

MEMORANDUM TO OTTY LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS

The Otty Lake Pollution Control Programme began on June 11, 1971, when a team from the Ontario Water Resources Commission began water sampling. This work will continue until October, and during August and September all sewage disposal systems will be checked by the Ontario Department of Health.

In the meantime, the Committee has prepared a summary of the important points for pollution control and has obtained copies of the pamphlet "Keep It Clean", which was prepared by the Pollution Probe Group at the University of Toronto, and two pamphlets on Water Pollution prepared by the Government of Ontario. Copies are attached.

Some cottagers feel that the results of the survey may be inconclusive, and there may be a tendency to assume that all is well, if the water sampling results are reasonably satisfactory, even though conditions exist which could cause serious pollution in the future. Your Committee's objective is to prevent pollution, not simply to establish pollution levels, and it will ensure that a careful examination of potential pollution areas is undertaken and followed by appropriate preventative action.

During the course of the survey some property owners may require assistance. The Lake has been divided into nine areas, and a Pollution Counsellor has been appointed in each. If you have problems, get in touch with the Counsellor for your area. The attached list gives names and locations. More detail will be found on the maps of the Lake that are now being displayed at the new store on the Lake, and in the Federal Post Office and Town Hall in Perth.

A Pollution Conference will be held at 8 p.m. on August 28, 1971, at the Perth Collegiate. Your Committee is planning an extremely informative and entertaining programme. It will follow the well known "Under Attack" TV format. Mr. Peter Reilly, the popular and provocative TV news commentator will be the Chairman. The man on the hot seat will be Dr. Donald Chant, the internationally known pollution expert, from the University of Toronto. The panel will include local representatives and questions will be invited from the floor. It should be an exciting and profitable evening. Mark the date on your calendar pad. More news will follow in a few weeks.

Your Committee has decided that the funds donated by Property Owners for pollution control for 1971-72 should be submitted to the Secretary of the Pollution Control Committee, Mrs. J. C. Burns, 764 Lonsdale Road, Manor Park, Ottawa. These funds will be deposited in a Trust Account and an audited financial statement will be submitted with each annual report. A properly prepared constitution will be sent to all Property Owners for ratification in the autumn. The decision for this change is that a very small percentage of the money that was donated for pollution control last year was actually used for this purpose, and we do not believe that this was the intent of the majority of the people who made contributions. The annual Pollution Control fee is \$2.00, and the 1971-72 donation is now due. Your support is requested.

Remember, Otty Lake represents a life support system for all of us, and a lot of other animals as well. Keep it clean.

J. K. Abbott,
Chairman,
Otty Lake Pollution Control Committee.

July 26, 1971.

