



ONE LOVE FOR AYLEN LAKE

Aylen Lake Community Association

Annual General Meeting August, 10, 2019

OPP Report

Constable Szczygiel from the Killaloe detachment was present.

He advised that during the summer months, they are on marine patrol and during the winter, they patrol via ATV and snowmobile.

He reported that there wasn't much activity in the Township of South Algonquin. From Jan 2018 to Aug 2019 there were a total of 30 reported incidents:

- 4 related to mischief
- 9 break and enter
- 17 thief's

He commented that he does not feel all incidents are being reported and he encourages all to report any issues. He mentioned that there had been one reported incident on the Aylen Lake road recently.

Constable Szczygiel commented that Aylen Lake has a high number of Americans on the lake and spoke about the requirements for obtaining a boaters operator license. If you have a vessel registered in the Province of Ontario, then you require a valid boater's licence to operate that vessel.

The only exception is if you bring your boat from the U.S. and are in Canada 45 days or less. Over 45 days you would then need a boaters licence. He did warn that they could easily check with boarder services when the vesicle entered Canada.

He encourages everyone to take the online course for \$45.00 which can be found at the below link.

<https://www.boat-ed.com/canada/ontario/>

Question: What if a Grandson is driving the boat? Does he require operator's licence?

Answer:

- Youths 12-15 years of age may only operate a boat with a motor over 40 hp if accompanied and directly supervised by someone 16 years of age or older with a valid boater's license
- 16 years of age and over requires a boater's licence
- Driving a Sea-Doo under the age of 16 is illegal

He advised that we should all be familiar with the required safety equipment. A vessel is anything that you navigate on water. Example: paddleboard.

If you were wearing your lifejacket on a sea-doo or paddleboard for example, then you would only require a whistle. If you are not wearing your lifejacket, then you must have onboard the following; lifejacket, bailer, whistle. If caught without the fine is \$305.00.

Question: Can someone on a sea-doo tow a skier or tuber?

Answer: Yes, as long as there are enough seats on the sea-doo. Example: the sea-doo must be at least a 3 seater. Need enough seats for the driver, spotter, person tubing or skiing. Cannot have more people than seats.

Question: Is there a speed limit on the lake?

Answer: No there is no speed limit, however there is a no wake zone 100' from shore.

Question: Do you need a valid drivers licence to operate an ATV?

Answer: You require a licence to operate on roadway. Exemption is on a trail. You can operate on a trail without a licence but if you are 12 or under you can drive on a trail as long as you are accompanied and supervised by an adult. The adult does not have to be on the same machine but must be within eyesight of licenced adult.

Question: Are ATV's allowed on the highway?

Answer: Yes, ATV's are allowed to drive on the shoulder. If the speed limit is 80km then the limit for ATV is 50km. On the Aylen Lake Road the limit is 60km so the ATV limit would be 20km.

Question: Are you allowed 2 people on an ATV?

Answer: Only if the ATV is manufactured for 2 people and comes with a 2 up seat. After purchase 2 up seating is illegal on the road.

In closing, he mentioned that they do not generally patrol Aylen Lake but will come if they receive complaints.

Heather thanked Constable Szczygiel for his time.

Official Call to Order

President Heather Gates, called the 2019 Ayles Lake Community Association General Meeting to order at 9:51.

There were 21 voting members in attendance.

Adoption of 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Moved by Bill Pierce and seconded by Bob Ogilvie: That the minutes from the 2018 AGM be adopted. Motion Carried.

Presidents Report

Heather welcomed everyone and announced that the Duell's have graciously allowed us to use the restroom at the bottom of the hill.

Heather thanked Kathleen for working with both her and Alicia as the two newbies to ALCA. She thanked Alicia for being her right hand woman and attending the inner lake meeting. Heather also thanked Sharon Connors who ably shared her expertise and kept everyone up to date with our newsletter and website.

Heather also thanked our fire volunteers, Bruce Dick for the servicing of our fire pumps and demonstration, shoal marker volunteers, Ian Munro for being our water monitor and to all the amazing regatta volunteers.

Heather communicated that this year the executive used almost every imaginable means of interaction. With the use of Messenger Live, we were able to have a face to face meeting during the off season.

Heather reported that to the best of her knowledge the volunteer fire list and pump locations are up to date. This has been a priority. If there are any changes to please contact ALCA.

Heather asked that if any of the shoal markers were in need of lights or repair to please advise.

Councillor's Report

Joe Vermaire commented that he is currently focused on two areas:

1. Emergency Services – Joe comes from an emergency service background which is where his passion and drive comes from. He was surprised upon moving to Ayles Lake that we do not have a Roads Association. He is working with the Township of South Algonquin on a model from Madawaska Valley for a private roads association where you can apply to the Province for grant funds for private road maintenance. There would also be a requirement for liability association.

