



**OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION  
SUMMER 2015 INFORMATION PACKAGE  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Your Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Area Counsellor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of the Otty Lake Association Board of Directors, I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer at Otty Lake. For your added enjoyment, and with the efforts of the Area Counsellors, we are pleased to once again provide you with a Summer Information Package. We hope you find the information useful.

All of us can contribute to a healthy lake! Remember our long term objective to **reduce algae by starving the lake of phosphorus**. Make sure your septic system is maintained in good condition, and remember that whatever goes down the drain might end up in the lake, so dispose of chemicals properly. Experts suggest we use phosphate-free cleaning materials (dish/laundry soap), reduce/eliminate fertilizers containing phosphates, and encourage the growth of shoreline plants.

Again this year the OLA is offering **shoreline plants at a discounted price!** We know that these plants do not have a 100% survival rate, but with proper planting and nurturing, we can reasonably expect that enough plants will survive to help protect the shoreline against erosion, and take up the phosphates which might otherwise end up in the lake as food for algae and other excessive aquatic growth.

In 2010 we produced the **OLA Shoreline Handbook**, and provided additional information in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. If your lake residence does not have a Shoreline Handbook, your Area Counsellor can get one for you. You will see that the Shoreline Assessment Report and the Invasive Species list are three-hole punched and ready to insert into the binder.

Previously we included a list of emergency and other useful numbers to keep close to your telephone. It's a good idea to add your own address and phone number in case someone at your lake residence needs to call for help in an emergency.

Do we have your correct email address etc.? Help us maintain our mailing list with your up to date contact info. Especially when properties are sold, we would like to contact new owners, and stop sending information to persons who are no longer associated with Otty Lake.

We encourage you to support the work of the Otty Lake Association as we work together with members of the Otty Lake community to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of Otty Lake and its watershed. **Would you like to get more involved in the Association?** Are you interested in meeting more of your neighbours? Then why not become an Area Counsellor? It's like a walk in the park!

I wish you and your families a very pleasant summer, and I hope to see you at the Perth Legion for the **Otty Lake Association Annual General Meeting on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**, starting with displays and coffee at 8:30 a.m. followed by the business meeting at 9:30 a.m. **NOTE THE LOCATION, SAME AS 2014.**

Robert Cosh, President, Otty Lake Association