

Captain Otty's Log

Newsletter of the Otty Lake Association

President Dick Atkinson

Editor Colin Code

Message from the President

Dick Atkinson

In preparation for the upcoming General Meeting, I prepared a lengthy list of significant accomplishments, among which are:

- Incorporation of the Otty Lake Association (OLA);
- Contribution to Tay Valley Township (TVT) and Drummond North Elmsley (DNE) Official Plans & Bylaws;
- Assistance to Citizens Mining Advisory Group (CMAG); and
- Adoption of the new OLA LOGO.

and there is a full slate of Nominees for election. At the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on July 12, there will be a presentation of 'mapping' for the recently introduced **911 service**.

The Constitution of the OLA has been revised to reflect 'incorporation' and members will be asked to vote to adopt the new Constitution at the Annual General Meeting.

I would like to extend to you a special invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting on July 12th to hear more about the Association and to give your input and suggestions.

Shoreline Home Visit Program

The Living By Water Shoreline Home Visit Program is designed to help shoreline home and cottage owners learn how to take small steps to make their properties healthier. Healthy shorelines mean healthier living for you and the environment.

On your request, representatives from the Living By Water representatives will visit your property and conduct a confidential walk-about to identify concerns and suggest solutions.

They will work with you to develop a site plan for your property to assist you in taking action on recommendations. Follow-up information can also be provided to give you the necessary tools to carry out the projects.

Follow-up information may include a listing of recommended native species, local contact information for financial assistance programs, literature on shoreline naturalization and much more.

To arrange a personal Living By Water Shoreline Home Visit consultation, please contact:

Chris Brown
brown@watersheds.ca, or
Barbara Robbins
robbins@watersheds.ca,
(613) 272-5136



Donations of \$25 for the consultation are appreciated.

2003
Otty Lake Association Annual General Meeting (AGM)
9:30 AM July 12th
Perth Public Library.

The AGM provides all Otty Lake residents with an opportunity to hear of current and upcoming issues, provide feedback to your Area Councillors and Association Board members. With your participation, we can work towards the betterment of lake health.

See you there!

West Nile Virus

Jack Lynn

West Nile Virus is an illness that spreads from mosquitoes to humans, not from person to person. Important: the mosquito culprit that transmits the virus is "Culex Pipiens" which BREED in small areas of stagnant water found right around our cottages and homes! Not just in swamps, that are often more distant. Think about that!

Prevention:

Tell the mosquitoes to BUZZZZ OFF! And if that doesn't work, use the following preventative measures:

- Apply an insect repellent containing Deet sparingly to exposed skin as directed. A higher % of Deet does not mean that the protection is better, it just lasts longer. A repellent containing 30% Deet is recommended for adults, while 10% Deet is recommended for children (2-12 years). Avoid applying to the face and hands of small
- children (6months - 12 years). Do not use products containing Deet on children under 6months.

- Another option is to spray clothing, rather than skin with repellent containing Permethrin. If you spray clothing, it is not necessary to spray skin underneath.
- Try to stay inside from Dusk to Dawn.
- Wear light coloured, long sleeved clothing.
- Place mosquito netting over baby carriages for infants under 6 months when outdoors.
- Repair and/or install screens (don't forget the rain barrel!).
- Keep screened doors and windows closed.
- Drain all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can lay their eggs and breed.
- Once a week, empty flower pots, birdbaths and pet bowls of standing water.
- Clean out clogged rain gutters.
- Get rid of old tires and other items that collect water.
- Buy or build a bat house (plans are available from the Health/Environment Committee - Jack Lynn at 267-4786

Reminder: Speeding Boats

Please remember that our boating laws state that within 100 feet / 30 metres of a shoreline, any water craft must not exceed a maximum speed of 6 miles / 10 kilometres per hour, which is no more than an idling speed. Not only will this cause much less shoreline erosion, reduce risk of injury to swimmers and small water craft, it's the Law!



9-1-1 Service

9-1-1 emergency service is now online in Lanark County. Residents should post their signpost number and street name on each telephone in their cottage/home. For example, "123 Sunset Drive", recognizing that there are other Sunset somethings (Lane, Road, View) within the County. Residents should be prepared to give directions to emergency personnel and possibly to have someone meet and direct any emergency vehicle, should the street and building be difficult to locate. The priority is to enable any emergency vehicle to get there as quickly as possible.

