

Lorne Mountain Community Association Board Meeting Minutes

Monday June 11, 2018

In attendance: (Y= Yes, N= No, R= Regrets sent)

Lauren Barrett	Y	Russ Knutson	N	Agnes Seitz	Y	Colin O’Neill- LMCA FireSmart	Y		
Dave Bouquot	Y	Dawn Lammer	N	Bob Sharp	Y	Teagan O’Neill	Y		
Peter Carr	Y	Dan Marcotte	N	Etienne Tardiff	Y	Lisa Chevalier	Y		
Al Foster	Y	Kathleen McDade	N	Eva Wieckowski	N				

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Items
1. Call to Order- 7:00 PM		
2. Adoption of Agenda	Moved to adopt by D Bouquot Seconded by P Carr	
3. Review of Minutes		
a) April	Moved to adopt by B Sharp Seconded by E Tardiff	
b) Review AGM May minutes	For review at next AGM, May 2019	
4. Follow-up from last meeting		
a) Board member interests and directions 2018/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many new board members not in attendance • To be postponed until new board members are in attendance 	
b) Website update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New format for Mt Lorne website displayed • New format- usable on a laptop/desktop/mobile device • Content- Council, LMCA, MLVFD, TS (Transfer Station), upcoming events, Projects, Resources, Emergency- 911 • May add Al’s PowerPoint/YouTube video for Community Day to provide overview of Mt Lorne • Waiting for content from Council; MLVFD content totally completed • No info for LMCA compost club included on new website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to provide content for website

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact info for each organization displayed on each individual website pages • Bob Sharp- reminder on Emergency page- 'use civic address for location' • Peter Carr- add CrimeStoppers TipLine to Resources page • Website to go live once all organizations have their info uploaded 	
c) Cemetery update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etienne Tardiff- Who will be main organizer/employee for this project? • Peter Percival is setting up non-profit society for cemetery- official now • Directors- Claire Desmarais, Lisa Chevalier, Lauren Barrett, ?Michelle Harper • First meeting has not happened yet, Executive not set up yet • Operation will not be through LMCA, but will there be any relationship with LMCA? • Funding application in through CDF for study for a management plan • Claire to work on YESAB application • PO Box secured on Cowley Lake Rd • Tomoko Hagio is Land Use Planner at YG involved in zoning changes application- final decision is many months away; in contact with Al Foster • LMCA is organization through which zoning happens, but once zoning goes through, will be through another organization 	
5. Recreation, Maintenance and House Management Reports- discuss/questions/accept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April/May report projected for review (was emailed out to board members) • Many bookings through summer 	
a) Canada Day volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russ likely gone all summer, family emergency. May be back for few days around Canada Day, but back in mid/late August • Agnes will be on her own, will need lots of volunteers • BBQ: Peter Carr, Dave Bouquot, Bob Sharp 	
b) July holiday arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy/Russ away to mid-end of Aug; Agnes away in July • Lisa Chevalier will take on coordination activities • Julian Beirsto will run youth activities, Lisa will supervise Julian • Need someone from board to make decisions re: financial/property issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al needs set of keys

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 27 to Aug 7- Al can be on call for the days he is around, Etienne and Bob for 2nd/3rd contact 	
c) Golf course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Bee- fixed up 5 holes that needed most work 5th hole (?) needs lots of work- 2 to 3 hours of work required to make golf course Bob wants to go out with tractor/dump trailer to do another little work bee with some additional volunteers (maybe Martin, Ensio?) Dave can help in 2nd week July, not in June. Etienne can also help. Al can help after July 15th Al can bring his tractor too Need another truck with a ball hitch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob to pick date and contact Al/Etienne/Dave
6. Financial Report		
a) April data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actuals April 30 projected for review Core funding should be deposited soon Currently receiving more money than we are spending Upcoming expenses: nothing unusual Paperwork submitted to accountant for upcoming audit, will get to audit process in ~2months/September Should inform MLA re: this process is a pain/Bob Sharp- should we draft Letter of Concern to YG for amount of reporting required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agnes will send out list of topics for board discussion re: too many new reporting requirements from YG, affecting Agnes' ability to provide recreation programming Review together/look at mandate with Agnes in September meeting
7. New Business		
a) Firesmart and LMCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historically, John McDougall was coordinator. When Agnes started, program was ongoing- looked on as a fundraiser (10%, \$3,000 for administration), was an earlier discussion on benefits of participation in the program. When Colin O'Neill started to be involved as LMCA employee, LMCA started to collect feedback from community. One 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future board meeting to include a discuss of LMCA's future with Firesmartering projects

