



## LONG POINT BEACH PUBLIC ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, December 12, 2011

The following are the Minutes of the Long Point Beach Public Access Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday December 12, 2011 at 1 p.m. at County Adm Building, 50 Colborne St. S., Simcoe, Ontario – Committee Room "A".

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Betty Chanyi, Councillor (Chair)  
Darlene Homeniuk, Member-at-Large  
Lisa Livingston, Member-at-Large  
Jackie Baker, Member-at-Large  
Stefanie Carroll, Member-at-Large  
Ed DuDomaine, Long Point Ratepayers' Association Rep.  
Bill Allman, Resident of Long Point  
Brian Craig, Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation Rep.  
Sherry Pineo, Ministry of Natural Resources, Representative  
Al Freeman, Long Point County Chamber of Commerce  
Roger Geysens, Councillor

County Staff: Chris Baird, Planning & Economic Development Dept.  
Keith Robicheau, County Manager  
Dennis Travale, Mayor, ex-officio. (first part only)  
Bill Cridland, Public Works & Environmental Services Dept.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/REGRETS:** Authority Rep.  
Eric D'Hondt – Public Works Environmental Services  
Zvonko Horvat, OPP Inspector

**ALSO PRESENT:** 13 observers

Betty Chanyi opened the meeting by advising all present that brainstorming has been done trying to discover all and any solutions to the problems at Long Point. Issues and concerns and guiding principles have been established. Brainstorming means that you suggest ideas, whatever you think. Nothing is judged. What follows are the pros and cons of suggestions. We have examined Old Cut and Hastings Boulevard providing some solutions but what is needed is something permanent that provides a long term solution. What is going to fulfill the mandate? What will make a visit to Long Point positive experience for all? Five emails have been received from persons concerned about the possibility of Old Cut utilization. Please note, all these topics are for brainstorming and no decisions have been made. Decisions made by this committee will be for the good of all of Long Point, not just Woodstock, Beach or Erie, but all areas of Long Point. The decisions of the committee will be presented to Council as suggestions for helping to address the concerns and issues at Long Point, because the committee is an advisory body only.

1. DISCLOSURE OF A PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None reported

2. ADOPTION/CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Committee dated November 24, 2011, having been distributed to all members of Committee, and there being no errors reported, were there upon approved.

Ed moved to accept minutes, all voted in favour.

Carried

3. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

- A) Name of Presentation/Deputation - N/A  
Donna Hudson, 52 Beach Ave., Long Point sought leave to speak. (See attached document that was forwarded by Betty via e-mail). Ms. Hudson is concerned that her cottage location is very congested already. There are safety issues (bottle neck traffic, etc.). If the parking is changed to Old Cut, who would monitor it? The Park closed the boat ramp years ago. As well, people are still leaving trash. One drum is not enough. Need more garbage cans and toilets.

A Motion was moved to receive Donna Hudson deputation as information.

Carried:

4. New Business

- A) **Health & Social Services Council Report #HS 10-27 Beach Monitoring Program** was circulated by Betty/Colleen.
- B) **Traffic Count Analysis - 2011 vs 2010** – During 2011, 3 traffic counts were done for an average of 2,429 visitors a day. The time frame was unknown or if the counts were on weekends or long weekends. Bill C presented info supplied by Jeff D.
- C) **Quantify number of overnight tourists vs local & day use tourist (C. Baird)**  
Note: Lisa has forwarded this information to all via email.
- E) **Number of washrooms at appropriate locations** (F. Sams not present)  
Deferred to next meeting
- F) **Plot out areas that the County owns (C. Baird & B. Cridland)**. Every four years, in April, a flyover is performed by the LPRCA, MNR, and Norfolk County. Norfolk County has done it 3 times since 2001. Last mapping in 2010. Chris provided an overview of the mapping of the area.  
– Email has been sent to Chris and Bill to confirm below information is correct:  
Private Lot 107 & 109 Erie  
Harmony Lane County

County owned access point between Lot 47 & 49 Woodstock  
County owned access point between Lot 137 & 139 Woodstock  
County owns Abigail Becker Pkwy  
County owns access point between 53 & 55 Beach Ave  
End of Sandy Lane to Provincial Park  
Old Cut and Small Provincial Park  
Open lots between 281 & ~~284~~ 289 MNR?  
Old Cut Blvd & Dickenson MNR Land  
County Property across from Winston on North side  
Winston between 97 & 99 and Between 115 & 117 Brant Pkwy

Sherry Pineo from MNR pointed out the mapping did not indicate the lakeshore is MNR Property (Crown Land). The County is describing this area as public beach.

**Note regarding the Public Lands Act (PLA). Section 3.4 A & B**

Sherry said that public land policy 3.4 of Public Lands Act is a policy to guide for shoreline recreation. Any recommendations that go to Council from this Committee will then go to MNR for comment.

**B) Linear Meters of Parking spaces (C. Baird & B. Cridland)**

- Past Bubs, between civic address 278 - 300 Erie measured 239 metres.  
Using 7 metres per vehicle = 28 vehicles
- North side of Erie Pike to Buck between civic address 154-232 measured 893 metres. 128 vehicles
- Total approx. -158 vehicles

It was noted that trees were removed to allow for the widening of shoulders for free parking. The road allowance along this section of road is 66 ft. not 100 ft. Bill C noted that there were no formal discussions with MNR or any other agency for the creation of the shoulders along the marsh as Norfolk County did not feel that it was necessary at that time when creating the new parking.

