

DEANLEA BEACH ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting - Meeting Minutes
Saturday June 22, 2024

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1.	<p>2024 Annual General Meeting</p> <p>a) Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.</p> <p>b) Land Acknowledgement – Janet Laurence recognized indigenous peoples and land.</p> <p>c) Welcome and Introductions – Connie Wheeler – President, welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and introduced the 2023/24 Board of Directors: Lorrie Locke – Treasurer, Denessa Cameron – Secretary, Rosie Finnie and Vivian McKeown – Members at large; John Gordon – Vice-President (absent).</p>
2.	<p>Establish Quorum</p> <p>Denessa Cameron, Secretary confirmed quorum to be 40 based on 20% of paid memberships in 2023 (201 x 20% = 40). There were 51 DBA Members present.</p>
3.	<p>2024 AGM Agenda</p> <p>a) Requests for New Business/Additions to Agenda.</p> <p>Four (4) items were added. Please see Item 13. New Business.</p> <p>b) Motion to adopt the Agenda for 2024 Annual General Meeting, with additions.</p> <p><i>Moved by Joan Condie; Seconded by Marc Kruszynski; CARRIED.</i></p>
4.	<p>2023 AGM Minutes</p> <p>a) Motion to adopt the Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting – June 25, 2023. The minutes were approved and can be found on the DBA website.</p> <p><i>Moved by Janet Laurence; Seconded by Irene McEwan; CARRIED.</i></p>
5.	<p>Motion to Ratify Directors' Decisions Over Past Year (June 25, 2023 – June 21, 2024)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Fees: The Board IMPLEMENTED the new membership fee schedule as approved by the membership at the 2023 AGM. The membership fee was increased to \$75.00 with an early-bird option of \$60.00 if paid on or before July 1, 2024. Moving forward the early-bird fee will be increased by \$5.00/year, e.g. \$65.00 – 2025; \$70.00 – 2026; \$75.00 – 2027. The Board may, from time to time, review the fee structure based on financials and amend fee schedule. Hospital Donation: The Board DONATED \$100.00 to the Georgian Bay Hospital (Midland) on behalf of Deanlea Beach “In Memoriam”, as approved by members. Family Fun Day: The Board AGREED to change ‘Fun Day’ to ‘Family Fun Day’ to reinforce DBA values and that the day is about family and the kids. It is scheduled for Saturday August 3rd, 2024; with a rain date of Sunday August 4th, 2024. In addition, the Board AGREED to host a lunch-time BBQ to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the DBA (founded in July, 1974). Deanlea Beach Merchandise: The Board AGREED to sell DBA merchandise at the AGM and Family Fun Day. T-shirts, bags and sweatshirts will be available on a first come – first serve basis. Volleyball Court: Following the 2023 AGM meeting it was agreed the net would be moved to the South end (other side of Henry’s road access) after Fun Day. However after further discussion the Board AGREED that it made sense to leave the court where it was (difficult to move); and that moving forward the net would alternate yearly between the north and south ends. Therefore the net will be placed on the south end of the beach in 2024.