There will be a presentation at the Annual General Meeting on this subject, complete with a map of the area.

Approval for \$300 Beaver Grant

Jack Lynn

It is understood that beaver have recently been active in the areas of the lake nearest Jebb Creek. Concern is mounting this year regarding the destruction of shore vegetation as a result of beaver activity. This problem should be addressed before the shore vegetation is destroyed.

To protect common (public) shoreline along the shoreline approaching the creek, financial assistance is now available to the OLA membership to assist in reducing

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damage done by beavers along the shorelines of areas within the constituency of the Otty Lake Association. The OLA will match funds raised by any group(s) of residents, who are Otty Lake members, based on a 50 /50 split between the residents and the OLA. The total amount of money available from the OLA for a "beaver damage program" is \$300.00. All requests for this assistance must be received by August 15th. Money will be made available on a first come / first served basis, at the discretion of the OLA

Cutting Weeds

Last year, enormous blooms of weeds were found growing in Otty Lake, particularly Milfoil. Weed growth, accelerated by increased nutrients, have proven to be unpleasant and potentially dangerous to swimmers and boaters. Some residents undertook to cut these weeds in the vicinity of their property. Responsible persons removed cuttings to shore, where they may be used as a compostable material for the garden. Irresponsible residents cut, then set adrift these weeds, creating greater problems for other residents, by spreading weed growth and creating hazards for boaters and swimmers alike as well as congesting docks with great floating mats of weeds. If you plan on cutting weeds in the lake this summer, please remove the cuttings to shore.

LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Hale

Work continues on the two remaining appeals that we have before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Discussions between the OLA and Tay Valley Township (TVT) have taken place through our planners in an attempt to resolve as many of the issues as possible. We have been successful in narrowing the appeal of 02-121 (the Comprehensive Zoning By-law) to three sections and part of schedule A-2. Resolutions to two of these sections have been proposed and are being considered. We have not been able to resolve any of the issues with 02-59 and the appeal remains outstanding. We anticipate that the OMB will be setting hearing dates for the two appeals shortly. The Land Use Committee continues to work with our expert planner and our legal counsel in the preparation of our case.

The OLA has received many supportive comments and financial support from individuals and other lake associations. We have responded to requests for information as well as a request to meet with one of the groups to discuss the issues. There have only been a very small number of people who have indicated that they do not support these efforts.

The Land Use Committee has responded to two applications in DNE Township and has provided input and comments on Drummond/North Elmsley Township's new draft Zoning By-law. There are several areas that impact the sustainability of our lake and suggestions have been provided to address these.

STANFIELD

Mr. Stanfield had, in 2002, a non-complying cottage on the shore of Mary Miller Bay, where many lots have only 65' frontage but reasonable depth. On the suggestion of the DNE Building Inspector, he contacted the Otty Lake Association and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and outlined his desire to demolish the cottage and replace it with a year-round home. The Land Use Committee advised that the setback requirement then might soon be 100' from shore and suggested ways to mitigate the impact of more intensive usage. After these inputs, DNE Council granted a Minor Variance on the grounds that:

1. The new residence would be 10' farther back from the lake, (for a net gain);
2. A new and better septic system would be installed, well back from the lake, (over 100'); and
3. A side yard would be increased.

WINTON-O'BRIEN

This property, at the "foot" of Otty Lake, in Area 7, has more than 190' frontage but lacks the depth to meet current requirements for sewage and building setbacks.

Discussions between Mr. Winton and the Land Use Committee of OLA resulted in OLA comments to DNE Council that, unless the size of the lot could be expanded – to the rear – there would be a breach of the building setback, the sewage setback and the lot coverage (18% instead of the desirable 10% max.) Council granted the Variance, subject to:

1. Runoff from the roof to be directed to the rear;
2. Approval of a "tertiary septic sewage system";
3. Measures to prevent erosion at the shore;
4. Creation of a 3-metre vegetation buffer zone at the shoreline; and
5. Pedestrian water access restricted to a narrow area.

OLA acknowledges the helpful role of the DNE Building Inspector for his intervention – prior to formal applications.

The OLA also acknowledges the proactive approach of the land owners in contacting the Land Use Committee to discuss their applications prior to the formal application process. This provides for a better understanding of the application and the elements of proposals that can be used to design changes that result in net environmental gains for the lake.