He commented that currently with the narrow lanes, the emergency vehicles would have trouble maneuvering through them.

Joe mentioned that there was an incident on the lake this past winter. Someone with water access was having heart issues and Joe was able to arrange to have a snowmobile pick him up and deliver them to the landing.

2. Fire response for water access properties – Joe spoke with the Ontario Fire Marshal to ask if there is any legislation stopping a fire fighter from coming by boat. He reported that there is nothing stopping them but they do require training. Joe is working with the Township on obtaining a vessel to get the firefighters from the landing to water access property. This vesicle would be used throughout the municipality.

Joe also wanted to remind folks that a building permit is required and to contact the Township with any questions.

Question: What happens if a new building doesn't have a permit? Will it be taken down?

Answer: That is up to the Township. It could be taken down or a fine administered.

Question: For the road association, would it be one board for all of Aylen?

Answer: No, you would need a road association for each lane.

Question: Are the private lanes not part of the Township?

Answer: No, they are not. No private road can cross crown land.

The mayor Jane Dumas commented that the term "lane" means private road if it has 3 or more cottages on it.

In an emergency you need to give your 911 number, they are all GPS coordinated. If you call in an emergency and have issues with them locating your 911 address, call Joe he will look into it. If water access properties do not have their 911 sign then they need to contact the Township.

Township of South Algonquin Report

Mayor Jane Dumas reported that she is happy to be working with Joe. He brings a vast knowledge with him and is a pleasure to work with.

Jane advised that the Township is now reporting all meeting and that they are quite funny and informative.

Jane reported that the funds coming to the township are being clawed back. They are trying hard to continue to provide core services without increasing our taxes.

She advised that the roads department is doing a great job on the paved road and the local company did a great job and were extremely efficient. So much so that they were able to pave from the dam to the landing which was not part of the original agreement.

The Roads Department is currently working to replace all the old culverts. They also have received a grant to hire students, which they take very seriously. It's a great opportunity for students to participate in the interview process and to gain knowledge.

Jane discussed how the Township is becoming a destination place. Land is selling more quickly and parcels are being severed bringing in more families and a higher tax base.

Air B&B is also now available. She recommended googling to see all the options from glamorous to rustic. She cautioned that if you own a B&B understand that the renters are under your care. Example: if there is a fire ban they need to understand safety precautions.

John Yakubuskie is our MPP representative and also lives in our Township which is a huge benefit. He is responsible for the movement to expand our landfill, which is making good headway.

Jane discussed the challenges in funding for health care. Rural health care is funded:

25% municipally

75% provincially

But is moving towards 30% municipally and 70% provincially, which will put further strain on the Township.

Ambulance services funded by the municipality will change as the province is cutting back. The Township is feeling the pressure but is striving to do the best they can with the funds available.

We have a new representative on our boards. Jill Vermaire has joined the board of directors for the St. Francis Hospital as well as the Valley Manor. It's important to have local representation on our boards and we are lucky to have Jill.

Jane spoke about the challenges on recruiting doctors to rural areas. Susan Far works with the Family Health Team on physician recruitment. We have had 3 significant doctors retire and they are actively recruiting. St. Francis is world class for a rural hospital. Our doctors don't just work 8-4 they support the emergency room, long term care, hospice and home care visits so if we see them, let them know how much we appreciate them.

Healthcare has a new system called Epic System – My Chart which gives you access to every report and any information in your chart since the creation of the system. They are also linked to the Ottawa, Renfrew and Arnprior hospitals.

Question: North road was not graded until recently and was in bad shape.

Answer: She will take that back to the Township but encourages people to call if there are issues.

Question: Concerned about lack of recycling.

Answer: We all are. South Algonquin does recycling at the landfills. They can take tin, electronics, hazardous waste but not plastic. It is just too costly. They have tried marrying with out Townships to bring down the cost but it is still too costly.

Jane was happy to announce that there is a baby boom in South Algonquin and that daycare is being offered to seasonal works who don't just work 8-4. The daycare is out of one of the Whitney schools and has extended daycare hours with certified caregivers.

Jane thanked us for having her and encouraged anyone to call her via phone.

Fire Safety

Ian Collins joined us who is a volunteer firefighter in South Algonquin. He advised that he has lived in Madawaska for the past 12 years.

