

The Land Use and Regulatory Affairs portfolio is one that covers a rather broad spectrum that includes the liaison with the community, a working relationship with the Township of the Archipelago and an understanding of the Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw. Important to all of us at Pointe au Baril is the preservation of the environment as we know it and to embrace the limiting of development ensuring that our pristine hinterland is maintained for us and for generations to come.

The Official Plan (OP) is a work in progress that includes input from PaBIA that represents the members' desire to manage the development of the islands. There are strict guidelines as to what can be built, the size of the structures, type of the structures, severance rules and more to maintain and restrict the development within our island community. PaBIA's input on development is relayed through our Councillors and then presented to the TOA.

We monitor Applications to Amend the OP and question the validity of these applications. The question asked in every case is 'Does the application change the intent of the OP?' in order to see if development is tracking along within the guidelines as set out in the OP. Most instances are pretty straight forward and do not change the OP but rather are required to mitigate a specific situation not covered by the OP. There are others that are applications to change the OP or to exercise the desire to add to the OP thereby changing the intent. We take our role as your representatives very seriously and make sure that each and every application will not threaten the way we live in our wonderful island playground.

The Pointe au Baril Community forms a key to our enjoyment of the islands. We rely on the services that the community provides; contractors to build and work on our cottages, marinas for boat service and sales, grocery and hardware services and more. It is important that we work together so that all of us can enjoy the special place we have on the bay. The concerns of each are listened to and meetings coordinated as the need arises. An example of this is the waste issue from the past couple of years.

Waste management is a sensitive topic both for the permanent and seasonal residents and these past couple of years has seen change in this area. The MNR regulations prevent unlicensed operators from handling or transporting garbage and wastes which meant that our marinas no longer could accept our garbage. Last year was the first year where our trash could only be disposed of at the transfer station in PaB. The new compactors worked well especially with the help of the TOA employees who carried the garbage and recyclables from the dock to the compactors.

There was discussion as to the placement of these compactors this past fall and winter. The TOA passed around information and held open meetings to help determine the feelings of the community and the islanders. The three proposed locations were; the current location with some modification to the site to move it back some so that it is more off the road, behind the Liquor store or behind the trestle on the Shell side. The general consensus was that the current site offered the best of both worlds; water access for the islanders and road access for the local residents. The TOA will continue the practice of having employees at the dock to carry your trash to the compactors this summer.

In conclusion the object is for PaBIA to be proactive and help monitor situations as they arrive which affect the health of our community. This is our legacy to hold on to and pass down in the best possible condition as we can to the future generations of islanders. I would be happy to expand upon this and any other issue should you wish to have more information, thank you and have a great summer.