Mining Status, June 2003

Karen Hunt

In the Spring newsletter, we listed many mining claims in TVT which had recently been cancelled or abandoned, including those on the Otty Lake north shore. Some people may have missed this bit of news so relevant to Otty Lake! This trend has since continued. On April 4, 2003 mining claim #1191553 on the south shore of Long Lake was cancelled and on April 5, 2003 the remaining eight Black Lake mining claims from the March 2001 series were also abandoned by



Graphite Mountain Inc. These claims included the north and south shore claims #1191265, #1246191 and #1249904 in Concession 6 (from Lot 16 to Lot 24) and inland claims - #1191549 in Concession 5 (Lot 16), #1191560 in Concession 6, (Lot 14), and #1191558, #1249905 and #1249903 in Concession 7 (Lots 13, 21, 23 and 24). This brought the total cancellations in Burgess ward of TVT to 47, or 77% of the original 61 claims.

Still outstanding are 14 claims which date back to 1985 and 1987. Their due date is September 2003. These claims are inland, lying between Black Lake and the Big Rideau Lake. A similar picture unfolded in South Frontenac Township where a number of the Bedford claims previously laid by Graphite Mountain Inc. were cancelled in March and April 2003.

This was all excellent news. However, as was stressed in the previous newsletter, all surface-rights-only (SRO) land remains vulnerable for future mining staking and indeed, it has been recently learned that some of the Bedford lands whose claims were cancelled in April have **already been re-staked by Graphite Mountain Inc.**

Here at Otty Lake, the north shore properties involved in the 2001 claims have been re-staked by local residents Jim Barrie and Bob Hassard, to make the land unavailable for re-staking by the mining company for at least the near term. Their staking has received conditional approval by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM). Members of the Otty Lake mining claim disputants' group continue to monitor the local situation.

With the cancellation of most of the TVT mining claims, the Citizens' Mining Advisory Group (CMAG) re-organized to put all their energies into the push for change in the Ontario Mining Act to enshrine in legislation increased protection for the environment and private (SRO) landowners. With a provincial election on the horizon, CMAG is taking every opportunity to bring the mining issues to the attention of provincial politicians. Concerned Otty Lake residents are encouraged to join CMAG members in this effort. Get out to pre-election candidates' meetings, ask candidates what they and their party will do to protect the rights of the environment and local property owners and indeed the rights of surface rights-only landowners across Ontario when lands are claimed for mining.

To offer your support, or to obtain a CMAG membership (which will keep you updated on the work of CMAG and the mining claims situation), please send \$5.00 (cheques made out to CMAG) to:

CMAG, c/o Karen Hunt
194 Kerr Road
R.R. # 5 Perth, Ontario
K7H 3C7
mkhunt@perth.igs.net
264 – 9273.

Fire Permit Issuing Procedures

Rick Hannah A.I.I.C.

Fire Chief, BBD&E Fire Department

As of January 1, 2002 all permits issued have been kept on a database. Any person that has obtained a permit since January 1, 2002 does not require any further permit for that location. Permits are issued for a three (3) day duration.

Call the following number before you burn to check the status of fire bans Permits issued at:

- BBD&E Fire Station:
14 Sherbrooke St. Perth
Tel: 267-2596
- Drummond North Elmsley:
Municipal Office
310 Port Elmsley Road
Tel: 267-6500
- Tay Valley Township Municipal Office:
217 Harper Side Road
Tel: 267-5353



Any extension of permits for a three (3) day duration must be completed by contacting the BBD&E Fire Station at 267-2596. Leave your name, telephone number, permit number, civic address number (911 #) and PIN number, along with the date you wish to burn

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<http://www.ottylake.org>

Naturalizing the Shoreline

(courtesy of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority)

Although it is the scenic beauty of the waterfront that entices people to build a cottage or retirement home on the edge of a river or lake, many landowners try to recreate an urban-style environment. They fill in wetlands or replace natural vegetation with manicured lawns and ornamental shrubs. In place of the natural shoreline, they put in retaining walls, concrete boat launches, beaches and docks.

The consequences of such urbanization can be extremely detrimental to the health of the waterway. Loss of natural vegetation can result in decreased water quality, increased shoreline erosion, increased nutrients that promote weed and algae growth, warming of shallow waters and destruction of wildlife and aquatic habitats.

