

## **2022 SSCA AGM MINUTES (to be approved at the July 2023 SSCA AGM)**

### **THE 2022 (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING) OF THE SANS SOUCI AND COPPERHEAD ASSOCIATION (SSCA)**

**Held at SSCA Schoolhouse on Frying Pan Island and via Zoom, Sans Souci, Ontario, Saturday, July 23rd, 2022, at 10:00 am EST**

**Directors Present In Person:** Eric Armour, Glen Campbell, Katherine Denune, Tom Denune, Jason Drysdale, Jacquie Green, Kirsi Henry, Holly Loell, Dan Reszczynski, Michael Ugarenko,

**Directors Not Present:** Jackie Campbell, Irene Chambers, Jackie Koza, Walter Sloan, Alan Stratton

**Advisory Group Present:** Nancy Christie, Bill McNeill, Fred Schweitzer, Gregg Scott

**Township of the Archipelago:** Bert Liverance, Reeve, Alice Barton and David Ashley, Councilors

**Georgian Bay Association:** Rupert Kindersley, President

Eric Armour, SSCA Board President chaired the meeting. Tom Denune was secretary.

#### **Recognition:**

Eric acknowledged the land we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Anishinaabe peoples and is now the home to many diverse First Nations and Metis peoples.

**Special Guests:** Rupert Kindersley (Executive Director, Georgian Bay Association), Bert Liverance (Reeve, Township of the Archipelago), Alice Barton and David Ashley (Councilors, Township of the Archipelago)

**INTRODUCTION TO THE MEETING:** Eric Armour, SSCA Board President, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the 119<sup>th</sup> AGM of the SSCA. Eric reviewed the meeting's agenda and announced that following the AGM there will be a fire pump demonstration. Eric explained zoom protocol regarding motions and seconding, voting on motions and how questions and answers will be addressed. He announced that voting by those members on line will be by poll and that for those members present in person will be by a show of hands.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING:** Tom Denune, Secretary

Tom confirmed that the required Quorum of both SSCA members (being 30) and the required Quorum of SSCA Directors (being 6) has been met for this meeting. At the start of the meeting 40 members were in attendance (13 of these members were online, with the balance in person).

**Sandy Boyd Remembered:** Eric Armour

Sandy was a past president of SSCA as well as Chair of the SSCA Advisory Board. Sandy devotedly attended all our SSCA meetings. He was a long time member of SSCA and summered on the Bay all his life. He was a founding director of the Georgian Bay Land Trust. Eric expressed his great appreciation for Sandy's friendship and his condolences to Sandy's family.

**2021 AGM MINUTES APPROVAL:** Tom Denune, Secretary

The unapproved minutes of last year's AGM were posted on the SSCA website on October 24, 2021, the video presentation was posted on October 24, 2021. The minutes were also posted on the SSCA website on June 28, 2022 and emailed to SSCA members in the AGM Notice of Meeting on July 4, 2022. **MOTION:** to approve 2021 AGM Minutes by Bruce Erickson, Seconded by Rupert Kindersley. Passed Unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Eric Armour for Alan Stratton. Treasurer and Carol Stratton, Assistant Treasurer

Eric reviewed the highlights of the 12/31/2021 SSCA Financial Position as follows:

Financial Position: Strong Liquidity position with \$164,652 in cash and term deposits.

**Fund Positions:**

Operating (unrestricted):	\$56,217.00 (net of land and building)
An increase of \$18,457 from prior year.	
Community Centre Fund (restricted):	\$74,974.00
Directed for the rehabilitation and replacement of SSCA's infrastructure.	
Contingency Fund (restricted):	\$37,424.00
To support or defend against political, legal, environmental, development or other threats to SSCA and its members.	

