in accessible locations.

Is there any opportunity for joint inter municipal cooperation and sharing of dumps for properties that are closer to a neighboring dump site? Has a regional approach been considered? Can lane Associations get “\$300 fines” signs for dumping at communal bins?

Lake Associations expressed support for ongoing dialogue and opportunity to raise issues with Council. Associations are prepared to be more involved should Council wish to include them in future plans.

Councillor McDougall thanked all participants for their input and indicated that meeting notes would be distributed.