HERE ARE THE RULES - KEEP IT CLEAN

- * MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOUR SEPTIC TANK IS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL THE ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POINTS OUT THE PROBLEMS, BUT IN THE MEANTIME WHY ADD TO POLLUTION?
- * HAVE YOUR SEPTIC TANK PUMPED OUT REGULARLY BY AN AUTHORIZED TECHNICIAN. DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO DUMP THE SLUDGE IN AN UNAUTHORIZED AREA.
- * ENSURE THAT YOUR PRIVY IS FIFTY FEET FROM THE HIGH WATER MARK AND PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED. DON'T DIG UNTIL YOU KNOW THAT THE SOIL IS SUITABLE.
- * YOUR SEEPAGE PIT FOR SINK DRAINAGE MUST ALSO BE FIFTY FEET FROM THE HIGH WATER MARK. IT MUST BE PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED. A HOLE IN THE GROUND WON'T DO.
- * DON'T POUR BULKY SUBSTANCES OR HARMFUL SUBSTANCES INTO YOUR SEWAGE SYSTEM.
- * DON'T USE HIGH PHOSPHATE DETERGENTS OR CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS, AND AVOID PESTICIDES.
- * DON'T PUT ANY UNNATURAL SUBSTANCE INTO THE LAKE AND DON'T USE IT FOR WASHING PAINT CANS, PAINT BRUSHES OR SPRAYING EQUIPMENT. GET RID OF THOSE TIN CANS, OLD TIRES AND BOTTLES ON YOUR BEACH.
- * MAKE SURE THAT YOUR BOAT ENGINE ISN'T LEAKING OIL OR GAS. NEVER FILL YOUR TANK IN THE BOAT OR ON THE DOCK. EACH SPILL MAY MAKE THE FISH AND THE FISHERMEN PRETTY SICK.
- * IS THAT MOTOR BOAT TRIP REALLY NECESSARY? TRY A PADDLE, IT WILL BE BETTER FOR YOU AND FOR THE LAKE. SOME LAKES HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO BAN MOTORS. WE DON'T WANT IT TO COME TO THAT.
- * DON'T CLEAR CUT TREES OR BRUSH. YOU WILL ONLY DIMINISH THE OXYGEN SUPPLY, CAUSE SOIL EROSION, AND SPOIL YOUR LOT.
- * DON'T BURN DEAD LEAVES OR BRUSH - COMPOST THEM.
- * DON'T KILL WILDLIFE UNNECESSARILY. YOU MAY UPSET THE BALANCE OF NATURE.
- * TAKE THE BARBS OFF THOSE HOOKS. IF THE FISH YOU CATCH IS TOO SMALL IT MAY LIVE A LITTLE LONGER. BESIDES IT'S MORE FUN.
- * BURN ONLY HIGH-GRADE LOW-SULPHUR FUEL IN YOUR SPACE HEATER. REMEMBER WE HAVE TO BREATHE IT TOO.
- * TAKE YOUR GARBAGE TO THE PERTH SANITARY DISPOSAL AREA OR SIMILAR PROPERLY SUPERVISED DISPOSAL AREA.
- * EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT POLLUTION AND INFORM OTHERS. REPORT POLLUTION PROBLEMS TO YOUR AREA POLLUTION COUNSELLOR.

THIS BULLETIN HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE OTTY LAKE
POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE AS A PUBLIC SERVICE.

POLLUTION CONTROL COUNSELLORS, OTTY LAKE

- AREA 1 McLaren Lake, Little Otty Lake, and the west shore of Otty Lake from the entrance of Little Otty to the southern extremity.
Counsellor: Fred D. Green, 118 Riverdale Ave., Ottawa.
(Cottage location - Little Otty Lake)
- AREA 2 East shore of Otty Lake from Miller Bay to southern extremity.
Counsellor: M. A. Rubino, 52 Drummond Street East, Perth.
(Cottage location - Miller Bay Point)
- AREA 3 East shore from Miller Bay to and including Tully Farm.
Counsellor: R. L. Litle, 2070 Navaho Drive, Ottawa.
(Cottage location - Colin Farmer Road)
- AREA 4 East shore from Tully Farm to Bay south of new store.
Counsellor: D. A. Hill, 70 Gloucester Street, Ottawa.
(Cottage location - McKay Point)
- AREA 5 All cottages serviced by the road to the new store.
Counsellor: Lyman Playfair, 24 Drummond Street West, Perth.
(Cottage location - new store road)
- AREA 6 All cottages on east shore from Area 5 to North East Bay.
Counsellor: Allan White, 7 New Haven, Ottawa.
(Cottage location - large bay on east shore north of Cloverleaf Island)
- AREA 7 Northern section of the Lake from Area 6 to Jebbs Creek.
Counsellor: David Mears, 2083 Leniser Ave., Ottawa.
(Cottage location - Dr. Church Road)
- AREA 8 West shore from Jebbs Creek to summer camp.
Counsellor: M. Quinn, 634 Walkley Road, Ottawa.
(Cottage location - Carson's Road)
- AREA 9 West shore from and including summer camp to Little Otty Lake.
Counsellor: Mrs. R. B. Code, P. O. Box 152, Manotick, Ontario.
(Cottage location - Code Island)

NOTE: Exact locations for Area Counsellors are outlined on maps on display at the new store on the Lake, and in the Federal Post Office and Town Hall in Perth.