



# LOON CALL LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION

FALL-WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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*Here's an update on some of the things that the Association has been dealing with in 2013*

**The Regatta and Corn Roast:** This year's regatta led by the incomparable Scott Phillips was again a success. So was the Corn Roast, this year organized by Mike Lewkowitz with Don Green providing the lights and Syd Bowcott leading the cooking team. Because we had a normal (if slightly wetter) summer, we were able to have a fire. Thanks to Roger Katwick, our Fire Marshall who kept the fire going well past midnight.

**Donation to the North Kawartha Food Bank:** This year we were unable to generate prizes interesting enough to support a raffle. Instead we donated \$300, of which \$150 comprised cash donations made at the Corn Roast and \$150 from the Association. We also collected several bags of food. Thanks to all who contributed. Next year we have commitments from several people to provide prizes (e.g. Ann Keller will be providing a Quilt) so we will have a raffle in 2014. Let us know if you have something that you think is worth raffling.

**Lake Status:** Loon Call Lake had very good Secchi disc readings this summer and the now available calcium levels and pH readings discovered in MNR fisheries files indicate that we are very likely zebra mussel resistant. A zebra mussel veliger and spiny water flea sample was taken in August. Details will be given at the next Annual General Meeting.

**Welcome Package:** The package will be a two-step process. The first would be a letter welcoming the new arrivals to the Lake. The letter would briefly summarize our mandate, and mention the AGM and Regatta and Corn Roast issuing an invitation to any immediately upcoming events. It would also mention the appropriate Road Committee and contact person.

The letter (by snail mail) would include a list of the executive and introduce the area director indicating that he or she would be in touch with a package of material. The Area Director would then set up a visit to the new arrival's cottage, normally with a member of the executive, and present and explain a package that would include:

1. The previous years minutes;
2. Invitations to upcoming events;
3. Tips for Cottaging lightly including the new noise guideline of 11:00 pm; and,
4. The Rental Posters prepared by the Cottagers of Haliburton Association.

The rental posters (attached) supplement our tips and focus on septic tank use.

**Septic Tanks:** Next year the Township of North Kawartha will take on the responsibility of septic tank inspection. As of the time of writing, the Township has not decided on whether to contract the responsibility out or to do it itself. Nor are we sure of the level of inspection that will be required. We are advocating the highest level of inspection, namely inspection after a tank has been drained and washed so that any cracks can be seen. We expect inspections to start next year and be spread over a number of years with the focus initially being on older tanks.

**History Project:** the History project continues and we are now in the process of editing the 24 page text of a very preliminary first draft. The draft was written by Jim Hartog, Lenore Pressley, Carolyn Smith-Green, Syd Bowcott, Helen Yielding and Malcolm Martini. The material was based on MNR data; local history sources; write-ups by Frank Baehr, Elke Heidemann, Bill McRae, Jessie Petrie, Jerry Waterall and Helen Yielding; and, interviews with the Burns, Dunkley, Guyatt, and Mason families. We have interviewed a

few people from outside of the Lake and looked at published material about the area. These contributions will ultimately be supplemented with material promised in interview or write-up form from Sean and Olive Carey, Glenn Greer, Franz Mueller and others as well new material developed over the summer. You are welcome to add your piece. This material will be included (we can help with editing) in the final document. If you'd like to make a contribution or have any questions please contact one of the executive or your director.

In the meantime we will be sending out the preliminary draft, without pictures or charts before Christmas. We will point out areas in which we know there are gaps and we hope that you can help us to fill them in. Beginning in the spring of 2014, we will seek to fill the gaps through further interviews and research. Abby Green has agreed to help us with this work. Our objective is to publish a final draft by this time next year...2014.

**Floating Cottages:** The new zoning by-law does not address the issue of floating cottages. Furthermore the Ontario Municipal Board has refused to hear cases related to this subject as the matter is before the courts. It may be sometime before we hear about this. In the meantime, Paul Smith, our newly re-appointed Park Superintendent indicated to us in 2012 that before he would allow such a development he would seek an environmental assessment.

**FOCA:** This year's annual fall FOCA meeting included an address by Bob Sanford. Bob has major credentials in the effects of climate change on hydro-climate water change. Bob's full CV is on the FOCA website, <http://www.foca.on.ca> along with an interview with FOCA director Terry Rees. Sanford has a scary message on climate change. He notes that all regions of Canada, not just the seashores, "*will be affected in one way or another by the loss of Arctic sea ice and diminishing snowpack and snow cover in northern Canada. These changes will weaken the jet stream which, as we are already seeing, will allow the movement of warm and cold fronts into places in which they don't often go and do not normally stay. It is this emerging pattern that appears to be causing heat waves and droughts to persist far*

*longer and more widely.*"

But flooding, he notes, is not the only worry. Of equal concern is "*the increased mobilization of contaminants that inevitably occurs as a consequence of big storms.*" It has been shown that the more frequent storms from the Gulf of Mexico "*can mobilize up to 10,000 times more E. coli from manure left on farm fields than the thunderstorms that have historically been the main source of summer precipitation in the region.*

Sanford stresses that "*the extreme events we can expect in the future are not likely to be just more intense than what we are experiencing now, but as much as an order of magnitude more severe. We are still planning as though climate change will have linear effects when it is becoming clear that what we will face will be logarithmic in nature.*

That said Sanford believes that "*there is a great deal we can do personally to protect ourselves, our families, our property, and our communities from variability in water supply and quality and more frequent and intense extreme weather events.* He notes that little things like "*ensuring that eaves troughs do not concentrate water where it will cause flooding*" and "*natural landscaping designed to absorb water can also help greatly*". He adds that "*Perhaps the most important adaptation is not to build in harm's way.*"

Finally Sanford refers to this June's flooding in Alberta. He says "*We learned five things from the flooding in Alberta in the spring of 2013. We learned that our flood prediction systems were inadequate; we learned that our flood maps were out of date; that adaptation to climate change is going to be more expensive than we thought; that all of civil society will have to participate in change; and that what we saw in June is likely what we are going get more frequently in the future. Jurisdictions across Canada would be wise to give the lessons learned in Alberta full consideration.*

A reminder, as a member of FOCA you are entitled to a free one-year membership in the Canadian Canoe Museum.

**Our Website:** A reminder, again, that we have a website managed by Erin Billingham. We post all of our material as well as that provided by FOCA on this

site. It is also possible to upload pictures. The website address is:

<https://sites.google.com/site/looncalllake/home>.

## Have a Wonderful Winter and Holiday Season

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