

President's Report to the MPHA Annual General Meeting 2019

Welcome

Hello fellow Parklanders and welcome to the 2019 MPHA AGM. On behalf of the Executive I would like to extend thanks to everybody that is able to join us today. The Executive met four times this year and I am happy to report we have had a very successful and quiet year. Although many of these items will be discussed in greater detail today, here is a breakdown of the Executive's action in 2018-2019.

Financial

I am happy to report that thanks to a relatively light winter for snow, we managed to stay almost exactly on budget! There were some adjustments made with gravel and brush clearing amounts over the summer to adjust for need, but with no major unexpected expenditures, we are in great shape and will be able to keep membership dues the same. We developed a solid plan for collection of unpaid dues, and I am happy to report we were able to recover most of them.

Road

Regular gravel and brush clearing were completed over the summer months, and although it was a light winter for snow, the freeze thaw cycle we experienced made passage on the road difficult at times. Thank you to all year-round residents as well as the winter cottagers for their patience while we worked with the contractor and conditions as best as we could. Unfortunately the unusual weather and temperatures left us with one of the worst spring thaws many have ever seen. The road became rutted and quite soft in places and we had no choice but to wait for it to fully thaw before attempting to repair. Some of this was no doubt caused by heavy truck traffic, and we ask all members to please consider this when making plans with contractors. We follow the same restrictions for weight in spring as the province and require all heavy traffic to be postponed until the restrictions are lifted. A special thank you to the year-round residents that helped when it was at its worst to create a temporary fix! Colin our contractor is working at repairing the holes and we will give special attention to the problem areas over the summer with gravel and grading.

Security / Entrance

With the recent break-ins in the area, the issue of security was high on the list of Executive items to address. It was decided to establish an "Entrance Committee" to evaluate and provide recommendations for security and overall appearance of our entrance. I am happy to report that we have installed trail cams in two locations as a test project that seems to be working well. We have also added a solar motion light at the garbage shed and are in the process of decluttering the entrance sign. Thank you to all who have worked on this!

Overall, we had a very successful year and it wouldn't be possible without the cooperation of members and Executive alike. I would encourage any members interested in helping out to serve on the Executive as there are always positions available. Thank you to the outgoing executive members, and to those staying on to serve for another term.

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