**Off-Balance Sheet Funds held by the Township of the Archipelago:**

New Building Fund (restricted):	\$64,334.00 (a decrease of \$7,910 from prior year)
Sport court Fund (restricted):	\$2,863.00

**Operating Highlights year-ended December 31,2020:**

Total Revenue of \$132,353, representing an increase of \$25,777 from the prior year primarily due to the following:

- Sail camp: \$13,080, versus \$nil in the prior year;
- Government grant income: \$9,047, versus \$nil in the prior year – this reflects a change in how the Township treats the forgiveness of property taxes;
- Rental Income: \$6,400, versus \$nil in the prior year – this represents the renting of the Brand cottage;
- Day Camp: \$3,600, versus \$nil in the prior year – Day Camp operated for 2 weeks in 2021;
- Membership Fees increased \$1,873 as total membership grew to 427 from 412 the prior year;
- Fund specific donations declined by \$3,936 in 2021;
- Other lease payments declined by \$2,200 in 2021, which reflects a retroactive increase in the lease renewal with Bell that was recorded in 2020;
- Tennis operating contributions declined by \$1,000 in 2021, which is based on a formula relative to budgeted costs for operating the property;
- Variance largely attributable to cancellation of day camp and sail camp.

Expenses increased by \$24,655 to \$107,233, with the following drivers:

- Property expenses increased by \$6,582, primarily due to the recognition of the property tax expense – property expenses included the unplanned replacement of one of the dock fingers offset by some savings from using part-time student labour;
- Sail Camp increased by \$12,298 as there was no sail camp in 2020;
- Day Camp increased by \$2,050 as there was no day camp in 2020;
- Directory expenses increased by \$2,500 as there was no directory in 2020;
- General and administrative expenses increased by \$1,298 due to inflationary increases with external accountants and higher usage of the permanent secretary.

Net Surplus of \$23,120 represents the excess of revenues over expenses and includes \$6,663 in fund specific donations.

Approval of December 31, 2021, Financial Statements:

Posted on the SSCA website News: June 25, 2022

Included in Notice of meeting emailed to members July 3, 2022

**MOTION:** to approve the December 31, 2020, Financial Statement and report by Wally King and seconded by Martha King. Motion approved.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT:** Michael Ugarenko, Chair

Due to Covid-19 finding contractors has been difficult, resulting in much work being accomplished by Michael himself along with SSCA volunteers. Last year's close up was totally accomplished by Michael, his wife and volunteers.

The property sustained only minor damage over the winter. In 2022 the decision was made to hire a property caretaker. An ad was placed in the Parry Sound paper. We received four applicants and hired David Salenieks. He will be working most days for 3 to 4 hours.

2022 Planned Maintenance Activities:

- New shoreline decking completed to fill in open hole area
- La Salle Monument stabilization
- Gravel pathway repair
- Repair of Waubuno wood sign
- New porch windows for Brand Cottage

**New Community Centre Committee:** Michael Ugarenko, Chair

Committee Members: Irene Chambers, Glen Campbell, Jackie Koza, Sue Herbold, Holly Loell, Eric Armour, Norma Tangney, Al Stratton, Jason Drysdale, Jeff Clarke and Peter Murphy.

The committee finalized floor plans and elevation designs. The architect designer is Ray Murakami and his assistant Stephanie Wilson. The design for the new community center was formalized, presented and approved by the SSCA Board of Directors in May 2022.

On a personal note, Michael related that his year round property (his permanent home) suffered

extensive tornado damage this past spring and he has had to focus his attention to cleaning up the damage and has informed the Board that he has had to withdraw from supervising the SSCA property. He will be resigning from being a Board Director and Chair of the Property Committee as of December 31, 2022.

Eric Armour and the attendees thanked Michael for his amazing and steadfast efforts to manage our facilities and keep them in good condition.

### **Community Centre Revitalization: Glen Campbell and Eric Armour**

This program is to both invest in only those current assets that we see a future use for and construct new facilities and infrastructure to meet current and future needs of the Sans Souci community. The goal is to recreate what is the hub of our community with a focus on future sustainability. We plan to raise funds to cover the cost of needed repairs and maintenance on our present structures and to build a new centre that will be constructed between the Schoolhouse and the Pickle Ball Courts. This will house a kitchen, bathrooms, an enclosed meeting room, storage and a larger roofed meeting space with outdoor decks to accommodate large events. The existing schoolhouse will be remodeled to include new sliding doors across the front and improved bathrooms.

