



# PERCY LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JUNE 2023

Wednesday July 19, 2023 @ 6pm

Microsoft Teams meeting hosted by Peter Mills

Meeting Chair: Anna Tilman, President

Attendees: Peter, Anna, Koko, Lou, Ted, Bob and Brian. Regrets Jim

1. Anna called the meeting to order at 18:04
2. Minutes of previous board meeting (Jun 21, 2023)
  - Moved Lou, Seconded Peter. Approved

<https://plra.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/PLRA-June-2023-BoD-Minutes.pdf>

3. Treasurer's Report [Koko]
  - we are paid up on FOCA, CHA, CEWF
  - Insurance is paid in late Fall
4. Business items:
  - Membership  
41 versus 49 last year [Brian]  
~3 people have emailed asking if they had paid or not
  - Other  
Youth fishing trophies Jim reported the 2022 YFTs have been ordered from Varty. Ted or Brian will pick up when Jim says they are ready
  - Lake testing  
Brian has a test kit from FOCA/LPP MOEF; [Spring sample taken July 19]  
Anna [Mik] has a partial kit.  
We haven't yet heard from Jim Prince on Kennisis on training and status of new sampling process.
5. Wireless [Ted, Peter]

- EORN.ca & Minden have a monthly update agenda item. Ted circulated the latest information and noted it's pretty general. [Appended]
6. Roads [Ted]
- Ted has circulated an update on road resurfacing: North Curry to East Lake [another 3-6 weeks], #118 major improvement at West Gilford/Kennisis] to finish Aug 15, and sand removal and pothole repairs on the hill to Percy Lake. [Appended]
  - Webmaster to be contacted to see if the Roads, Cell Tower information can be added to Web page [Action Brian & Ted]
7. Upcoming meetings/events, preparation
- Golf Tournament [Bob]
    - Lou has circulated a trophy picture for comment [Appended]
    - Bob requested the contact information be added to the Web page [Action Brian & Bob]
  - August 19 - fishing tournament [Lou]
    - Information on Web site
  - August 19 – AGM
    - Location: weather permitting on the Spit; backup FIRA hall.
    - time 2pm
    - both Walt [Acting Mayor] and Councilor [Barry Boice] have indicated they will attend.
    - Suggestions on topics for them to Anna
8. Any Other Business
- (Bob) How are members elected to BoD
    - Open for nominations at AGM. Looking for representation along channel to dam; a lead on Lake testing.
9. Next board meeting date and location
- Probably a short one in advance of AGM, not scheduled yet.
10. Meeting adjourned at 19:12

## Appendices: Roads, EORN, Trophy

### Roads report

I met with Lynn Key, the Administrative Assistant for Public Works for about half an hour. She was very friendly and helpful, providing explanations on the various subjects I raised with her and sending me a follow up email the next day with additional information. I have been away most of the time since our meeting and still have to follow up with the Fire Department about a “shared fire pump” for Percy Lake and the Boat Launch (comes under the Parks Department, not Public Works).

I followed up today with an email to Dave Coulter, Operations Manager for the Public Works Department about the Roads issues. He called me within a minute of receiving my email - now that's good service! Dave has been with Dysart just over a year.

**Winter Sand removal** - Dysart tries to have this done prior to the July 1 long weekend. They were clearing Percy Lake Road on June 27, the day I went to meet with Public Works.

**Planned Road Resurfacing** (Capital projects vs routine repairs like cold patching potholes) - finding the details of the plans for 2023 is not an easy task, but Lynn showed me where to look at the Dysart web site. It is a bit of a "web mining" job! I have attached the 2023 Schedule. You may notice that the plans for Haliburton Lake Road were initially to resurface only from Ross Lake Road to East Lake Road (confirmed by Lynn), but they have extended the project all the way to North Curry Road, where the recent resurfacing work ended. This Haliburton Lake Road resurfacing is being done at the high level - Full Depth Reclamation, Granular A, Double Surface Treatment. Many culverts were replaced first, by the Township, and then Miller Paving took over. They have the contract to do all of the Roads capital work this year. Dave Coulter expects the Haliburton Lake Road work to be completed in the next 3 to 6 weeks. The end product will be the same as was done north of Fort Irwin, resulting in the "semi-rough" finish. The reason for this is that they use 5/8ths inch granular material as a topping - it is less costly and lasts longer than the finer aggregate material they used before. Dave Coulter emphasized that this allows Dysart to do more resurfacing at a lower cost. He said it holds up better against the significant amount of snow plowing they have to do in the winter.

**Routine Road Maintenance** (pothole patching, gravel road grading, etc) - this is handled by the Township. **Percy Lake Road** - the surface is generally in good shape, in my opinion, and I thanked them for that. But I pointed out two parts that need significant attention, in addition to the periodic potholes that appear: The first hill where Percy Lake Road branches off Haliburton Lake Road and, the last hill before Johnson Bay Road. The bottom of the Big Hill, at the corner, also needs attention. Dave Coulter said that they have inspected these areas and they are on the list for cold patching but Dysart has a very large number of potholes to fill on the 200 Kms + of surfaced roads they look after. He said his crews should be in our area next week doing cold patching. Rain / wet roads can prevent them from doing the patching work.

**More permanent repairs to the problem areas of Percy Lake Road** - Any repair of surfaced roads, beyond the routine cold patching, is normally of a capital nature and must be included in the Township's annual budget. The Budget process for the next year starts in August. So, we should raise any such issues with our councilor, Barry Boice.

## EORN report

Regarding the new **Cell Towers in our area**, I can't find any construction status update. There is no new update at EORN's web site.

The EORN executives made a presentation to the Haliburton County Council at its last meeting on June 28, however, some of its presentation was made in camera so there is no public report on that.

A generic stats report from EORN was included in the meeting Agenda package (see attached). It only shows very general progress on the Cell Gap Project in Haliburton County.

There was also a detailed "PowerPoint" presentation provided by EORN and included in the Council's Agenda package. It was presented to the Council by EORN's CEO, but it largely dealt with EORN's Cell Gap projects at a high level and in particular, site selection and approval processes, but no progress details about any specific new cell towers (also attached). Of the 260 new cell towers to be constructed under the Eastern Ontario Cell Gap project, close to 160 have been approved and released for construction. In Haliburton County, there will be 31 new towers. So far only 10 have been approved. So, the 3 that will serve Percy Lake and Haliburton Lake and have been approved already should be among

the first ones that will be completed in Haliburton County. All new cell towers have to be completed before the end of 2025. EORN's CEO told the Council that EORN will meet or beat that deadline.

The next Haliburton Council meeting is July 26.

I'll see if Rogers provides any cell tower construction updates, but don't hold your breath.

## Trophy sample

I gave my trophy guys a budget of around \$300.00 and they came back with this. it would actually be a gold cup with a black base or a gold cup with a rosewood base. Cost would be \$325.00 (taxes included) and the shields for the annual winners are around \$15.00 a year (just like the Bass trophy)