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	<p>6. Speed Limit – COMPLETED: After a lengthy process and working with the Township, the speed limit has been changed to 40 km.</p> <p>7. Footpath Review – COMPLETED: All footpaths and property walk-about was completed as required and noted in the Board Minutes of Meeting dated Tuesday June 6, 2024. It was also determined, after a pilot in 2023 that mats are not required on all footpaths. This decision was made in conjunction with people who use the paths and there were no complaints received about the mats or lack thereof.</p> <p>8. Poison Ivy Spraying on Common Property – COMPLETED: Spraying for poison ivy on footpaths, edge of roadways unpaved roads, common property, beach strip and bulletin board area was done. Many thanks to Loris Gaiotto, Joan Condie and Brian Wheeler. <i>NB: Tiny Township has a poison ivy control program for municipally owned roads. Members are encouraged to call and identify areas of concern for the Township to spray.</i></p> <p>9. Annual “Community Clean-up Day”: COMPLETED. The clean-up took place on Saturday May 25, 2024. Many thanks to the ‘regulars’ and ‘new faces’ who took the time to come out and ensure our footpaths and beach are ready for summer.</p> <p>10. Maintenance – COMPLETED:</p> <p>Tree Cutting (2023): Several trees were removed along the beach property. The work was done by Tarzan Tree Service and the cost was approximately \$1800 (2023 budget).</p> <p>Road Grading (2024): In collaboration with the Snow Clearing Committee, the DBA split the cost to have several key areas/major potholes (or lakes) graded. Our thanks to Loris Gaiotto who coordinated the work with John McNeill. The cost to the DBA was \$1900 (2024 budget).</p> <p>Beach Access (2024): A number of entry points from the footpaths to the beach were overloaded with sand following the winter and this made it very difficult for people of all ages to access the beach. Our thanks to Grayson Thomas who moved the sand and cleared the footpaths. The cost of this project was \$800 (2024 budget).</p> <p>11. Library Box / Bulletin Board Refresh – COMPLETE: The new library box is done and will be put in place. Many thanks to Viktor Kachur for jumping in to get this project done.</p> <p>Bulletin Board – INCOMPLETE: Unfortunately the bulletin board fell over prior to fixing and is need of a total rebuild. See Item 13. for next steps.</p> <p>12. DBA Property Review: COMPLETE: A walk-about on all DBA property was completed and noted documented in the June 6, 2024 Board minutes. See Item 9.1.</p> <p>13. DBA Common Property Markers – COMPLETE: The Board discussed putting markers up to delineate private property from DBA property. Based on fact that the last time markers were erected – they were removed; there have been no ‘new’ encroachment issues identified and/or complaints received requiring review, the Board agreed no further action is required at this time.</p> <p>14. Signage Review – NOT COMPLETE: Due to other projects, this work did not start. It will be deferred to new board as a priority.</p> <p>15. By-law Review Task Team: See Item 12.1.</p> <p>16. Community Useable Space – See Item 12.3.</p> <p>Moved by Wendy Spademan; Seconded by Marc Armstrong; CARRIED.</p>
6.	<p>President’s Report</p> <p>Connie reminded members about the letter that was sent to all property owners in May regarding their responsibilities as property owners, specifically as they relate to beach behaviour and understanding, sharing</p>

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	and abiding by the DBA Friendly Reminders (rules). It is incumbent on ALL PROPERTY OWNERS to enforce and ensure Deanlea Beach remains a family friendly and respectful beach/environment for everyone to enjoy. She also spoke about the DBA 50 th Anniversary, which marks the 50 th year of the DBA. To celebrate this milestone, a lunch-time BBQ will be held on Family Fun Day – Saturday August 3, 2024.
7.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>a) 2023 Financials: Copies of the 2023 statement was available to those in attendance. Lorrie Locke reviewed the key components and confirmed the total fees collected in 2023 at 202.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the 2023 financials for the Deanlea Beach Association be approved, in principle, with amendments as discussed and pending further comment from members. APPROVED.</p> <p>b) 2024 Membership Fees – As of the meeting date, 175 fees have been collected.</p> <p>Update: As of July 1, 200 fees have been collected.</p> <p>c) 2024 Operating Budget – Lorrie reviewed payments to date and indicated the insurance premium for 2024 has decreased by approximately \$400. Members asked if the coverage was the same as in previous years or if something changed?</p> <p>Action: Lorrie to confirm with insurance company and information will be shared via News Flash.</p> <p>d) Liability Issue: Lorrie discussed a potential liability issue for members who do NOT pay their annual fee.</p> <p>Action: Lorrie to confirm with insurance company and will share findings via News Flash; and will update “Why you should pay your fees”, if necessary to ensure all members are aware of risks.</p> <p>Moved by Michael Ryan; Seconded by Wendy Madill; CARRIED.</p>
8.	<p>FoTTSA Report</p> <p>a) FoTTSA Rep: Anne Marie Ramsay has agreed to continue as the representative for Deanlea Beach. This will be her 3rd year as our representative and the Board would like to thank Anne Marie for her contribution.</p> <p>b) Presidents Meeting – Sunday April 14, 2024</p> <p>Anne Marie Ramsay attended on behalf of Deanlea Beach. Discussion items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Town Hall: A discussion about the proposed new town hall was the main item and concerns were expressed about the lack of communication, lack of a consultation process, budget and the impact this project may have on tax payers. - Tiny Cottager: This newsletter is delivered to every person in Tiny and they are looking for contributions from associations, especially a history of your beach. QUESTION: Is there someone at Deanlea who would be interested in writing a historical article? Action: There were no volunteers at meeting; include request in next News Flash. - Tiny Cottager Discount Cards: Cards are available to Deanlea Beach property owners who have paid their annual membership fee. Contact treasurer@deanleabeach.ca if you do not have a card. - Save our Water: ongoing. <p>c) Water Testing Program 2024: The Board discussed the program and due to timing, agreed not to participate this year. The decision was based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tiny Township: On the off year when FoTTSA does not run their program, Deanlea follows the water quality test results for Bluewater Public Beach. The samples are taken by the Township on a weekly basis and results are posted on the Tiny Township website and anyone can sign up to receive alerts about water quality via email. There is no charge for this service.