Accomplished to date:

- All SSCA Physical Buildings and Structures are evaluated for both future maintenance and usage;
- Capital Reserve Schedule for current assets has been completed;
- A Property Task Force of Members and Directors on the future of the community centre completed a report and provided recommendations to the Board;
- Schoolhouse Designs are ready;
- New Community Centre Designs are ready;
- Full Revitalization program view is completed;
- New SSTC Agreement is in progress;
- Major Donors from previous campaign consultation is in progress;
- Donor Campaign cabinet is being formed.

### **Community Centre Revitalization Capital Cost**

Existing facilities renovations	\$0.5 million
• Schoolhouse \$200K	
• Brand Cottage \$25K	
• Boathouse/storage \$25K	
• Shoreline decks/docks \$250K	
New Community Centre	\$1.5 million

The capital plan is flexible and scalable: Funds go to renovations first and then to new construction. The new building budget will depend on the funds raised.

Donations for this project are tax deductible when contributed to a designated fund at the Township of the Archipelago.

**Community Centre Funding to Date:**

- Previous Campaign Fundraising held by ToA: \$64,344
- Current Community Centre Fund: \$74,974
- Cam Wardlaw Legacy Donation for New Community Centre only: \$300,000  
(Conditional on having a New Community Centre Campaign underway)

**Campaign Next Steps:**

**Presentations**

- Kick off event Sunday, August 7, 10:00 am at the Schoolhouse
- Open House Presentations to Members Saturdays in August

**Fundraising Goals**

- Stream 1 – Renovations (schoolhouse +) December 31, 2022
- Stream 2 – New Community Centre July 1, 2023

**FIRE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Jason Drysdale, Chair

Our Northern 911 service performed as expected when a fire occurred this spring near Amanda Island. When Northern 911 is called about a fire, they inform the OPP and the MNR and they send a text message to all SSCA members who have a mobile phone listed in our directory as well as to non member contractors who work in our area as well as a phone call to Le Blanc's Marina.

After this meeting there will be a fire pump demo and have prepared laminated general instruction cards on how to operate a fire pump.

We also have a closer relationship with West Parry Sound Hospital Foundation. They have been sending us relevant articles that have been posted in our Newsletter.

Jason will be retiring from the Board at the end of 2022 and Eric Armour thanked him for the excellent work chairing this committee and improving our Northern 911 service.

Wally King added appreciation to Iron City Fishing Club for their help with fires over the past 20 years and Eric noted all the help with putting out fires by area contractors.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:** Katherine Denune, Chair

This year we offered the "Kids in the Biosphere Program" again run by Georgian Bay Biosphere and supported by the Township of the Archipelago. This program provides weekly communication with participants and gives an amazing kit with nature activities that are carried out each week. Standing out this year are activities related to owls. Each family is allowed one kit. Extra kits are available in town for \$10.

A major focus this year for the environment committee is plastic pollution clean up efforts. There is a lot of Styrofoam on our shores from old docks that if collected now will avoid their future disintegration into micro plastics that are ingested by fish, and ultimately, by us. Katherine recommends having a grabber and a plastic garbage bag in your boat, kayak or canoe to help collect plastic trash when you see it. This will go a long way to keeping our water clean and safe in the future.

Our many years of removing phragmites patches is really paying off. The patches we cut have are either totally gone or greatly diminished. However, in the future we will still have to monitor these areas and keep aware of any new patches, as this invasive aquatic reed can seriously harm aquatic life as well as destroy our shoreline access.

Katherine this summer has been busy filming videos of our local Sans Souci residents in their numerous efforts to protect and help our environments. Topics range from collecting shoreline Styrofoam and building bat houses to planting native plants for pollinators. These videos will be eventually posted on our SSCA website and the GBA website. Please let Katherine know if you have any personal environmental efforts you would like to share.

