President’s Message
The postponement of the Annual General Meeting until August was made with the hopes of an in-person meeting, following current group gathering requirements. We are optimistic this will be allowed by the August date, however at this time it would limit participation to 50 members. Watch for a Newsflash in the next couple weeks. Covid-19 has become a focus in our day to day lives but it is important for member ratepayers to know the executive and members have been busy on many fronts:
1. Political. We continue to follow Council and committee meetings. In a recent telephone discussion with Mayor Burley he asked that I remind ratepayers of the streamed meetings and the ability to ask questions of Council in real time or since the meetings are on the web, later at your leisure. This is one method to ensure transparency while allowing for social distancing.
2. Governance. With our year ending on June 30 Nicole Egan completed her two-year term. We thank her for her time on Executive. Our bylaws allow the Board to appoint, on an interim basis, new directors. Three volunteers, Cal White, John Sojecki and Patric Sojecki have all been appointed on an interim basis until our AGM when the membership will vote. We have a motion, outlined in this Newsletter, to change the numbers required for quorum.
3. Propane group for members. Sherry Grant has taken the lead role in representing the Association and the details of the program follow.
4. Garden Tour in support of Grey Bruce Hospice/Chapman House. Sherry Grant and Marie Simpson have organized an event of benefit to the community. Many others have offered to host or volunteer and on August 8 we look forward to an excellent day. Thanks to all involved. Continued next page...
6. Water level information gathering including participation in Webinars.

As President, I would be remiss if I did not thank all ratepayer members for their contributions during the year. Your feedback is invaluable to the Board and helps direct our activities. I also thank the board members who are serving into next year. Marie Simpson – communications, Sherry Grant – secretary, Ernie Meili – treasurer (moving to Environmental Issues when Cal White takes over treasurer following AGM), and Marilyn White – membership.

......Ken McPherson, President

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

of the Island View Drive and Area Ratepayers Association is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday August 22** at the Kemble Arena. **There will be no refreshments served!** **Meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.** Bylaw Amendments will be presented and a vote taken on them. See the next page of the Newsletter for the details on the Bylaw amendments … this is an official notice of the bylaw changes, as required by provincial legislation.

We will speak on **HIGH WATER LEVELS ON GEORGIAN BAY**, in addition to general business. Township of Georgian Bluffs Council will be represented. Attend and keep informed.

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**ISLAND VIEW-SPARLINGS PROPANE GROUP UPDATE for 2020-2021**

Any members currently on the plan will receive a letter and automatically re-enroll. If you decide to unlock, you must contact Sparlings. Your membership fees must also be paid by September 1.

The **new** enrollees will receive a letter and a contract to sign. This contract must be signed and returned by September 1 in order to participate in the program.

- All existing Sparlings customers are eligible for the group rate
- A guaranteed locked in rate of .4899 cents per litre to June 30, 2021

If you would like to become a member of this propane group, please contact Sherry Grant sherrygt@hotmail.ca. Once your membership is confirmed, your information will be forwarded to Sparlings.

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**GEORGIAN BLUFFS BYLAWS**

There are existing bylaws on noise, fireworks, property standards etc. Go to [https://www.georgianbluffs.ca/en/township-services/by-laws.aspx](https://www.georgianbluffs.ca/en/township-services/by-laws.aspx). If you see a bylaw infraction, you can contact the Bylaw Enforcement Officer (BEO) at 519 376-2729 or by completing the complaint form at the link. If the complaint is deemed valid, the BEO will contact the property owner. If you think there is a serious infraction after work hours, or an illegal activity, then contact the OPP.

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“IVDAARA”

**Mail to:**
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Kemble, ON N0H 1S0

Please do not send cash in the mail.

You may also pay via **e-transfer** to:
Treasurer@islandviewraterpayers.com

Send a separate email with your membership information (name, address, phone) and password.

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☑ YES! Please renew my membership in the Island View Drive And Area Ratepayers’ Association for the time frame I have checked below. **My payment is enclosed.**

Name ___________________________________________ Phone _____________________

Address __________________________________________________________________

City/Town ____________________________________ Postal Code ________________

Email address (for newsletter and updates) ______________________________________

Check one: ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years @ $15 per year = TOTAL: $ ____________

President’s Message continued ....
NOTICE OF CHANGE TO BYLAW:

In accordance with the Ontario Corporations Act and our Bylaw #1, this notice lists the amendments which will be voted on at the next General Meeting August 22, 2020.