Ribbon of Life

The shallow water and the first 10 -15 metres of shoreland at the edge of lakes is known as the ribbon of life because 90% of all lake life is born, raised and fed there. This rich, complex habitat supports plants, micro organisms, insects, amphibians, birds, mammals and fish. Unnatural changes to the shoreline can destroy this delicate balance of aquatic and shoreline ecosystems.

Shorelines are Protected by law

Federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations govern the construction of shoreline structures, including docks and boathouses, the placement of fill and the alteration to waterways. For landowners and developers who fail to comply, expensive fines or reconstructive work may result. As an example, fines of up to \$1 million or three years imprisonment are possible for altering or destroying fish habitat under the *Canada Fisheries Act*.

Restoring Shorelines

Three types of vegetation are found in a natural shoreline:

1. Herbaceous, ground plants such as Asters and Clover are extremely efficient in curbing surface erosion. These species will eventually allow woody stem plants, trees and shrubs to grow.
2. Shrubs are important in returning to its natural state. Their deeper, more extensive root system will further stabilize the shoreline. Appropriate plants include Shrubby Willow, Sweetgale, Red Osier Dogwood, Virginia Creeper and Rough Alder.
3. Trees contribute greatly to the visual restoration of the natural shoreline character. When deciding on plants, try to choose species that occur naturally around the lake. The introduction of a non-native species can result in the choking out of native wetland, as witnessed with the introduction of Purple Loosestrife.

A 10 metre buffer strip of natural vegetation beginning at the water's edge is recommended when planning shoreline modifications. If 10 metres is not a realistic goal for your property, as little as 3 metres can make a difference. The ideal time to plant is mid May through early June, giving the plants a better chance to establish themselves. Planting should begin at the natural high water mark.

What Can You Do?

There is a lot that a landowner can do to improve the water quality and the fish and wildlife habitat:

- Leave as much of the natural vegetation and ground cover as possible, remove only what you need to for access to the water;
- Do not replace natural vegetation with grass or ornamental plants;

- Use little or no fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides on your property or near the water;
- Do not create sand beaches where there were none before;
- Do not build artificial structures such as retaining walls and concrete wharves;
- Re-naturalize an altered shoreline;
- Pump out your septic tank every 3 - 5 years;
- Build at least 30 metres away from the shoreline;
- Stop cutting the grass & reduce the size of your lawn;
- Use phosphate-free soaps and detergents;
- Preserve and/or replant natural shoreline vegetation;
- Keep the lot well treed & never clear-cut;
- Reduce water use;
- Watch your wake; and
- Avoid gas and oil spills.

Upcoming Events

- July 6 10:00 AM -4:00 PM: Perth Antique Show, Perth Legion
- July 24-31: Canadian Big League Baseball Championship, Perth
- August 9-10: 6th Annual Perth Garlic Festival, Perth Fair Grounds
- August 23-31: Lanark County's Quilting Heritage Exhibit, Perth Museum
- August 29-September 1: 158th Perth Fair, Perth Fair Grounds
- Sept. 14: Authors in the Park Festival in Perth



Otty Lake Fecal Coliform Population Analysis

Lindsay Code

"Good Morning Otty" my grandfather, Robert Code, would call to the lake every morning as if it would respond with bright salutations. My parents have passed on the story of my grandfather's early greetings to me from their childhood memories. Unto us, Otty Lake has provided a beautiful shoreline, perfect for many of the recreational activities that we enjoy as well as habitat for fish, birds and a collaboration of wildlife. We can ask ourselves "what we have done to Otty Lake in return?" Studies on Otty Lake as early as the 1970's have shown that the residents of our lake care about the health of the water and have made efforts to reduce pollution levels. As you are reading this, you may be thinking that these sentiments are a reflection of the mentality that you and your family share. After all, you have a subscription to the prestigious 'Captain Otty's Log' so you are interested in Otty Lake in some form. Your interests and efforts are appreciated, not only from a human perspective but also by the wildlife that surrounds us.