Eric Armour added that Katherine and Alan Stratton are Georgian Bay Association Board members and serve as our official SSCA representatives.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Jacquie Green, Chair

We currently have 411 individual members and we are working to increase membership so that we have increased credibility when dealing with the Township, Province and Federal Governments.

We act as a voice to government, have a great fire and safety program, work to protect our environment, an active book club, a great sports court, day camp, lectures, social events, the annual regatta and art show, numerous activities, a membership directory and regular newsletters. SSCA membership is good value for your \$\$\$. Please renew on time by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

This year we had 60 members who were late in renewing which causes the Board a lot of effort and expense. Unfortunately when a member renews too late, we are unable to include them in the current year's directory.

The Membership Committee is considering changing the membership structure to reflect current and varied use. Motions reflecting this change may be put forward at next year's AGM. We welcome you to join this committee and share your input.

#### **COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:** Kirsi Henry, Chair Committee Members: Kirsi Henry, Chair, Eric Armour, Holly Loell

##### 2022 SSCA Information Streams

- Membership Directory – additional Directories available for \$10 – wonderful support from advertisers, please support them;

- Website and Calendar;
- E-Blast and Regular Newsletters;
- Facebook and Instagram

Volunteers are welcome.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Holly Loell, Chair

Committee Members: Dan Reszczynski, Glen Campbell, Katherine Denune, Cathie Singer, Jess Sloss, Carolyn Edwards, Trish Bolivar and we welcome more!

**SSCA Programs – Summer 2022**

- Day Camp
- Book Club
- Sailing Camp, mini Regatta and social
- Basketball and Multisport
- Yoga
- Flashlight Readers
- Regatta
- Art Show; virtual and at Regatta
- Socials

Day Camp – July 4 –August 19, led by Charlie Macdonald and Victoria Reszczynski. Operating from 10-2 Monday through Friday. \$45.00 per camper.

Flashlight Readers facilitated by Carolyn Singer and Katie Eaves.

Book Club – 20+ members in person and by Zoom, two meetings have had authors in attendance. Thanks to Cathie Singer for organizing.

**Program Ideas – volunteers needed**

- Pickle ball Practices and Tournament
- Cottage Socials – thanks to Margaret Reszczynski for this year's social on Canada Day
- Hiking – upgraded trail on Frying Pan starting behind Pickle ball Court
- Swimming Lessons
- Standard First Aid and CPR C

Please email Holly Loell at [hsloell@gmail.com](mailto:hsloell@gmail.com) with any program ideas.

**Regatta/Potlucks:** Dan Reszczynski, Chair

**Regatta:**

- 74<sup>th</sup> Annual SSCA Regatta is Saturday, July 30 2022, Rain Date July 31;
- Annual Arts and Crafts Show: Georgian Bay related theme – paintings, crafts, photos, poetry & more! Show begins at noon inside the Community Centre, Entries by 9:00 to 9:30 am Saturday (incl. 5-6 pm Friday evening). Virtual version also on SSCA Website;

- Picnic Barbecue Lunch: Starts at 12 noon in front of the Community Centre;
- Annual Regatta: Begins at 12:30 pm and includes Swimming, Canoe Races, Egg Toss and more activities;
- Volunteers needed: please contact Daniel Reszczynski at [daniel.r@primus.ca](mailto:daniel.r@primus.ca) or at 647.831.0579;
- Sponsors needed: please contact Holly Loell 705.746.8263 or [hsloell@gmail.com](mailto:hsloell@gmail.com)

Potlucks:

- Canada Day/US Fourth a great success!
- August event being planned.

**NOMINATIONS:** Eric Armour for Irene Chambers, Chair

Our director term is for 3 years. Directors can renew for another 3 years.

Our Georgian Bay Association representatives are now Katherine Denune and Alan Stratton.

