

BALSAM CHUTES ROAD ASSOCIATION



Spring 2019 Newsletter

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President's Message – Jason McBride

Hello everyone. Following many years of dedication to the Balsam Chutes Road Association, Lawrence Stevenson resigned as President and Director, at last year's AGM. After several discussions and the support of the other directors, I volunteered to fill the role as Interim President. I want to thank Lawrence for all of his hard work and years of service as Director, Secretary and President.

As you know, the Road Association and (Volunteer) Board of Directors, has three main objectives. Our first objective is to collect road fees from all residents (permanent and seasonal). Our second objective is to maintain the road, using the fees collected, and make improvements when possible.

Our third objective is one that all of us, as residents, can be a part of. That is to build a sense of community. Whether it is an organized event or an impromptu barbeque.... A welcome wagon (as suggested at the 2018 AGM) or a road cleanup party, everyone is welcome and invited to be proactive. Our Facebook page is there to share information, so feel free to use it for positive communication. We also continue to have a website and the Board of Directors can be contacted through it, for more personal matters. Please keep in mind that we are volunteers, and although our email is monitored, responses may not be immediate.

My personal goal, as Interim President, is to work with my fellow directors, to complete some of the tasks that have been discussed over the past few years. One task that will help with drainage is the culvert campaign. Residents will have the opportunity to have their driveway culverts updated. Most of us have metal culverts, and quite a few

of them are either rusted, bent, or at the wrong height. We will be working on the details over the next few board meetings.

Another item is to put a coordinated effort into early Spring road repairs. We will be assessing the damage, and repairs needed, once the ice and snow have fully melted which we all hope is very soon.

If you have already paid your road fees, thank you. If you haven't, please do so. The money that is collected now, will help to dictate what maintenance and repairs will be scheduled for this season. An increased number of people have been using the e-transfer option, which seems to be working very well. If for any reason, you did not receive an invoice for this year, please contact us through the website or at admin@balsamchutes.com

In closing, it was great to see such a great turnout to last year's AGM. We will be setting a date for this year, shortly and I hope to see even more people attend this year!

Best Regards,

Jason

2018/2019 Board of Directors

Jason McBride –President
Cindy Warby – Treasurer
Linnea Barfoot – Secretary
Luke Seward-Director
Jake Provost-Director
Sylvia Iden-Director
Steve Crowell-Director

Road Clean-Up

We have not scheduled a road clean-up for this Spring, however, residents are encouraged to pick up waste if you are out for a stroll. This is our community. A little effort from all of us, will go a long way.

Fees

As discussed and voted on at BCRA AGM in 2018 road fees will remain the same for occupied lots at **\$300.00**, and for vacant lots, at **\$200.00**.

Collections – Treasurer’s Report

Please remember to pay your fees on time. 2019 payment was due in March. We all have a legal obligation as a home owner on a private road to pay for road maintenance. We have sought legal advice and discussed this issue many times with other private road associations as well.

As our residents in “good standing” percentage continues to increase, we still have residents that are behind or choose to not pay. We all want a road to be proud of, and yes, we have all had financial hardship at one time. It is not fair to increase fees on the road because some residents do not pay.

We would like to continue to work with you. If you are behind or not sure of account status, we are happy to offer a **payment plan** (weekly, monthly etc.) to assist you in getting up to date. Of course we will keep all information confidential.

We continue collection action using an outside agency, as a last resort. Although they have been quite successful in collecting outstanding fees, the collection agency keeps the first 40% of what they collect, so we are not getting full payment. Please pay your fees when due so that we can continue to maintain our road and make improvements. **This Spring, if we have not heard from you, we will again enlist an outside service to collect outstanding road fees.** This could affect your credit rating.

Speeding

Please slow down and watch out for children, pets and animals. Kindly, remind your guests to do the same. Following the posted speed limit of 30km/hr. will also help keep the road in better shape-which will in the long run save you money! Lawn signs will once again be available for purchase, this year. If you are interested, please contact a Director, or email admin@balsamchutes.com.

Garbage

Please remember to put out your garbage and recycling the morning of collection day. We do not want to feed the animals our leftovers. Weekly garbage collection will commence May 9, 2019 through October 24, 2019.

Have a safe and relaxing summer everyone! We hope to see you at the AGM.

