

MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Vermilion River Stewardship

Wednesday, 28 March 2018

8:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club, 55 Club Road, Worthington, ON

Present: Linda Heron, Terry Little, Ron Basso, Marc Samson, John Reid, Byron Basso, Ken Makela, Helen Makela, Sheri Johnson, James Niemi, Tom Price, Michael Vagnini, Violet Lanthier, Carl Niemi, Dale Kilbey, Dave Gattoni, Rita Gattoni, Mark Fournier, Darlene Fournier, Sandra Luopa, James Luopa, Margaret Laframboise, Debra Bennett, Liz Cairns Bois, Andy Punkkinen, Harry Sandstrom, Bob Florean, Rolly Frappier

1. Special General Meeting

Terry Little moved to open a Special General Meeting to discuss roads issues
Seconded by Helen Makela

CARRIED

2. Vermilion River Access/Roads Committee, John Reid, Chair

- The City clamped down and started ticketing vehicles parked on the west side of Wabagishik Road in 2016
- A result of complaints that Emergency and Fire Services vehicles were having difficulty in accessing local residents with emergency vehicles
- Resulted in insufficient parking at the boat launch area for residents with water access only on Wabagishik Lake, as well as the Lake's recreational users
- Parking Services began ticketing offenders who were
 - parked on the west side
 - parked facing the wrong direction
 - parked for more than four hours
- A similar issue is now also happening on Ella Lake Road
- Committee met with Mr. Lacroix in January of 2018 to discuss possibility of using some of his land to create a parking lot
 - Mr. Lacroix expressed an interest
 - Would discuss with his family and arrange for a survey of his lands
 - Mr. Lacroix suggested that MNRF was interested in purchasing his land about 5 years ago and we should approach MNRF for a solution
- John also emphasized the importance of Ella Lake Roads Committee joining with VRS to create a stronger voice

3. Councillor Michael Vagnini

- Has arranged for a temporary moratorium on ticketing
- Additional signage is needed to clearly define the no parking area
- Parking Services will notify Councillor Vagnini when they have received a complaint and are going out to ticket
- Councillor will text John Reid and Linda Heron which will set off a telephone tree to notify residents when the City is going to come out to ticket

Action Items:

1. Councillor will arrange for additional signage to be placed to clearly define no parking area.
2. Councillor will arrange a meeting between the MNRF and the Committee to discuss the possibility of purchasing land for parking purposes.
3. If an agreement is reached with MNRF on Ella Lake Road, the Councillor will meet with Linda Heron to draft a petition for the City to purchase the land and create a parking area.

4. Next Meeting – Wednesday, 2 May 2018