

Grand Lake West Road Corporation Association

Minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting

Thursday 23 July, 2020, 18:30

Held virtually, using the Zoom account of Gaston Launier

Present: Mike Avon (Vice-President), Kevin Brady (Director, Executive), Gail Brown, Bonnie Carisse, Ann Croll (Treasurer), Rosaline Frith, Tony Frith, Camille Goure, Suzanne Goure, Karl Hansen, David Lafranchise (Secretary), Gaston Launier (Co-chair, Road Committee), James Levesque, Vinay Lodhi, Paul Migus, Pierre Phillion (Co-Chair, Road Committee), Rachel Prud'homme, Gillian Toll, Michael Toll (President)

Ground Rules: Michael laid out ground rules for this, our first virtual AGM. All participants were asked to mute their microphones. To raise a question or comment, participants were to raise a hand, or use the "chat" function. In case of votes, the Chair would ask those opposed to raise their hands. As the required quorum of members was not present, any proposed major expenditures would be discussed, but a separate vote would be taken by e-mail.

1. **Welcome and introduction of the Executive and any new members:** President Mike Toll welcomed members to the meeting, and introduced the Executive.
2. **Proxy registration:** Gary Seymour registered a proxy in favour of Tony Frith.
3. **Agenda adopted** on motion of David Lafranchise, seconded by Gail Brown.
4. **Minutes of 2018 AGM:** Approved on motion of Roseline Frith, seconded by Gill Toll.
5. **Road Report:** The Report for 2019-2020 (attached) was circulated before the meeting. The following points were raised during the discussion:
 - a. Speaking for the Road Committee, Gaston Launier noted that the Province was still processing the Association's application for payment of part of the cost of repairs after the major storm of October 2017.
 - b. Vinay Lodhi asked whether the theft of road material noted last year had stopped. Gaston replied that it had. It appears that the material may have been taken by the contractor who was working on the Malhotra cottage and used to repair damage to the road from the contractor's vehicles.
 - c. James Levesque asked what the plans were for ditching this year. Gaston replied that tests last year showed that ditching could be done most effectively by the grader. An extra \$1,000 has been budgeted this year for a special pass by the grader, to be done in September or later, as it will block the road for several hours.
 - d. Camille Goure asked about experience with the heating coil in the large culvert at Lac à Laurin (Clifford Lake). Gaston replied that as this spring was unusually mild, use of the coil was not required, so it has yet to be tested.
 - e. James Levesque noted the lack of a crown on parts of the road. Gaston replied that he meets the grader each time it comes and points out the areas where a crown is lacking. There will be some improvement when 15 additional loads of gravel are spread later this year. In other spots rock lies so close to the surface that improvement would require laying a lot of new gravel to raise the road, or rental of a machine to break up the underlying rock.

The Report was approved as submitted on motion of Rachel Prud'homme, seconded by Camille Goure.

6. Treasurer's Report: Ann Croll reviewed her Report (attached), which had been circulated in advance. There are now 64 members. All members pay \$50 towards winter maintenance (total \$3200), allowing occasional access, and 42 members pay for full use of the road in winter. Ann noted that \$3,400 of the money budgeted for maintenance in 2019-2020 was not required. This sum was moved to the Capital Fund, and means that we have now repaid all of the money taken from the Fund to repair the road after the storm of October 2017. Michael Toll noted that Ann had now served as Treasurer for 21 years. The Report was accepted on motion of Gaston Launier, seconded by Vinay Lodhi.

7. Waiving of requirement for an audit, as specified by By-Law 8, was approved on motion of Gill Toll, seconded by Roseline Frith.

8. Nominations: The current committee has agreed to serve another year. There were no nominations from the floor, though Pierre Phillion noted that if his house sells this year he will be leaving Grand Lake (and the Executive). The current Executive was acclaimed on a motion of Rachel Prud'homme, seconded by Suzanne Goure.

9. The annual Work Day will continue as scheduled on Sunday 16 August, meeting at the Forks at 09:30.

10. Other business:

a. Rachel Prud'homme noted the confusion caused for visitors and delivery trucks and possibly for emergency vehicles by the erratic numbering along the Vipond Road (e.g. 140 comes first, 119 is together with 149 after 128). Ann Croll suggested that the spur leading to Crolls and Hamiltons should have a separate name to avoid confusion. Rachel agreed to call the municipality.

b. Michael Toll noted that representatives of all the road associations around Grand Lake are to meet August 4 to ask Val-des-Monts to follow the lead of Cantley and two other municipalities and provide tax relief for properties that rely on private roads for access.

c. Mike Avon was concerned that the large hemlock at the foot of the first hill, blown over in a recent storm, remained in a precarious position and might fall onto the road. Gaston and Pierre agreed to look at it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 on motion of Gaston Launier seconded by Mike Avon.