At a Board of Directors meeting, Marilyn White made the following motion to amend Bylaw #1:

Article III, 1. from “The number of directors shall be eight (8) whose term will be two (2) years.” to “The number of directors shall be a minimum of six (6), whose term of office shall be two (2) years, with half (three) being elected in consecutive years.”

Article VI, 1. from “Notice of any annual meeting, or general meeting, of the Corporation shall be given by ordinary mail addressed to the last known address of all members at least fifteen (15) days before the day set for such meeting.” changed to “Notice of any annual meeting, or general meeting, of the Corporation shall be given by ordinary mail or electronic notification, fifteen (15) days before the day set for the meeting.”

Article VII.1. – Officers of the Corporation, be changed from “There shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer or in lieu of a Secretary and Treasurer, a Secretary-Treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors may determine by by-law from time to time.” to “There shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and if the President is absent, the Executive can appoint a chair for the Board of Directors meeting.”

Article XIII, 1. Execution of Documents from “Deeds, transfers, licenses, contracts and engagements on behalf of the Corporation shall be signed by either the President, First Vice-President or Second Vice-President and by the Secretary and the Secretary shall affix the seal of the Corporation to such instruments as require the same.” to “Deeds, transfers, licenses, contracts and engagements on behalf of the Corporation shall be signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer and the Secretary shall affix the seal of the Corporation to such instruments as require the same.”

The Amendments to Articles III, VI, VII and XIII, as outlined, were unanimously accepted.

Marie Simpson made the following motion to amend Bylaw #1:

Article IV, to delete the sentence "Until varied by the Board of Directors, the annual fee for active members and associate members shall be four dollars;" Motion accepted.
GARDEN TOUR PROCEEDS TO THE

GARDEN TOUR SOLD OUT!

Due to the overwhelming response for tickets to the tour, we are now sold out. Tickets will NOT be available on August 8 at the gardens. Unfortunately we did not anticipate the demand and we had to cap the numbers due to safety and health unit restrictions. Thank you to all who bought tickets and supported us as we support the Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce and Chapman House!

BIG THANKS TO OUR GARDEN HOSTS!! And to our Volunteers.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

In addition, we thank all our other generous donors of the garden tour and Raffle Draws:

- Rob Thomas “A Taste of Metal”
- Home Depot Owen Sound
- Bayshore Feeds Owen Sound
- Coffin Ridge Winery
- Foodland Owen Sound
- Foodland Wiarton
- Sparlings Propane
- Pam Wilson
- No Frills Owen Sound
- Chris Wynn of Sutton-Sound Realty Inc
ISLAND VIEW RIDERS RAISE OVER $2,000 FOR Canadian Mental Health Association!

Our 7 member team representing the Island View Drive and Area Ratepayers Association held a very successful virtual Ride Don’t Hide this year. We raised $2,235.00 for CMHA making it the team with the 4th highest donation total in all of Grey-Bruce! We thank IVDAARA members and all the donors for their generous donations.

Well done and congratulations to our Team:

Sherry Grant, our Team Captain
Rob Brown
Kay Simpson
Jackie Terry
Duncan Ritchie
Ernie Mieli
Ken McPherson

And a special note to Ernie Mieli, who placed 6th in all of Grey-Bruce for the collection of individual donations. Great job Ernie!

Our team members walked and cycled, and at the end of the event, our Captain held a laneway “physically distanced” get-together for a group photo and refreshments.

As an aside, our Captain Sherry Grant, one of our IVDAARA Directors, was lucky enough to win a children’s bicycle in the Ride Don’t Hide random draw. This bike was then given to Kathy Dwyer, a representative of Keystone Family Services, which held a random draw to give the bike to a deserving child.
WATER LEVELS ADVOCACY

In the spring newsletter we provided links to websites that would give our members access to up to date information on current and forecasted water levels and the factors that affect water levels on Georgian Bay. As a follow up, below you will find a copy of a Draft Letter that was developed by the Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation, as well as the email addresses of our MP and MPP. Additionally, at this link are the Federal and Provincial agencies that are involved in making decisions regarding management of the water flows in and out of Georgian Bay. Consider sending a copy to some of those agencies and/or to our MP and MPP. You could use the draft letter as a template to create your own or use it in its original form by copying and pasting.