Our current SSCA Board Directors are as follows:

Eric Armour, President, Executive Committee  
 Glen Campbell, Vice President, Executive Committee  
 Jackie Campbell, SSTC Liaison  
 Irene Chambers, Nominations Chair, Property and Program Committees  
 Katherine Denune, Environment Chair, GBA Director  
 Tom Denune, Secretary, Executive Committee  
 Jason Drysdale, Fire and Safety Chair  
 Jacquie Green, Membership Chair  
 Kirsi Henry, Communications Chair  
 Holly Loell, Programs Chair  
 Jackie Koza, Property Committee  
 Daniel Reszczynski, Regatta Chair, Property Committee  
 Wally Sloan, Iron City Fishing Club Liaison  
 Alan Stratton, Treasurer, Finance Chair, Executive Committee, GBA Director  
 Michael Ugarenko, Property Chair

Board Changes in 2021/2022:

Retiring Directors: Tom Denune (3 years), Jason Drysdale (3 years), Leslie Hayes (3 years), Jess Sloss (3 years)

New Directors: Kirsi Henry, Jackie Campbell, Daniel Reszczynski

2022 Director Vacancies: Secretary, Fire and Safety Chair, Property Chair

**Motion to approve 2022 Board of Directors as presented below:** by Martha King and seconded by Nancy Christie. Motion carried 100%



**Executive Committee:**

Eric Armour, President, Glen Campbell, Vice President, Tom Denune, Interim Secretary, Alan Stratton, Treasurer

**Board Directors:**

Jackie Campbell, SSTC Liaison, Irene Chambers, Nominations Chair, Katherine Denune, Environment Chair, Kirsi Henry, Communications Chair, Jacquie Green, Membership Chair, Jackie Koza, Property Committee, Holly Loell, Programs Chair, Vacancy, Fire and Safety Chair, Walter Sloan, ICFC Liaison, Daniel Reszczynski, Program Committee, Michael Ugarenko, Property Chair.

**IRON CITY FISHING CLUB:** Gregg Scott for Walter Sloan, liaison

After a two year absence ICFC is up and running. We all missed being here and our camp experience is again almost normal. We put in place Covid protocols and held events outside. We continue to experience the lack of available contractors. Capital projects have been deferred and we just addressing critical items.

Gregg added his appreciation for all the local efforts that protect our Bay and island natural environment and gave credit to the work of our larger umbrella Georgian Bay Association that works so hard to maintain the Georgian Bay a protected region into the future.

Gregg stated that Iron City has always supported SSCA. Starting in the mid 90's Gregg and his brother worked to increase Iron City membership in SSCA to number now over 60 members. In the future Gregg would like to coordinate more events at Iron City that would be of interest to members of SSCA such as presentations by the Georgian Bay Land Trust and the Georgian Bay Biosphere. Of note this year is the invitation to the GBLT Rock Walk with Nick Isles on Wreck Island. This will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> and all are invited.

**SANS SOUCI TENNIS CLUB:** Graeme Scott, President, SSTC

Graeme thanked Leslie Hayes for her service on the SSCA Board as tennis liaison and recognized Jackie Campbell as the SSCA Board's new director and tennis liaison. At the SSTC AGM, membership voted to increase dues and new membership initiation fees. Current membership is full at 120. In November of 2021 members voted on a bylaw change become officially a non-profit corporation. SSTC is renting the Brand cottage for the first two weeks of August for their visiting tennis pro. Tennis finals weekend will be August 27 and 28.

**NEW BUSINESS/MOTIONS:****Motion – Increase in SSCA Annual Dues:** Jacquie Green, Membership Chair

- Whereas the current SSCA budgeting has a shortfall in meeting our yearly projected capital reserves requirements, resulting in an estimated \$18,000.00 shortfall a year and does not take into account any volunteer donations to the Community Centre Fund;
- And whereas, the SSCA has not increased its dues since 2014;

- And whereas, the SSCA currently receives \$115 of the \$165 dues collected with \$50 submitted to the GBA;
- The Membership Director here proposed an increase in the SSCA Dues charged to members from \$165 to \$200 effective January 1, 2023.