I am proud to say that the Otty Lake Association (OLA) has been actively pursuing lake health for over thirty years, through various methods but, most consistently through fecal coliform (FC) sampling. You may never have noticed, but since the early 70's, at 32 different sites around the

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shoreline coliform samples have been collected to assess the usability of the water at these sites. In the wake of Walkerton and advances in environmental technology, there are battles as to the validity of coliform data as a determinant of water health. There are many pros and cons to collecting bacterial data but regardless of source, or effect from other factors, the fact remains that it does influence the health of humans and other animals. Thus, collection of fecal coliform samples is an important water quality indicator.

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of analyzing the data that the Otty Lake Association has compiled. A statistical analysis compared the average FC between sites and over the sampling period (30 years). The results were not consistent with a geographic change in location on the lake. However, the 2002 samples showed a strong correlation between the number of houses in the area of the sites and coliform levels. In general the highest concentrations of buildings are found toward the east end of the lake, with the east shoreline having the most urbanized area. This is to say, concentration of buildings is affecting the amount of fecal coliform in the surface waters of Otty Lake.

This may sound alarming, but there is no need to hit the panic button yet. All coliform levels were significantly below Ministry standards for 2002 and very few readings were ever taken above the standard. This means that the opportunity for lake residents to protect the water quality of Otty Lake has not passed. There are many things that each us can do to help control the bacterial populations in the lake. Some of these are:

- Have your sewage system checked for leaks and drained as prescribed.
- Old systems that are malfunctioning should be upgraded or replaced.
- Outhouses should be replaced, with more environmentally friendly options, including composting toilets.
- Refrain from feeding bird and other wildlife as they too, contribute to FC concentration.

Some of these options may sound costly, but the value of the habitat far outweighs a monetary contribution to the future of Otty Lake's wilderness and heritage. If you are in doubt, just think ahead 30 years and imagine the kind of environment you would like to leave to your children or grandchildren. Wouldn't it be wonderful for them to have the same opportunities on this lake that we have been afforded? To find more information on what you can do to reduce your pollution levels contact the OLA or the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority at 1-800-267-3504.

Note:

- Thank you to Lorne Gold for coordinating the collection of the data required for this report and assisting Lindsay with this important review of water quality data.
- Lindsay Code, who has spent many summers on Otty Lake has recently completed her Honours Bachelor of Science in Biology at Lakehead University in Thunder

Bay. Last fall, Lindsay asked the OLA Board permission to use data collected by the OLA over the past thirty years on fecal count from 32 stations, to form the basis of her thesis. The Board agreed to this request and Lindsay prepared the following article which briefly summarizes the conclusions from her analysis and shows her fondness and respect for Otty Lake. Although Lindsay's work is preliminary, it indicates the understanding which can be gained from a detailed analysis of our water quality data, on the effects of development and on the health of the lake. Thank you Lindsay!

The OLA may be contacted by calling your Councillor, messaging to

ottylake@sympatico.ca, or mail to
Otty Lake Association
20 Mancil Drive
Ottawa Ontario
K2J 2J5



Get Involved!

The Otty Lake Association is a volunteer-based community association. Without the efforts of volunteers, the work to conserve the environment and protect the lake is simply not possible.

Volunteers are needed to assist with:

- Water quality testing;
- Cataloguing and archiving documents;
- Land-Use Committee;
- Area Councillors; and
- Citizens Mining Advisory Group (CMAG).

To help, contact your Area Councillor, or bring your ideas to the Annual General Meeting on July 12, 2003.

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Boating: Who May Operate What & When

Bob Hassard

The federal government wishes to improve boating safety in Canada by limiting access to small, over-powered boats i.e. "sea-fleas" and personal water craft, to those 16 and over. As well, a licensing program is being phased in to ensure that all operators of small, motorized craft and larger, more powerful craft, have a semblance of safe boating knowledge.



- A. Operators under the age of 12 may operate a boat unsupervised IF it is longer than 3 m. and powered by an engine not larger than 10 H.P.

12 yrs. Old - - - - -

- B. Operators between 12 and 16 years of age may operate a boat unsupervised IF it is longer than 3 m.

and powered by an engine not larger than 40 H.P.

(N.B. Operators under 16 years of age may NOT operate a personal water craft.)

16 yrs. old - - - - -

- C. All operators born after April 1, 1983, must have "proof of competency" in order to operate all other motorized craft.
- D. All operators of craft under 4 m. in length, including personal water-craft, must have "proof of competency" by Sept. 15, 2002.
- E. All operators of motorized craft, excluding A and B above, must have "proof of competency" by Sept. 15, 2009.