Dear Member of Parliament

I am sending you this letter to express my concern over current “crisis” high water levels on the middle Great Lakes. Our government agencies are trying to blame this entirely on the weather but in fact the levels data and satellite imagery tells another story and points to decreased conveyance capacity in the St. Clair River so that water is simply not able to flow out of Lakes Michigan/Huron and Georgian Bay. However, I am concerned about the lack of action on the part of our political leadership to reduce these levels through existing methods such as reducing inflows into Lake Superior from the Long Lac-Ogoki Diversion and increasing outflows through the Lake Michigan Diversion at Chicago. I understand that using these diversion canals will only reduce extreme levels by a moderate amount, but we need any help that we can get now! We want all options to be implemented.

I ask you to formally request the Ontario government and Ontario Power Generation to immediately temporarily reduce the discharges from the Long Lac and Ogoki diversion. Further, I ask you to request that the US State Department work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to increase temporarily the Chicago diversion immediately. These measures would provide relief for all the Great Lake’s current high water level conditions. Furthermore, both Americans and Canadians want the International Joint Commission to establish an international working committee that includes riparian representatives to assess unreported changes that have been occurring in the St. Clair – Detroit River system. We need our governments and their agencies to focus their attention on ensuring that the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River system is more resilient to climate extremes over the remainder of this century. Our Great Lakes need this emphasis today.

Sincerely,

MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound:
Alex.Ruff@parl.gc.ca

MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound:
bill.walkerco@pc.ola.org
Bike Safety & News

For a myriad of reasons, whether it be because of the pandemic or for transportation, health or recreation, you have likely noticed more cyclists on the roads and trails this season. With more riders, many new to the road and trails, a refresher on road safety and some related news seems timely.

Bike Safety

• A bicycle is considered a vehicle and must obey all traffic laws and signals

• Lights are required when riding at night

• A bell or horn in working order is mandatory

• **Helmets are strongly recommended for all ages but are required by law for all riders under 18**

• On multi-use trails pedestrians have priority, let other trail users know politely that you are approaching or passing

Share the Road

The Share the Road Cycling Coalition is a provincial cycling advocacy organization working to build a bicycle-friendly Ontario. It works in partnership with municipal, provincial and federal governments, the business community, road safety organizations and other non-profits to:

• Enhance access for bicyclists on roads and trails

• Improve safety for all bicyclists

• Educate citizens on the value and importance of safe bicycling for healthy lifestyles and healthy communities.

Bright yellow ‘Share the Road’ bumper stickers can be picked up at local bike shops and some municipal offices. Their purpose is to help remind drivers that bicycles have the same obligations and rights as vehicles and are entitled to the use of the same road lanes; this is especially important where there are no designated bike lanes, a far too common situation on the roads and streets of Grey and Bruce Counties.

Resources and Links

For suggested cycling routes: [https://www.ontariobybike.ca/great-places-to-cycle](https://www.ontariobybike.ca/great-places-to-cycle)

To obtain information and a toolkit to advocate for cycle safety and improved cycling conditions - [sharetheroad.ca](http://sharetheroad.ca)
As of July 29, 2020 our current active membership stands at 239 families. But with 151 in payment arrears. Please note, our current calendar year runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. We encourage you all to keep your membership active and up to date.

To pay Island View Drive and Area Ratepayers’ Association fees by Electronic Transfer send $15 (and a password in separate email To treasurer@islandviewratepayers.com)

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Thank you!

REPORTS, COMING EVENTS &c

Canada Day pics

A NOTE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

In order to keep our organization strong we need the financial support of our members. Please pay your dues. A reminder also that only current members are eligible for the IVD-Sparlings Propane Group. If you are in arrears, you must pay before September 1, 2020.

FUTURE PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

We would like to look into additional discounts and/or incentives from local businesses that would benefit or interest our membership. Our Island View-Sparlings Propane Group was such a success, could there be other opportunities available to us? If you are interested, please help us out, and volunteer for this initiative by contacting info@islandviewratepayers.com

EVENTS

http://islandviewratepayers.com/events/calendar/

- Saturday August 22 IVDAARA Annual General Meeting at the Kemble Arena. Meeting starts at 9:00 am. No refreshments will be served. Bylaw changes upcoming; check out Newsletter pages 2 and 3.
- Longest Yard Sale CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR.

POP CANS

Pop cans are still collected at the Davidson Pop Can Depot #515129 Grey Road 1 for recycling and donation to the Shriners’ Hospital for Children.

POP TABS

Are collected at the Big Bay General Store for the Legion wheelchair project.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Bank Balance from July 1 2019:
$ 2489.00
Revenue from members’ fees since July 2019:
$ 2950.00
Total Expenses (AGM, sign, printing, mailings, website, ON-CORP, arena rental, insurance):
$ 1832.58
Bank Balance as of June 30, 2020:
$ 3606.46

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Thank you!