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	<p>Action: DBA Members are encouraged to sign up to receive water quality alerts with Tiny Township via www.tiny.ca .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FoTTSA: Results from FoTTSA testing are typically received a week after the water samples are submitted making them outdated. The Township also questioned the FoTTSA test sites, e.g. culvert recognizing that you will have a higher result based on weather. The cost to participate is \$250. <p>Also, any member at any time can test the water. If you want to be consistent with FoTTSA sites, testing should be done at 'red rock' and at the north end of the beach (culvert). It is also important for beach users to be aware of weather. The water quality can change after a big storm or during a period of time when the temperature remains high so members should use common sense when swimming, e.g. kids should not put water in mouth, don't let your dog drink the water, be cautious around algae, etc.</p> <p>Moving forward, the Board will track results from both Tiny Township and FoTTSA; and revisit participation when the program is offered again in 2026.</p> <p>Moved by Jim Spademan; Seconded by Brian Wheeler, CARRIED.</p>
9.	<p>Sub-committee Reports</p> <p>1. Property & Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Potholes: Barry Locke has offered to continue to monitor the potholes and fill as required. b) Tree Removal: There are a few trees under review for removal and if you have seen a tree that looks dangerous and/or dead, please send along to president@deanleabeach.ca. Tree removal will be done in the Fall. c) Benches: The benches were moved on May 25th and a few were left in the dunes to provide an option for those not able to get to the beach a place to sit. We recognize this practice is not in keeping with the DBA mandate but felt the location of the benches was not hindering the dunes or root growth. That being said, since May 25th benches have been moved (up and down). d) Road Grading: This will be an ongoing process lead by Loris Gaiotto. e) Benches: Is the membership okay with leaving a few benches in the dunes OR should they all (16 in total) be on the beach? <p>After an healthy discussion, the DBA Members agreed that two (2) benches will left in the dunes as a pilot project and will be monitored based on criteria to be set out on accessibility, roots, paths, etc. All other benches have been removed from the dunes and are to remain in place on the beach for the duration of the season on the beach. IMPORTANT: Members are reminded that they are NOT to move the benches at will. This task is managed by the DBA Board with support from volunteers in the Spring and Fall each year.</p> <p>2. Family Fun Day / 50th DBA Anniversary</p> <p>This day has always been about family and the Deanlea community and in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the DBA, this milestone is being celebrated in conjunction with Family Fun Day this year. A 70's theme is being incorporated through old and new games, a costume parade, sand sculpting, raffle and a lunch time BBQ for DBA members.</p> <p><u>Deanlea Beach Merchandise:</u> There is not much left, but whatever there is will be sold on a first come – first serve basis.</p> <p><u>Family Fun Day Volunteers:</u> are always welcome and it is a great opportunity for students to 'clock' some community hours. Help is needed with set-up/tear-down; garbage; treats for the kids; prizes for the games. Contact Viv McKeown: v_mckeown@hotmail.com .</p>