For most people, "proof of competency" is gained by taking a test at a Canadian Coast Guard accredited course provider. The cost of the tests range from \$0 to \$35 depending on who is giving them. A "Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operator Card" is awarded when you pass the test.

To find a local course provider in order to get an operator's license, see the Perth Courier; the Internet site: www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca gives a list of course providers; or call the Boating Safety Infoline at 1-800-267-6687. Operator Card via the Internet: www.BoaterExam.com (\$35).

For more information on this topic, read the Safe Boating Guide included in the 2002 Otty Lake Association information package.

Loon Friendly Lakes

Tips for boaters, cottagers and other lovers of lakes and loons, a conservation project of the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey and Bird Studies Canada.



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Loon's Call...A Call For Help!

To many Canadians, a lake just isn't a lake if it doesn't have loons. Their mournful wails and air-piercing calls are true symbols of Canadian wilderness. But these magnificent birds are in jeopardy.

Over the last 150 years, Common Loons have been squeezed out of their breeding areas and their numbers have declined. Nesting habitat has been destroyed and young loons are starving in fishless, acidic lakes. The daily rituals of loons are disrupted by careless people and loons are often exposed to harmful chemicals. People and loons *can* coexist. You can keep loons healthy by helping make your lake loon-friendly. Protecting loons means protecting the whole lake environment that we all enjoy.

Acid Rain

Loons are mainly fish-eaters. They suffer when fish populations decline due to acid rain. Loons may try to breed on acidic lakes, but may not find enough food to feed their chicks. Acid rain also leaches mercury and other toxic metals from the ground. Loons can get lethal doses when toxic chemicals build up in the food chain.

Canada and the U.S. have cut acid rain emissions since the 1980's, but we are only halfway (if that) towards pollution controls that fully help sensitive lakes and the loons that depend on them.

Shoreline development

When we build homes and cottages on lakes, we may wipe out shoreline habitat that provides nesting sites and protective cover for loons. Development, and even camping on islands displaces loons and drives them to less hospitable nesting sites.

Lead sinkers and jigs

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Loons have no teeth. They grind food in their gizzards with small pebbles plucked from the bottom of the lake. Often they pick up lead sinkers when collecting this material. The lead, once absorbed in the blood, then poisons the bird. Discarded fishing line and hooks also harm loons.

Water level fluctuations

Water-levels on many loon lakes are controlled by dams. When we change lake levels for power generation, navigation or aesthetic reasons, we can harm loon nests. Water level changes during May, June and July can either flood nests, or leave them too high and dry.

Water craft

Canoes and small boats plying shallow waters in bays or close to shore can frighten loons from nests or disturb loon chicks taking cover in the secluded waters. Fast moving personal water craft (jet-skis) give loons little warning and their operators are often not aware of loons they disturb. Jet-Skis and powerboats can also create waves that wash away loon eggs and disturb nests.

Nest Predators

Raccoons, skunks, bears and gulls feed on loon eggs and chicks. We attract these predators when we feed them, are careless with our trash, or inadvertently give them shelter in poorly maintained barns or sheds.

Ten Steps to a Loon-Friendly Lake

- **Keep it Wild:** Work to preserve wild parts of your lake
- **Keep your shoreline natural:** Vegetated shorelines provide shelter for both fish and loons
- **Watch your wake:** Use sensitive boating practices and steer clear of loons
- **Get the lead out:** Use non-lead sinkers and jigs (don't discard fishing line and hooks)
- **Test the waters:** Help monitor your lake's water quality. Find a program in your area.
- **Be level-headed:** Work to reduce large water level changes during the nesting season (May to July). Talk to your local officials.
- **Don't mess with the food chain:** Don't feed nest predators such as raccoons or gulls. Dispose of your garbage properly.
- **Lobby for loons:** Get involved in national air pollution issues and local water quality programs.
- **Spread the word:** Place loon conservation messages on web sites and in papers and newsletters

News Brief

Re. OMYA. Ann German, a lifelong summer resident of Bobs Lake and one of the original appellants, has initiated legal action to challenge the MOE minister's decision to overturn the Environmental Review Tribunal and to issue to OMYA the two-stage permit

OLA

SWEATSHIRTS T-SHIRTS & CAPS



(SWEATSHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS EMBROIDERED WITH THE OLA LOGO)

Sample colours and sizes will be on display at the AGM on July 12th.

