

# Nestle Trail Association History & Constitution

a.k.a. North East Stormy Lake Road Association, North East Stormy Lake Cottagers Association, North East Stormy Association

## History

North East Stormy Lake Road was opened in the late 50s however 1970 is earliest reference in the minutes and books on hand. Association responsibility initially ended at #18 (now 1419). The road was referred to as 'our problem child'. In 1970 dues were set at \$10 and doubled when the bills came in. It was stipulated that use of the road be restricted to paid-up members of the Association, their family and friends.

The road crossed a 100-acre parcel of private land owned by Mike Collins described as Lot 31, Concession 12, Glamorgan Township, Deed No. 39219. In 1978 he legally granted permanent right of way to the Association via Deposit No. 100981. In 1989 he offered to sell the 100 acres to the Association for \$45,000. In 1990 he revised the offer to 80 acres, keeping 20 acres within 800 feet of Concession 12 (now Alsop Road) to provide 2 lots for his family members. The Association decided not to proceed with the offer. He died in 2005 granting a life interest to Vince Billings. In 2007 the Collins estate bought out the life interest and the land was sold to the Thompsons who have a cottage on Nestle Trail.

Since the late 70s the Association has maintained the 2.3-km road from the Township culvert at Alsop Road to the point where the last two driveways split. Initially winter users organized and paid for plowing. In 1994 the Association started collecting a winter fee from winter users and paid for plowing. In 1999 the Association eliminated the winter fee. Now all owners share all costs of year round access.

Implementation of the 9-1-1 emergency response system in 2004 necessitated a road name change to Nestle Trail, subsequently adopted by the Association.

## Constitution

This started as a simple document created in 1989 under the name North East Stormy Lake Cottagers Association. It needs regular review and updating so it can be a helpful guide to future members and executives.

### **Association Objectives**

Use the funds raised by membership fees set annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to maintain Nestle Trail to a reasonable standard for private year round use by Association members, family, friends, and emergency vehicles.

The Association was instrumental in the formation of the Stormy Lake Association in 2006 and is committed to its long term support and success.

To facilitate social interaction among its members, their families and guests.

### **Executive**

Executive positions are elected for two-year terms.

**President:** oversees all Association matters, chairs the AGM, and is the first point of contact to address membership issues.

**Secretary:** generates and distributes all correspondence including AGM agenda and minutes.

**Treasurer:** Maintains a chequing account for operation of the Association and a \$1,000 interest-bearing emergency fund when possible. Keeps a set of books on a Fiscal year basis from May to April. This position may be combined with Secretary.

**Road Committee:** The above executives plus the past president plus a permanent resident if available.

### **Member Obligations**

Remit each annual fee set by the membership. Non-paying owners are considered enriching themselves at others expense and the Association is authorized to place a lien on the property.

Meet the conditions and terms of the Grant of Right of Way. Limit heavy vehicle use during spring half-load bans and at any other time when road conditions make it susceptible to damage. Members responsible for heavy vehicle wear and tear are requested to voluntarily make an additional contribution to the Association.

Every member is expected to maintain the portion of Nestle Trail that passes their property by trimming weeds, pruning overhanging branches, clearing sight lines around curves, filling pot holes and collecting litter. Make sure to throw natural debris well clear of the ditches so as not to effect drainage and snow storage.

Each member is also expected to participate in the annual road work party held on the Sunday morning of the August long weekend. The work party will complete the above tasks along the first 1.3 km from Alsop Road. In addition the work party will remove problem trees, dig out culverts, create ridges and runoff trenches on hills, and improve ditching. If a member can't attend they are asked to contribute a couple of hours work preferably before the work party.

**NOTE:** the runoff trenches on hills need to be refreshed after each drag or grading. These trenches get the water off the road instead of letting it run down the road. This can eliminate much of the erosion damage done by heavy rains.

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Held at 10:00 a.m. on the Sunday of the Victoria Day long weekend. A Quorum is present when seven or more paid up members are represented. One vote per membership fee. Suitable Proxies accepted.

### **Guideline Agenda**

- Roll Call and Introduction of new members
- Minutes of last meeting - read, discuss, amend & approve
- Business arising from the Minutes
- Treasurer's Report for Prior Year - discuss, amend & approve
- Elections - President or Secretary and possibly Treasurer
- Winter Road Issues - plowing, sanding, wing backs
- Summer Road Issues - maintenance, culverts, ditching, crowning, gravel, widening, signage, rock/log removal...
- Annual Barbecue - date & place
- Stormy Lake Association Update - Issues & Events
- New Business
- Constitution Review
- Setting of the Annual Road Fee
- Adjournment