



LOON CALL LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION

FALL-WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Here's an update on some of the things that the Association has been dealing with in 2014

The Regatta and Corn Roast: This year's regatta led by the incomparable Scott Phillips was again a success. So was the Corn Roast, again this year organized by Mike Lewkowitz with Don Green providing the lights and Syd Bowcott and Francois Collat 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.



Francois Collat at the BBQ

Donation to the North Kawartha Food Bank:



Dee Bowcott, Ann Keller & Ute Lewkowitz in front Ann's Quilt

Thanks to Ann Keller's wonderful quilt, we were able to collect \$430 in raffle ticket sales and donations. Thank you all for your donations.



Malcolm & Carolyn with Daphne Ingram at the Food Bank

Lake Environmental Status: In May, the annual total phosphorus and calcium level samples were taken and shipped to be processed in Dorset. In August, three

areas of the lake were sampled for zebra mussel larva (veligers) and spiny water flea, both invasive species. These samples are processed by OFAH in Peterborough. Secchi disc readings were taken throughout the cottage season but the results were not as good as last year with some measurements below 4 metres at the beginning and the end of the season.

Love Your Lake: At the last AGM, we were given a presentation on the Love Your Lake Program. This is a program sponsored by the Lakeland Alliance in association with the Canadian Wildlife Association. Its purpose is to identify a “picture of the current state and health of the lake’s shoreline.” It provides a confidential assessment of each property to owners participating in the survey. The surveys are confidential with no one other than the surveyor and the owner sharing the survey. Further, if you do not want your shoreline assessed, it won’t be. And, you don’t have to implement the recommendations if you don’t want to. Your executive, prompted by a positive response at the AGM and after, has decided to ask for a Love Your Lake Assessment. We will provide further information to you early next year.

Park Walks: Led by Travis Cameron, the Park Biologist, the Park launched two interpretive programs. The first involved moving turtles hatched from eggs laid on the shoulder of Anstruther Lake Road back to the adjacent swamp of their mother’s origin.. The second was a guided walk showing identifying the different species of trees in



Recently Hatched Turtles about to be Transferred back to their Home Swamp

the Park. Both events were well attended and we are hoping that they will continue next year.

Cottage Tips Update: Dave Pressley has updated our cottage tips. It includes some numbers to phone when you have noise problems. In that regard we would remind that the executive has no legal powers to enforce any guidelines or by-laws.

Septic Systems and Our Lake: A septic system is designed to treat a set volume of wastewater. Every time water goes down the drain into your septic tank, the same amount of liquid leaves the tank and enters the leaching bed. This sewage is broken down by millions of bacteria and enzymes in your septic tank and soil within the leaching bed. That bacteria is harmed or killed by (1) cleaning products that are antibacterial, non biodegradable (including those with phosphates), chlorine based and or/full of toxic materials; and (2) hazardous products like varnish, paint, pesticides and gasoline. Septic systems are designed to remove contaminants such as organic solids, bacteria and viruses, but not to prevent the release of nutrients such as phosphates. Phosphates can negatively impact water quality and cause algae blooms and increased growth of aquatic plants. The importance of using biodegradable, non-toxic shampoos, detergents, soaps and cleaners cannot be overstressed. Many products in your cottage are loaded weapons and should not be put down your septic system or USED IN THE LAKE! The use of products with phosphorus and/or phosphates should be kept to a minimum if used at all. Many dishwasher and laundry detergents are phosphate free. Phosphate free soaps and shampoos are available, particularly on the web. One shampoo/conditioner product is “Just Bee Natural” which is available through Amazon.ca for a reasonable price. Classic Ivory soap is also phosphate free. Certain dishwasher detergents such as Cascade pacs are also phosphate free. Other soaps and shampoos are available; please use them to keep our lake as free of plants/weeds as possible! **BOTTOM LINE-READ THE LABELS.**

Dock Extensions: A permit (no charge) is required to extend, replace or install a new dock within the Park.

Repairs to existing docks are allowed without a permit. New docks have to be floating and the total area of all docks cannot exceed 320 square feet and the ramp width and attachment structure on shore should not exceed 6 feet. Any portion of the dock which will be submerged in water must be constructed with untreated materials (e.g. cedar, hemlock, plastic) or MicroPro Sienna (Micronized Copper Azole pressure treated wood). The permit can be acquired through the mail however it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED YOU TALK WITH SOMEONE AT THE PARK BEFORE PROCEEDING.** The best person to call now is the Park Superintendent, Paul Smith at 613-332-3940 ext. 255.

History Project: Significant progress has been made over the last couple of months with the submissions received from many cottages. We are in the final stages of editing with a plan to design and produce the book over the winter. We plan to distribute the books at our next AGM. Thank you to everyone for your support to date.

North Kawartha Municipal Elections: There were major changes in the North Kawartha Township Council. Long time Mayor Jim Whelan was defeated by Rick Woodcock a full time Lake Chandos resident and retired Brantford Hospital Administrator, by a vote of 1,604 to 1,485.

Two other Chandos lake representatives were also elected, Doug Hutton (Deputy Mayor) and Jim



Rick Woodcock

elected as Councillor at Large. Carolyn Amyotte was re-elected as the Councillor for our Ward, Ward 2. She is the only holdover from the last council.



Carolyn Amyotte

2015-2017 LCLCA Executive: The terms of the current executive expire at the end of June in 2015. Two of the executive, Malcolm Martini, (President) and Carolyn Smith-Green (Treasurer) have indicated that they would like to step away from their current positions. To that end, Dave Pressley and Carolyn have agreed to switch roles with Dave becoming Treasurer and Carolyn becoming Vice president. That leaves of the role of president to be filled. In addition, several of the Area Directors have indicated that they would like to pass their responsibilities on to some one else. Malcolm has been charged with identifying candidates. If you are interested in serving on the exec or as an area director, please let Malcolm know. His email is mlmartini@bell.net.

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>.

O'Shea (Ward 2). Roman Miszuk of Long Lake was

Have a Wonderful Winter and Holiday Season

2010 2014 Loon Call Lake Executive

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2010-2014 Area Directors

Lots 1 to 7, plus XO's 1 to 4: Bill McRae, 705-656-1223
Lots 8 to 18: Helen Yielding, 705-656-4978
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