Orders handed in on July 12 should be ready for pick up about 7 -10 days after the meeting.

NEW!! OTTY LAKE CAPS \$18.00

Each baseball type hat features "Otty Lake" and the image of a loon across the front. Caps are royal blue, 100% cotton, complete with an adjustable Velcro band, one size fits all.

** Quote Item # 1

SWEATSHIRTS - 80% cotton, 20% poly; stitched Otty Lake Association logo as shown above
(Sweatshirts available in adult sizes only)

Sizes M, L, XL, XXL

Colours - ash (light gray), maroon, leaf green (med. silvery green), indigo blue (med. denim blue)

* Cost per shirt - \$44.00

** Quote Item # 2

T-SHIRTS - 100% cotton; stitched Otty Lake Association logo as shown above

(T-shirts available in adult and youth sizes)

Adult T-shirt

Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL

Colours: White, tan, stone blue (light blue), forest green

* Cost per shirt - \$23.00

** Quote Item # 3

Youth T-shirt

Size S(size 6/8) (no medium available)

Colour- white (only)

* Cost per shirt - \$15.00

** Quote Item #4

Size L (size 14/16)

Colour- white (only)

* Cost per shirt - \$17.00

** Quote Item #5

ORDER FORM

| **ITEM NUMBER | SIZE | COLOUR | QUANTITY | COST PER SHIRT* | SUBTOTAL |
|---------------|------|--------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| | | | | \$ | \$ |
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*Taxes are included in prices listed

TOTAL AMOUNT = \$ _____

Please send cheque (made out to the Otty Lake Association) with completed order form to:
20 Mancil Drive, Nepean Ontario K2J 2J5. For shirt information, please contact Wendy
Hassard @ 267 - 5002



Please include your:

| | |
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| Name | |
| Address | |
| Telephone # | |
| Email (if available) | |

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

A not-for-profit Corporation without share capital organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Ontario Canada as Ontario Corporation Number 1533492 **By-Law # 1 (revised June 2003)**



CONSTITUTION

Article 1 - Name & Location

1. The Corporation will be called **OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION**. In this By-Law the Corporation may be referred to as the "Association" or the "OLA".
2. The location of the Association shall be within the municipalities of the Tay Valley Township or the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley.

Article 2 - Constituency

The OLA shall be representative of the area included within the following:

- All properties with frontage on Otty Lake;
- All properties with frontage on McLaren Lake;
- All properties with frontage on Little Otty Lake;
- All properties with frontage on Mud Lake;
- All properties with frontage on Jebbs Creek;
- All properties with deeded access to any of the above mentioned bodies of water; and
- Within the boundaries of the Tay Valley or the Drummond/North Elmsley Townships.

Article 3 - Objectives

1. To promote pollution free lakes within the OLA constituency.
2. To educate and foster an environmentally responsible attitude and life style in people that use the lakes and live near them.
3. To work with the Townships of Tay Valley and Drummond/North Elmsley and with Lanark County in the development and application of policies, laws and regulations that protect the quality of the lakes and surrounding environment and preserve their value as a resource.
4. To work with and assist the Ministries of the Environment, Natural Resources & Health, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and other governmental agencies and lake associations, as appropriate, in carrying out their responsibilities to protect and enhance the natural environment and maintain good quality water in lakes and streams.
5. To promote safe and friendly recreation activities on the lakes.

Article 4 - Membership

1. Membership is limited to one per property within the constituency. Any other interested person may obtain an Associate Membership. Members and Associate Members shall be referred to collectively as "Member(s)".
2. Each Membership or Associate Membership carries with it the right to two votes at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Members.
3. The names of the individuals entitled to exercise the votes associated with a Membership or Associate Membership shall be identified on the membership record. Each individual so designated shall have only one vote. The persons designated in Article 4 (3) shall be referred to as "Voting Members".
4. Membership and Associate Membership fees shall be paid on or before the Annual Meeting. A Member failing to pay by the Annual Meeting shall be deemed to be in default and shall lose voting and other membership privileges until such time as the fees have been paid in full.
5. The annual Membership and Associate Membership fees shall be approved by the Voting Members at the Annual Meeting.