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	<p>situation with a community member disagreeing with Firesmart plan- other than that, no other opposition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob has also been involved in the past, worked with Tom VanVeen to identify 3 issues for Cowley Lk Rd residents- 1) amount of wood left on ground, 2) privacy of homeowners, 3) does it affect animal use of area/increase blow-down. Believes issues were satisfactorily addressed, were supporters of program after this work, not adjacent to own properties. May be a small effect of increased blow-down in testing. Purpose of Firesmarting was to slow down progress of fire and increase ability to exit Cowley Rd and access main highway. Saving property was not among rational. This project was not only community-driven, was also neighbourhood-driven. • Etienne's concerns as a community member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1) Is this LMCA's mandate to run the Firesmarting program?, ○ 2) increased visibility of property- some theft already in this area, ○ 3) process of engaging Mt Lorne residents, ○ 4) application form clearly states that the areas are pre-determined, ○ 5) clarification of process to be able to follow this process, ○ 6) burn along Annie Lk Rd will create meadow area- many dead trees in this area currently, ○ 7) impact to caribou in this area- area Firesmarted last year has less crossing this year, less tracks- any studies done on animal corridors, ○ 8) a wildland fire in the valley would require immediate preparation for evacuation- does Firesmarting on crown land cause a change in community attitudes towards individuals protecting their own land?, ○ 9) already having issues with people collecting firewood too close to property line- Firesmarting would aggravate this issue • Al- mid 1990, study done on caribou migration in this area- where firewood cutting is happening is prime feeding area. Caribou migration/feeding areas have changed in the valley in the last 5 years. 	

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	<p>Wildlife has not been tracking caribou in this area, have only been tracking moose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al- Firesmart process is supposed to be community-driven, not YG-driven. Al and Colin attended 2-day workshop by Firesmart Canada on how to engage communities. Purpose is residential protection, and egress. • Bob- Firesmart plan initiative should involve homeowners directly affected in a project, via a neighbourhood meeting • Al- Annie Lk Rd residents likely not aware that many small fires have occurred in this area in last 25 years, that have been successfully prevented by smoke jumpers/bombers/Wildland Fire strike crews • Al- concerned with resident's egress in a wildfire situation, based on previous experience of a resident desperately wanting to return to their property and not being able to because of fire hazard • Al's concerns- the proposed Firesmaring project (Etienne's property)- black spruce forest in this area is highly flammable, and Etienne's property is located on a corner of Annie Lk Rd- fear of a bottleneck for the ~40 residents on Annie Lake Rd living beyond Etienne's property, and fear of potential blind corner having panicked drivers on the wrong side of the road • Etienne is strongly not in agreement with Firesmaring of proposed area adjacent to his property- will involve YESAB if required to stop the project • Etienne will personally commit to doing some preventative work in his property in the area of the curve of the road, ~10m band, to mitigate wildfire risk • Etienne- some neighbours on Old Bridge Rd don't want swamp areas cleared for Firesmaring • Al- need to put more thought into Firesmaring process if LMCA is going to continue with it 	
b) Wildland Fire presentation (Colin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided local area map of planned Firesmaring projects/priorities • Blue area= proposed, green= completed • Wildland Fire Management helps to create 5-year plan- continues down Annie Lk Rd, into golf course (strategic area- meadow lends itself to being a staging area and a refuge area in case wildland fire develops quickly) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin to provide info on confirmed funding and alternate project areas (other than adjacent to Etienne)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is mostly for egress, and also helps firefighters who will be doing mop-up/triage, and to slow down progress of wildland fires before they reach Whitehorse • Unsure of extent of proposal, whether blue polygon (Wildland Fire's proposal) is what actual project will be. • Addressing Lisa's question- Firesmarting prescription is limbing up to 2m, and tree spacing 3m (above minimum diameter). Material taken off trees is burned on-site. • If this year's project can be to continue last year's Firesmarting area towards the golf course- 5 hectares, would create some time to have discussions with local residents this year re: areas for future projects (e.g. area near Etienne's property). After this point, 5-year plan has been exhausted • Colin encourages board to meet with Wildland Fire scientists for future project planning • As current Firesmarting project manager, Colin would not recommend risking community capital of Etienne and Miyuki by continuing with Firesmarting proposal adjacent to these community members' property this year • MLVFD would consider taking up mandate of Firesmarting in Mt Lorne if LMCA does not want to continue as proponent 	<p>and Miyuki's) to LMCA board, and board will meet to discuss this year's project area- likely will have some info within next month</p>
c) Update public re: water supply- confirmation of board members attending meeting on June 18 with Garth from YG	See table below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI to contact Kathleen/Dawn/other board members to confirm attendance
d) Additional meeting to be scheduled with LMCA/LAC/YG once they have additional information from feasibility study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMCA members to make every effort to attend future meeting in July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI waiting to hear from YG to book this meeting, will notify board when info available
8. Next meeting	No LMCA board meeting in July, but all LMCA board members to try to attend July public water supply meeting, date TBD	
9. Adjournment- 8:52 PM	Moved by AI Foster	

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	Seconded by	

June 18 Public Water Supply meeting with LMCA/Garth confirmed attendance, as of June 11 (Y= Yes, N= No):

Lauren Barrett	Y	Russ Knutson	N	Agnes Seitz					
Dave Bouquot	Y	Dawn Lammer		Bob Sharp	Y				
Peter Carr	Y	Dan Marcotte	N	Etienne Tardiff	N				
Al Foster	Y	Kathleen McDade		Eva Wieckowski					