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	<p><u>Raffle</u>: The committee is in need of more 'adult type' items, e.g. tickets, bottle of wine/liquor, etc.</p> <p>Action: Items can be dropped off at Wendy Spademan's located at 44 Glen Avenue North on or before July 28th. Please leave donation(s) on the waterside porch, labelled with who has donated.</p> <p><u>BBQ</u>: Anyone wishing to donate condiments (mustard, ketchup, relish), hot dog buns, small bags of chips/treats should contact Connie at president@deanleabeach.ca before July 26th.</p> <p>3. Communications</p> <p>The Board sent out 6 New Flashes from August 2023 thru to June 2024. To ensure you receive communications from the Board, each property should have at least one email address on file. Please send to Lorrie Locke at treasurer@deanleabeach.ca.</p>
10.	<p>2023/24 Board of Directors</p> <p>a) Call for Nominations</p> <p>The following members have put their name forward to sit on the Board as a Director of the Deanlea Beach Association.</p> <p>Current Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Gordon (10+) - Lorrie Locke (9 years) - Connie Wheeler (7 years) - Denessa Cameron (3 years) - Rosie Finnie (1 year) - Vivian McKeown (2 years) will not be returning. <p>New Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irene McEwan (new – Treasurer successor) - David Madill (new) - Jill Grose (new) <p>b) Motion to Elect the Board</p> <p><i>Moved by Peter Rossborough; Seconded by Janet Laurence; CARRIED.</i></p>
11.	<p>Business from Previous AGM Minutes – June 24, 2023</p> <p>9.1 f) Benches: Two DBA benches will be moved to the footpath at the top of Henry's Road; and the second one will be placed by the footpath beside 27 Parkwood.</p>
12	<p>New Business</p> <p>1. Defibrillator</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That the request to have a defibrillator at Deanlea be deferred to the new Board to conduct a full investigation and report back on their findings at the 2025 Annual General Meeting. APPROVED.</p> <p>Wendy Spademan submitted a request asking the Board to consider having a defibrillator located at the beach. The Board had a brief discussion and concluded that more information such as cost, shelf life, how and where would it be housed, special requirements, i.e. electricity, training opportunities, is there a liability risk for DBA, etc. is required to make an informed recommendation to the membership. <i>NB: The recommendation was discussed with Wendy Spademan prior to meeting.</i></p>

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	<p>Action: Further to the recommendation, the Board will include emergency information as part of the signage review; and they will also solicit members to see who is certified in CPR and if they are willing to be put on a list to be posted on the DBA website. <i>NB: Members currently identified include: Barry Locke (8 Glen Ave) – retired Fire Fighter, Laura DiTomaso to be recertified as of July 25th.</i></p> <p>Moved by Loris Gaiotto; Seconded by Mary Jane Price; CARRIED.</p> <p>2. Accessibility to the Beach</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That the new Board undertake a review of the footpaths and determine if another point of entry for members with accessibility issues is necessary. APPROVED.</p> <p>A concern was expressed about beach access for those that may have an accessibility issue. Members were reminded the Boardwalk was put in place to assist people with accessibility issues; however, with an aging population, this may not be enough.</p> <p>Moved by Wendy Spademan; Seconded by Irene McEwan, CARRIED.</p> <p>3. Deanlea Beach By-laws and Article</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p>a) That DBA By-law No. 1 be approved (in principle) and amended as required. APPROVED.</p> <p>b) That DBA By-law No. 2 be approved (in principle) and amended as required. APPROVED.</p> <p>c) That the DBA Article be approved (in principle) amended as required. APPROVED.</p> <p>d) That DBA By-law No. 1, DBA By-law No. 2 and DBA Articles be prepared for final submission to the Ministry by the end of October 2024. APPROVED.</p> <p>Background: A Task Team was established in 2022 and included Connie Wheeler (Team Lead), Joan Condie, Rosie Finnie, John Gordon, Michael Ryan (resigned in 2023), and Petra Wolfbeiss who contributed as needed. The scope of the project and its process was communicated to members via various News Flashes and amended as needed. The group reviewed the existing by-law documents to ensure they encapsulate the Deanlea Beach community, policies and procedures; revised content based on guidelines/best practices/research; and reformatted the documents in accordance with the new guidelines as set out by the Ministry. Members were then given a 6 week period (mid-March to end of April) to review the draft documents and submit feedback. Changes are noted in the footnotes of the documents as well as in the Summary of Changes document that can be found on the DBA website.</p> <p>Moved by Malcom Musgrove; Seconded by Rick LaRose; CARRIED.</p> <p>4. DBA Community Property – Usable Space</p> <p>Recommendation: That the Board continue to investigate the useable common space (Henry's Road and Shed areas) and report back at the 2025 AGM with recommendations for potential uses/options. APPROVED.</p> <p>Background: At the AGM in 2024, an idea about utilizing the common DBA property (Henry's Road) in a better way was mentioned. That said, the Board, through a Newsflash asked for volunteers to start the discussion. Three members offered their support - Janet Laurence, Maria Raso Basso and Cheryl Thompson. They met with Connie at the DBA property located at the end of Henry's Road on the left side (facing the water) and discussed the purpose and brainstormed about ways to make the space more usable.</p> <p>Goal: To create a safe and usable space that maintains the integrity of the environment, serves as a location for DBA meetings and other DBA events, and potentially offers another location with varied</p>