Article 5 - The Board of Directors

1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board composed of 15 directors, 14 of whom shall be elected by the Voting Members of the Association and one will be the immediate Past President. Directors must be Members in good standing of the Association.
2. A quorum for the Board shall be 50% of Directors. Motions in the meetings of Directors shall be determined by simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, the President's vote can be used to break the tie.
3. The role of the Board is to set policy, determine priorities, establish and administer a program that addresses the interests and priorities of the Association's Members and generally to monitor its activities, subject only to the By-Laws and decisions passed by Voting Members at the Annual Meeting.
4. The Board and its Committees may have advisors with no fixed term on matters such as legal, health, environment and land use. Advisors shall not have a vote on Board matters.

Article 6 - The Officers

1. The Officers of the Association shall comprise a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer may be combined as Secretary/Treasurer.
2. The Vice-Presidents act jointly in the absence or inability of the President. It is intended that President will have served at least one term as Vice-President.
3. The Board shall appoint the Officers of the Association, except the President, from the Directors.

Article 7 - Elections and Terms of Office

1. All Directors and the President shall be nominated by two Voting Members.
2. The term of office for Directors and the President is two (2) years commencing immediately following the Annual Meeting at which they are elected. Directors and the President may stand for re-election at the end of their terms.
3. All Directors and the President will be elected by a simple majority of votes cast at the Annual Meeting. If a directorship is not filled at the Annual Meeting or becomes vacant during the year, the Board may make an interim appointment to fill such vacancy until the next Annual Meeting, at which time the Director would stand for election.
4. The term of office for Officers is the remainder of their term as Director. Votes will be cast by a show of hands.

Article 8 – Committees of the Board

1. The work of the Association will normally be done through Standing Committees of the Board. Areas covered by Standing Committees can include finance, membership, land use, environment, health, communications, education, services and other such areas as the Board shall deem appropriate.
2. The Board may establish additional Special Committees and appoint individuals to Committees.
3. The Chair of each Committee will be appointed by the Board. The Chair of each Committee will recommend Committee members for Board approval.
4. The scope and mandate of each Standing or Special Committee will be approved by the Board.
5. The Committees shall provide reports of their activities to each Board meeting and to the Members at the Annual Meeting.

Article 9 - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year for the Association will be the calendar year. Fees will be become due at the beginning the fiscal year.

Article 10 - Meetings

1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association each July (preferably on the second Saturday in July and, if possible, in Perth). The main business of the Annual Meeting shall be a review of the activities of the Association during the previous year, its plans for the future, the presentation of reports from the Board Committees, the presentation of the budget and the financial and auditor's reports.
2. Special General Meetings of the membership may be called by the Board from time to time. The Board must call a Special General Meeting if requested in writing by at least 10% of Voting Members of the Association for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Association that is not inconsistent with The Corporations Act. At least two weeks notice must be given to Members of the Annual and Special General Meetings. A quorum for the Annual and Special General Meetings will be 10% of the Voting Members for the current year.
3. The Board shall meet at least three times each year, as called by the President. Counsellors and Committee members shall be invited to at least one of these meetings. The President must call a Board meeting if 30% of Directors request a meeting in writing. The frequency of meetings of the Committees of the Board shall be determined by the work of the Committees.

Article 11 – Indemnification

All Directors and Officers of the Association and their heirs, executors, administrators and their estates and effects respectively, shall at all times be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Association from and against:

- all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which, in good faith, a Director or Officer sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him or her for, or in respect of, any act, deed, matter or things whatsoever made, done or permitted by him or her in or about the execution of the duties of his or her office; and
- all other costs, charges and expenses which the Director or Officer sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his or her own willful neglect or default.

Article 12 – Financial

1. The Treasurer will be responsible for all funds collected on behalf of the Association.
2. All cheques or banking transactions require two signatures from among the following: the President, the Vice Presidents and the Treasurer.
3. Expenditures will only be made for purposes approved by the Board.
4. The Association will arrange for the annual review of its financial records.
5. The Board shall not authorize the Association to incur a financial deficit, after taking into account all reserves, or to borrow funds.

Article 13 - Amending Procedure

Proposed amendments to this By-Law must be submitted in writing to the Members at least two weeks before the meeting of Members at which they are to be considered. Their adoption will require a two thirds majority vote of the votes cast at the meeting.

Dated at Perth, Ontario this _____ day of _____ 2003.