

Be it resolved that the fees for the Federation of Cottage Associations be approved:

Moved: Joanne Freve Seconded: Donna LaRush
Approved.

Be it resolved that the 2005-06 fees for the Association be approved at \$100 with an optional \$40 for the Environmental Fund:

Moved: DL Leslie Seconded: Alex McPherson
Approved

4. Be it resolved that the Board membership be approved for the coming year.

Moved: Paul Smith Seconded: Gerry Pila
Approved

5. Information items:

(a) Water Quality – Mary Muetter

- (i) GBA Township has committed \$35000 for water quality activities for this year
- (ii) 12MBRA has two families being trained for working on bacterial counts
- (iii) Septic systems do not stop outflows of harmful nutrients into the Bay
- (iv) Oxygen depletion leads to anaerobic bacterial action which then increases the phosphorus in the water
- (v) 12MBR will have a dock visitation program this summer where information will be provided on water quality issues and an exchange program will give “greener” products in exchange for more harmful stuff
- (vi) Alternative systems exist to add to septic systems to remove harmful nutrients from water egress –they have been tested over a 5 year period and appear to be successful
- (vii) Lobbying needs to achieve improvement i.e. raising, of the provincial standards for water quality
- (viii) Raspberry bushes are particularly bad for septic systems – they have long roots!!

(b) Paul Wianko (councillor - GB Township) on water quality

- (i) The Township works with several Associations on water quality issues

- (ii) The objective is to reduce the nutrient effluent going into cottage area waters
- (iii) Cannot rely on the Provincial Government for much – they cannot accept results from GB Township sources in making decisions
- (iv) Septic systems should be pumped not less frequently than every five years – preferably three!!
- (v) Plants can be purchased at local plants stores that will provide a buffer between the septic and the bay – the plants will feed off effluent and keep it somewhat “locked” away from the Bay
- (vi) A Community Plan can provide for official sanction being given to local rules about cottage use/development subject to an extensive process to provide broad input of all stakeholders

(c) Land Transfer

- (i) The Park Report was received last July. The Board requested that the Ministry of the Environment perform an independent environmental assessment. No meaningful reply to either of two attempts.
- (ii) Copies of the GB water report have been sent to various politicians – no responses have been received.
- (iii) Next phase: Due soon. The Board will keep the membership informed.

(d) Bell Telephone Tower:

- (i) Likely height will be only(?) 225ft.
- (ii) The Board is working to ensure that the least unsightly locations are used.

(e) Wind Farming: All agencies are monitoring.

(f) Wahta have erected a tower for high speed internet access but one must be within 10km for it to be of use to you.

6. Be it resolved that the 2005 AGM be adjourned.

Moved: Toni Gourly Seconded: Gene Chiarello
 Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.