Heather S. LPRCA advised that if additional parking and road allowance were to be created, it would have to be reviewed by the LPRCA in order to determine impact on Wetlands.

Ed –noted that we should decide on vehicle capacity for Long Point especially in the event of a fire, medical emergency, major flood or storm. Also identify vehicle locations.

- C) Canada Wildlife (CW) & County Meeting – Nov. 25 - re Norfolk County property on Hastings. Bill C attended the meeting and confirmed the Norfolk County survey is accurate with Canada Wildlife.**  
Numerous encroachment issues with respect to county/cottagers need to be dealt with at a later date. He sought clarification from CW on how to handle encroachments and he is waiting for response. Report to go to Council in May, 2012.

- D) **Number of spaces on other land re: removing parking on north side of Erie C. Baird & B. Cridland)**
- MNR lot on Old Cut could hold approx. 75 vehicles as stated by Chris B & Bill C. Sherry's estimate of 75 cars confirmed this. Walking distance from MNR lot on Old Cut to beach is 2,330 feet and from Old Cut to New Park entrance is 1500 feet. The Old Cut MNR parking lot is sometimes used by the Bird Observatory.
  - South side of road in front of Old Provincial Park measures 1,300 ft and about 60 cars could go there. There is a slight curve in the road to consider. Also consider camping trailers trying to access the park entrance, traffic congestion, etc.
  - Parking along this section might encourage tourists/visitors to walk through campsites.
  - There are roads in the park that people could walk on
  - Sherry advised that the Park would want to comment on the above.
  - Construction and levelling of ground is underway at the Old Provincial Park. Sherry to try and obtain information on what is happening, i.e. washroom facilities, more parking?
  - Norfolk County staff noted that the cost of creating additional parking spaces can range from \$500.00 to \$20,000.00 depends on where, how many spaces

E) **Proposal (D. Homeniuk) – regarding Parking Issues**

Darlene moved to discuss and vote on entire package proposal

DEFEATED:

Darlene moved to discuss and vote on each item individually.

#1 – To be discussed and voted on at a later date

# 2 - New text is : Maintain By-law officers at the August 2011 level and ticket vehicles that are parked illegally.

CARRIED:

# 3 - Direct day use beach goes to the Long Point Provincial Parks.

CARRIED:

# 4 – Remove all finger access signs on Erie Blvd.

CARRIED:

# 5 – Norfolk County to consult with Partners on the existing electronic sign at the north end of the causeway to also advertise concerns of litter, etc.

CARRIED:

# 6 & 7 –To maintain the status of the present committee for one year that the Committee would be responsible for assessing the success of the committee's recommendation to council.

CARRIED:

**General Business/Reports.**

- 1) **Review Excel Templates for Pros and Cons.** Lisa presented Pro & Cons template to allow the Committee to formulate decisions with respect to finger signs on Erie. The above approved motion to remove finger signs from Erie Blvd will be reflected in the updated template to be emailed with revisions.
- 2) **Phase 1 Presentation to Council Dec 13?** It was decided to go to Council Jan. 16 and meet to get our package ready Jan. 9 and have backup meeting on Jan 13.
- 3) Next meeting January 9, discuss pros and cons and solutions regarding parking – for example removing new area/altering it/moving to another location.
- 4) Darlene requested that approx. \$20,000.00 be set aside for the 2012 budget. Roger G felt that \$20,000.00 should not be a problem depending on what is actually required.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A) Five emails were received by the Committee.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS/NOTES**

- 1) Ed Motion – That Ontario Parks to monitor the available usage for their 2012 season and provide the statistics in the Fall 2012.
- 2) Ed questioned when the tourist guides and brochures were to be printed and if we would meet the deadline for any recommendations. Chris Baird said that they are working on the brochures for May distribution. Chris advised that he has directed staff to hold off until this Committee's report goes to Council and Council decides on whether to allow beach access signs etc. to be removed from mapping etc.
- 3) Lisa – asked Norfolk County to emphasize directing visitors to the park on tourism printed materials, remove access points. Chris B – agreed and is working towards that goal.
- 4) Roger G - stated he thought we were working towards positive solutions; however, parking issues had the most potential to be contentious at Council.
- 5) Sherry P - to get statement from Parks on what is available and future parking potential.
- 6) Chris B – maybe limited parking (e.g. 2 hours) would be a solution.
- 7) Lisa – concerned with garbage in March.
- 8) Bill A –felt that it was important to refer to all cottagers in Long Point not just those of specific areas as we all have the same vested interest. All agreed
- 9) NC to supply projector at next meeting

7. CLOSED "IN-CAMERA" SESSION

A) (None)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ed D  
THAT we do now adjourn at 4 p.m. this closed meeting.

Carried:

9. DATE, TIME, LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Monday January 9, 2012 from 1pm – 5pm. County Adm Building, Simcoe  
January 13<sup>th</sup> was scheduled as a back-up from 1pm – 4pm

  
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Councillor Betty Chanyi  
Chairman