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	<p>options for members to memorialize loved ones. There is NO intent to destroy the natural habitat – only to enhance what is there so the space can be used.</p> <p>Discussion: The members were asked if they wanted to either: clean up the space to make it more usable; or leave the space in its current state and spray for poison ivy only? However, prior to the AGM, the Board heard that some members were not happy with this potential project. In a continued effort to be as transparent as possible, it was determined that a recommendation was required about next steps. Concerns were noted and will be taken into consideration as the investigation gets underway. It is important to reiterate that the goal has never changed. The space would remain natural to the environment with only plants native to the area considered. Neighbours backing onto the spaces will be consulted.</p> <p>One member also mentioned the shed is in very bad shape and consideration should be given to rebuilding and/or repairing it, along with cleaning up the property around it.</p> <p>Action: The shed area is to be included as part of investigation and reported on at next AGM.</p> <p>Moved by Bill Palmer; Seconded by Janet Laurence; CARRIED.</p> <p>5. Bulletin Board: The bulletin board was in the process of being fixed/refreshed; however it fell down due to rot. The members discussed the need for a bulletin board and AGREED they would prefer to have one, but it does not have to be as big.</p> <p>Action: The Board will approach Viktor Kashur to see if he is interested in completing this project.</p> <p>6. Tiny Township Town Hall: The Council is currently moving ahead with plans for a new Town Hall. This has been in the works for quite some time but is ramping up currently with public meetings, etc. The DBA sent a News Flash in April about this issue. Information about the process can be found at www.tiny.ca.</p> <p>Action: Members are encouraged to sign up for Tiny Township news/town hall information via their website.</p> <p>7. Crafts with Cara: Once again Cara is offering to hold a few craft days for the kids. The first one is Saturday June 29 and a second one is planned for Saturday August 10 (weather pending). Depending on turn-out, other days may be added.</p> <p>8. Coyote Sightings: There have been more frequent sightings on the roads within Deanlea. Members are reminded to be on alert and to keep their animals leashed.</p>
13.	<p>For Your Information</p> <p>1. Dunes: In keeping with the identity and mandate of Deanlea Beach, members are reminded that raking, walking and/or altering the dunes in any way is not allowed unless work has been authorized and/or permission is received from the Board.</p> <p>2. Golf Carts: Golf carts were first allowed at Deanlea to assist members with accessibility issues. This is an exception to the Tiny Township by-law that states NO golf carts are allowed on any roadways. Recognizing they are here to stay, please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLOW DOWN - golf carts are not a toy and MUST be driven responsibly and with caution at all times before someone gets seriously hurt! - GOLF CARTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON FOOTPATHS OR PRIVATE PROPERTY. <p>3. Friendly Reminders: Laminated copies are available. Please email secretary@deanleabeach.ca to obtain your copy. Please remember it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure all family, friends, guests and short-term renters are aware of these regulations/by-laws and reminders.</p> <p>4. Motorized Watercraft and Swimmer Safety: Please remember that motorized watercraft is to be loaded</p>

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	and/or anchored in the area between the two markers on the beach. Watercraft should not enter the swimming areas at any time.
15.	Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am. Moved by Michael Ryan; Seconded by Dorothy Kudla; CARRIED.

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