Moved by Jacquie Green and seconded by Jeff Clarke. 100% approved.

**Motion to approve SSCA Board 2021 Actions**, moved by Mac Harmon and seconded by Rupert Kindersley. Unanimously approved.

**GEORGIAN BAY ASSOCIATION:** Summer, 2022 Update: Rupert Kindersley, president

**Coastal Protection:** Protect the Bay's unique environment in the face of increasing development pressure. GBA formed a Coastal Protection Committee

Project Updates:

Municipal Planning comparison Project

- Comparing Strategic Plans, Official Plans and Planning Bylaws of five coastal municipalities

Planning Regulations Guide (complimentary to ToA guides)

Septic Management/Maintenance Guide

Quarterly – Coastal Protection Committee:

- Municipalities plus area reps
- Coastal Protection Fund
- Local reports and new/ongoing planning issues
- Impact of Bill 109 – time frames
- Township of Georgian Bay (TGB) waterfront policy review
- Precedent setting developments
- Ontario Land Tribunal decisions
- Dock permits/shoreline road allowances
- Floating cottages

Coastal Protection Fund

- Target fund raise in 2022: \$100,000
- Protection of the natural environment, biodiversity and ecology

Floating Cottages: want to stop from negatively impacting the environment.

- Formed strategy group – coordinated strategy/advocacy-municipalities/orgs
- Formed internal GBA sub-committee

Primary Objectives/Issues:

- Municipal regulation-planning regulations/taxes
- Transport Canada (TC) – vessel definition/licensing
- Also advocate to MNR, NNAH, MPAC, MECP, DFO and ECCC – get support from MPs

- Coordinate on legal work- identify legal support needed

## **GBA Partnerships & Working Relationships**

- GBA partners on numerous projects with three charities on the Bay: Georgian Bay Forever, Georgian Bay Land Trust and Georgian Bay Biosphere.
- Joined forces with Ontario and Canada-wide Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) such as: <https://cela.ca/>; <https://ecojustice.ca/>; <https://www.boatingontario.ca/>; <https://ontarionature.org/>; and <https://environmentaldefence.ca/>
- Working increasingly with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA), the Great Lakes & St Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI). FOCA advocates to over 195 member associations vs. GBA's 18. GLSLCI coordinates the mayors of all Great Lakes municipalities (Canada and US) and is a powerful advocacy group. It makes sense for GBA, FOCA and GLSLCI to work together on issues where there is a common cause.

## **Water Levels:**

Levels are finally falling – down over two feet from 2020 levels and expected to continue dropping.

Substantive Information – good for many years:

- GBA/GBF Water Levels Symposium 2020:  
<https://georgianbay.ca/water/waterlevels/water-levels-symposium:2020/>
- GBA/GBF Water Levels Impacts and Strategies Webinar Series Fall 2021:  
<https://georgianbay.ca/h20-2021/>

Major action point this year will be to analyze, interpret and communicate the ECCC future water levels projections study results when published end summer, including joint GBA/GBF presentation to the coastal municipalities, marinas & GBA associations.

## **Water Quality:**

- 2022 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA)
- GBA has helped form Great Lakes Ecoregion Network to coordinate public comment
- Continues GBA input on GLWQA since 1972- meetings/presentations Sept. 26-29 in Niagara Falls – major report
- Assess success and failures – future improvements

Key Initiatives:

- Washing Machine Filter bill enactment
- Dock Foam Bill regulations
- Canada Water Agency launch
- Lake Partner Program
- Mercury contamination in fish
- Ongoing Submission on pollution and much more.

## **Keeping in Touch:**

- GBA Update – sent out 3 times a year
- GBA eUpdate – sent 10 times a year (sign up to get this)
- Safe Quiet Lake Survey

## **GBA member Benefits & Education:**

- Expanded insurance information on website – discount with Rice Insurance
- Boating, Safety & Emergencies
  - Comprehensive tips on boating rules & safe boating
  - Decibel Project: GBA is a founding supporter
  - Extensive Fire Prevention/Safety/Ratings Advice on website
  - Georgian Bay for Everyone redesign and marina participation
  - What3words – use this site to pinpoint your exact location – very important for emergencies. Put this free app on your phone.

