



MINUTES

Water Access Task Force

October 17, 2024

Council Chambers

9 James Street, Parry Sound, Ontario

Members Present: Earl Manners, Councillor Ward 3
Laurie Emery, Councillor Ward 1
Peter Frost, Councillor Ward 2
Rick Zanussi, Councillor Ward 4
Darlene Cade Fraser, Councillor Ward 5
Dan MacLeod, Councillor Ward 6
Bert Liverance, Reeve

Staff Present: Maryann Martin, Clerk
Alana Torresan, Deputy Clerk
Cale Henderson, Manager of Development & Environmental Services
John Fior, Chief Administrative Officer
Josh Badger, Director of Operational Services and Facilities
Maria Pinto, Planner
Erin Robinson, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Shauna Lehtimaki, Director of Legislative & Information Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2024-13

Moved by: Reeve Liverance

Seconded by: Councillor Cade Fraser

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the October 17, 2024 Water Access Task Force Agenda, be approved.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 May 23, 2024 Water Access Task Force Minutes

2024-14

Moved by: Councillor Zanussi

Seconded by: Reeve Liverance

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Water Access Task Force held on May 23, 2024, be approved.

Carried

5. DEPUTATION/PRESENTATION

5.1 Erik Mathieson, June Kingston & Cheryl Ward. Blackstone Lake Association Water Access Sub-Committee

Councillor Manners welcomed Erik Mathieson, June Kingston, Cheryl Ward and Kevin McCarthy to the meeting.

Mr. Mathieson reported that the Blackstone Lake Association Water Access Sub-Committee has dedicated considerable time since summer 2023 to investigating water access issues on Blackstone Lake. He noted that the Sub-Committee's primary concern is service providers accessing the lake, as a local contractor has been denied entry to the lake's only private business access point due to a business dispute.

Mr. Mathieson informed the Task Force that the Sub-Committee has been working with Township staff to explore alternative water access options and through that process, a Hydro One-owned property has been identified as a potential solution. To open a file on the possible purchase or lease of this property, a \$1,500 application fee to Hydro One is

required. Mr. Mathieson reported that the Sub-Committee is requesting the Township pay the fee on behalf of Blackstone Lake Association.

Councillor Manners thanked the presenters for their update.

Reeve Liverance emphasized that any Township financial support would be contingent upon the access point remaining public. A discussion followed among the presenters and Task Force members regarding marina zoning, first-refusal rights for marina owners on the lake, and Township support for small business owners.

Staff were directed to review past municipal practices regarding water access points and to report back with their findings.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. CLOSED MEETING

8. OPEN MEETING

9. NEXT MEETING

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Earl Manners, Chair

Maryann Martin, Clerk