

OTTY LAKE

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POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

REGATTA 1976

The annual Regatta was held this year under grey skies on Sunday, August 8th. In the morning, the Lasers and Kestrels dominated the sailing events, with the Handicap trophy going to Bob Strachon.



Other awards went to Ron Wilson and Jim Carrothers. On the afternoon, on the Camp Shomria waterfront, despite the most fervent prayers of convenor Herb Robertson, the swimming and boating events were dominated by a steady, light drizzle.

However, a lot of kids gave out a lot of effort, and everyone deserved their ribbons. A young man from Shomria, named Menahim, gave a very starry performance in the swimming events. We may be hearing more of him. His younger sister also shows promise.

Teen power suffered a blow to the pride, though, when the canoeing events were staged. One young pair who finished second were overheard saying to the middle-aged has-beens who came first: "You (pff' pff') must practise a lot."



"Oh, yes," replied one of the brothers, "every year on Regatta day!"

GOOD NEWS FROM GOVERNMENT Department

Remember the holding By-Law we discussed at the Annual Meeting? Your executive has worked throughout most of 1976 to negotiate this with the two townships, working through the Property Standards Committee on which we reported in the newsletter 1976 - 3.

At its regular monthly meeting on October 4th, the North Burgess Council gave second reading to this By-Law. Third and final reading is expected in November. The principal provision is that, within the distance of 1500' from the shore of all the lakes, all property will be governed by a new set of standards. These standards were developed by your representatives together with the Ministries of

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Housing and Environment and the Townships of Burgess and Elmsley.

As a temporary measure, no new building lots can be created within 1500' of the shore, and any new buildings or septic systems that go onto existing, severed lots must be located 100' back from the shore. When this By-Law comes into force we will report on it more fully.

The Township of North Elmsley has not yet seen fit to adopt this By-Law. Your representatives are exploring other avenues in order to legislate the protection we are seeking for the lake.

MAPS (or: You Can't Tell the Players Without a Program)

One of the most popular things this association has ever done was to produce and circulate the map of the lake, with names of all residents, to all paid-up members. The first version was distributed in 1974-75, thanks largely to Judy Burns. We are now making plans to produce another, if possible in early 1977. So, if anyone knows of changes to anyone's names or locations, these ought to be recorded with our Secretary, Anne Atkinson (885 Melwood Avenue, Ottawa K2A 3C4). Do you know of any errors or omissions ?

Which reminds us : One of the smaller tasks we have to perform during the summer months is assisting with membership collections. If you or some other member of your family would be available in your area - even just for your own bay or for the people on your end of the road * Jane Robertson would be glad to hear from you. She is at 6 Sonneck Square, Toronto M1E 1A9. Help is especially wanted in Areas 6 and 7. (News Item: All residents in Area 2 are paid-up for this year. Fantastic!)

ELECTION 1976

All property owners and their spouses, and all tenants and their spouses are eligible to cast votes in the elections for Township Councils. Your executive has felt for some time that it is both appropriate and desirable that the lake people should have representation on Council; and at the last two Annual Meetings the membership supported this approach.

In recent weeks two residents of Otty Lake have decided to offer their services on the Council of North Burgess. Hans Pokorny has been a cottager on Otty Lake since 1948, and in 1975 he and his wife Amy took up permanent residence on the lake. Hans is now retired, and although he works part-time as a consultant in the foundry industry, he expects to have plenty of time to devote to the business of the Council.

Basil Hutchinson and his wife have been cottagers since 1970 following his retirement as Chief Engineer for Bell Telephone Co. in Montreal. When he is not at the lake, Basil is usually at his other home in Perth, so he too will be conveniently located for Council meetings.

Voting day is Monday, December 6th. However, there will be an Advance Poll on Saturday, November 27th at the Township Hall in Stanleyville, from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

There are 5 seats on Council : Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and 3 Councillors. If Reeve W.H. Haveron or Deputy Reeve N. Ferrier should be opposed for their positions, we suggest you consider voting for them, as both have shown considerable understanding for the problems that have recently been facing the people of Otty Lake.

However, if the Reeve and Deputy should be elected by acclamation, you would be asked to vote only for up to 3 persons as Councillors. We know you will wish to give your support to

H.H. FOKORNY
W.J.B. HUTCHINSON

Your executive is happy to report its confidence that Hans and Basil will make fine representatives on Council, as representatives of the Otty Lake residents and also in the interests of good government for the entire Township. They are not campaigning against anyone on the present Council, and no one should think that we are "ganging-up" on anyone. They are offering their services for good government in North Burgess, including the lakes that lie within its borders.

We feel that this is important, and enough of you have recently expressed similar sentiments to make us convinced that this approach is correct. Executive representatives from Rideau, Black, Long,

and Pike Lakes have been contacted and have endorsed this policy. They will be lending their support to the same two candidates.

If anyone has any questions concerning this election, or if you wish to meet the candidates, please feel free to contact any member of the executive.

For the electors in North Elmsley Township, we have no such news. Bob Butterworth will not be running for re-election and at this time we are not aware of any other lake resident who intends to be a candidate.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Reports were heard from Directors responsible for water testing, abatement, legal affairs, membership (now over 70%), recreation and the Secretary-Treasurer. Bob Gilman of MNR was introduced.

The meeting learned the status of

- Property Standards Committee with the Townships
- MOE advice to concentrate on By-Laws
- Housing ministry assistance
- MOE new provision for 100' setback for new installations
- continuing contacts with other lakes

Decisions made:

- Increase water testing (bacteriological) samples to the former 16 stations --- this has been done;
- Explore fixing the dam in order to a) keep a log in place during July and August, and b) avoid spring flooding;
- Outboards are not now a major problem.

The Audio-Visual show was screened and discussed, including the possibilities of giving it further exposure.

The executive was authorized to spend money in the 1976 municipal elections.

Elected to the executive were David E. Code (Chairman), phone Ottawa 722-0339; Anne Atkinson (Secretary-Treasurer), phone Ottawa 725-1430; Bill Schriever, phone Ottawa 746-8040; Charles Robertson, phone Ottawa 733-3379; Jane Robertson (Membership), phone Toronto 266-6801; and Kim Abbott, phone Balderson 18 ring 2.

David E. Code, Chairman