

Minutes of the General Annual Meeting July 7, 2012

Port Elgin and Saugeen Township Beachers' Organization

Location: On the Beach at Gobles Grove

The gathering of more than 80 attendees was called to order by President John Kyles at 10.17 AM which was much later than the scheduled 9.00 AM start time due to a thunder storm and heavy rain. John extended a welcome to all in attendance and thanked them for their patience and support of the Organization. In his opening remarks he made reference to the written message he plans to send out to all members relating to the position the Board of Directors has taken with respect to wind turbines and the DGR. He also encouraged everyone to register and to take copies of the information brochures and leaflets and urged all to enjoy the refreshments provided by the Board

The Minutes from the 2011 AGM which had been sent to all members and was also had been placed on the Web Site were referred to by President John then received approval.

Larry Main presented the Financial Statements for the past year as well as the proposed budget for 2012/2013. He was pleased to be able to say that the Organization finished with a small surplus and a small increase in membership which received strong approval.

Greg Schmalz, the leader of the S. T. O. P "Organization" gave a report on the status of the various developments, discussions and finances relating to the; (a)"Organization", (b) turbine industry, (c) CAW, (d) Saugeen Shores Council and the Government of Ontario.

President John called on the Chief of Police, Dan Rivett for comments. The Chief made comments on a number of topics such as; e-bikes, golf carts, mobility scooters, car speeding, break-ins, sea boats, theft and speeding. He emphasized, as he has done on previous presentations, PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR.

President John asked Mayor Mike Smith for comments and in so doing thanked him for taking the time to join with the Beachers'. The Mayor covered a number of topics such as; capital projects both short and long term, the work of the Waterfront Committee, hospital update, bike lanes and as expected the DGR and the CAW Wind Turbine.

President John then opened the meeting for general discussion. Several speakers took the floor for some 30 minutes of lively and beneficial discussion over several topics but primarily focused on the DGR and Wind Turbines.

At 11.30 President John adjourned the meeting with words of thanks to everyone for coming and for taking part in the friendly dialogue. He informed the members and others that the Port Elgin and Saugeen Shores Beachers' Organization will continue to provide balanced information to its members on developments and special events in the Municipality.