He talked about the Townships 4 vehicles for fighting fires:

1. Small Ford truck that holds 300 gallons of water. It can draw water from the lake, flow and transport two firefighters.
2. (2) Pumper vehicles. The first one holds 1800 gallons and is a tandem truck, which is huge. It can transfer water from the lake to the fire. The second truck needs to be positioned within 10' of the lake to take in water. He did notice how narrow the lane was coming to the Chapel and felt the big truck would have difficulty coming down the lane.
3. Small cube van – used in winter and can fight bush fires.

Ian advised that they currently have 17 volunteers with limited training but are well supported by the Township.

He spoke that the last Provincial Government made the change that each firefighter had to be level 1 trained which is a 1 year college course. This was not obtainable for our volunteers. When the current Government came to power, this was revoked but going forward the emphasis would be on education and retentions rather than firefighting.

Treasurer's Report

Kathleen advised that the financials could be found on the back of your agenda.

The financial records for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 have been audited and found to be in order. The balance on account as June 30, 2019 was \$3,557.81.

Kathleen reported that this fiscal we are back in the black, reporting a profit of \$1,822.31 compared to the loss of \$425.0 from last year.

This years gain can be attributed to a \$600 increase in the 2018 regatta from the previous year. We also saw a \$210 profit from the online store and the good news is that membership dollars are up from last fiscal by \$630.00

Expenses were down this year by \$700.00. Last year we reported additional expenses for the set up our the website, marketing supplies, the AED waterproof box and shoal marker repairs.

Moved by Bill Pierce and seconded by Bob Ogilvie; that the 2019 finances be adopted.
Motion Carried.

Kathleen reported that the 2019 Regatta was yet another success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and to all who donated supplies and prizes. ALCA profited \$1,795.00 after expenses. Kathleen recognised Ciara Gaffney who volunteered her time to come out and be our face painter. Ciara raised \$110.00 which she donated to the St. Francis Hospital.

Regatta Report

Alicia Carruthers acknowledged the wonderful contribution of the Aylen Lake Cottagers. Individuals and families were very generous with their donations, especially for the Loonie Table. The gifts were fantastic. Alicia also thanked the many volunteers who gave their time to clean up the beach, set up, cooking, games, loonie table and the clean up at the end. She also thanked the community who provided donations for the loonie table. A big thank you to everyone.

New Business

Heather informed that the AED has now been taken over by the municipality.

There was a motion from 2003 that needs to be rescinded. The motion was that the annual stipend of \$25 paid to those cottagers who maintain fire pumps be changed to an annual complimentary membership in the ALCA effective 2004.

Moved by Bill Pierce and seconded by Rene Bertrand that ALCA rescind the 2003 motion. Motion Carried.

Heather reported that after expenses we will have approximately \$2,000.00 in our account. If we set aside, \$1,000.00 for a reserve fund this would leave \$1,000.00. Some recommendations on how to spend the money were:

- Fire pump maintenance suggested spending \$200.00 each per 2 Wajax pumps to have them serviced
- Purchase of new lighter tables for the Regatta
- Donating to the St. Francis Hospital

Rene spoke that it was not that long ago when ALCA was in financial difficulties and his recommendation would be that ALCA keep the funds in their account to help build a healthier reserve fund.

Moved by MaryLee Mackenzie and seconded by Winston Rogers that we keep the money in our account.

Motion carried.

Heather spoke that membership is doing well and encouraged people to talk to their neighbours. It was discussed that someone might not know if their neighbour is a member or not and could the membership listing be shared. The executive advised that it could not be shared because of confidential information. It was discussed that the simple question are you a member of ALCA would suffice.

Moved by Rene Bertrand and seconded by Richard Michael that every member would speak their neighbour and try to bring in new membership.

Motion Carried.

Heather thanked Bruce Dick for volunteering to service the fire pumps. Heather reported that she hasn't had any luck in contacting the cottagers who have the fire pump in Bonnecher Bay. The cottagers in each zone should be talking with the cottager who has the pump to ensure it is up and running.

Bruce Dick spoke in regards to the raft at Rangers Beach. It is in bad shape and if ALCA agrees to gift it back to him, he will dismantle it.

Moved by Rene Bertrand and seconded by Bill Pierce that ALCA gift the raft to Bruce.

Motion Carried.

Executive Nominations and Elections

The term of Kathleen Barnes is ending and Kathleen is not standing for re-election.

Heather thanked Kathleen for her support to both her and Alicia over the past year and presented her with a gift of thanks.

Heather Gates opened the floor for nominations.

Bruce Dick nominated Sharon Conners.

No further nominations. Sharon Conners was acclaimed.

Thank you Sharon!

Adjournment

Moved by Winston Rogers, seconded by Rene Bertrand; that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19am