## **Additional GBA Efforts and Website Information:**

Aquaculture: Meetings with government + submissions on new 20-year licenses – comprehensive study of the environmental impacts – reviewing the regulatory framework – input on new Aquaculture Act.

Fisheries: Identifying issues facing fisheries – updates on regulations and fishing advisories – GBB Fisheries Stewardship Framework.

Lands & Forests info on: Invasive Species (Phragmites) – Species at Risk – Guide for Cottagers (maintaining natural shorelines) – Native Plants.

Rupert presented to Eric Armour a thank you for all his valuable work with GBA.

## **TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO: Reeve Bert Liverance**

### **Strategic Priorities:**

Protect & Preserve: Adhere to the Township's mission and values centered on the continued preservation and protection of the Georgian Bay shoreline, inland lakes and watershed areas through environmental initiatives including prevention and removal of invasive species, responsible land use and controlled development.

Sustainable & Cost-Effective Services: Deliver services and maintain infrastructure to meet the needs of the community in a manner that is responsible, sustainable, efficient and cost effective while maintaining the established mission, vision, values and beliefs of the Township of the Archipelago to strengthen and maintain relationships with internal and external stakeholders including neighbouring municipalities, Indigenous communities, community associations, other levels of governments and organizations.

Leadership & Communications: Provide strong leadership through good governance, responsible decision making and open communication to encourage collaboration and develop solutions that are mindful of collective interests and aligned with the values and beliefs of the Township of the Archipelago.

The Township's number one priority is to protect and preserve our environment. We are located in a recognized Biosphere and surrounded by a provincial park. The Township realizes that we are part of the West Parry Sound District and that we need to support the area hospital and museum as well as other valuable services. Our relationships with others matter.

**Township Accomplishments in past year:**

- Tax increase in South ToA less than .5% - much less than inflation
- Modernization of the Township corporation – people, processes and tools
- Noise By-Law & waste By-Law updates
- Dock Foam bill 228 passed into Law (ToA has removed all open foam docks)
- Supporting Washing Machine & Micro plastics Bill 227 along with GBA.
  - Georgian Bay now has large amounts of micro plastics and very important
  - To limit future contamination of the Bay and its impact on fish as well as ourselves.
- Phragmites removal efforts – MTO, GBLT, GBF
- Floating Cottages resolution adopted – with thanks to efforts of GBA

**In Process at the Township:**

- Waste By-Law – Goes into effect January 1 2023
  - 1/3 of our trash is wet waste, GBA sponsored food cycler recommended for cottages.
  - ToA is looking to reduce amount of waste going to land fill.
- Site Alteration By-Law – to have Public Consultation
  - To reduce major alterations to Bay environment, such as lawn and clear cutting
- Short Term Rental policy review – By-Law in 2023
- Deer Horn Conference – New Council – 2023
- Internet Strategy – affordable & accessible
  - Our area lacks coverage, ToA is advocating for more coverage.
- Zoning By-Law Review
- 2022 is a Municipal Election Year
  - Current councilors and reeve are running again. Nominations are still open.

**Noise By-Law Information:** Details on ToA website

- Amplified Sound: Prohibited from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am and 9:00 am Sundays
- Personal Noise: Yelling, shouting etc. Prohibited from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am and 9:00 am Sundays
- Domestic Tools: Prohibited from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am and 9:00 am Sundays
- Animal Noise: Barking, etc. Not permitted at any time.

- Firearm Noise: Only permitted during lawful hunt, gun club activities or agricultural purposes

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** moved by Eric Armour and seconded by Fred Schweitzer. Passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:09 pm

Minutes prepared by Tom Denune, SSCA Secretary