

OTTY LAKE

POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE


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APRIL, 1977

TAY VALLEY PLAN APPROVED

Good news for Otty Lakers! The Tay Valley Area Planning Board, at a meeting in late February, voted to adopt the official plan as amended. A month later it was adopted by By-law in the Township of South Sherbrooke, which had been designated for the purpose. This means that, even while we await the approval of the Ministry of Housing, the features of the Plan are now in force and will be respected by the Land Division Committee and all participating governments. Of particular interest to us are:

- Otty Lake to have no new development within 1500' of the lake until a lake study is completed. This is to be done within one year and will result in a Lake Plan for Otty.
- Standards for new development (if later permitted) now will include:
 - frontage minimum 100'
 - lot size minimum 22,000 square feet (1/2 acre)
 - sewage systems min. 100' from the shore
 - only one dwelling per lot
 - quotas on total development per year per Township
 - permanent homes for single family only
 - no development where marsh meets lake
 - large developments have 200' bldg. setback



As your executive has laboured long and hard to get the best deal possible for Otty Lake and to get the Plan in force, we hope you will excuse us if we pause for a moment to enjoy a satisfied smile.

THE LAKE STUDY will be conducted during the summer and fall of 1977 using two graduate students under the supervision of the Ministry of Housing for Ontario. Input from our members will be invited by a method to be described later.

MISSISSIPPI LAKE, as you may know, has recently and suddenly realized that it had a severe pollution problem. This resulted in a lake study being conducted there in 1976. Your representatives attended the meeting in Carleton Place at the end of March when the results were described and the new proposed lake plan was outlined. We have seen the recommendations that flow from the study, and we find them encouraging in terms of the government support we need at Otty.

BY-LAWS IN PREPARATION

In the meantime, your OLPCO representatives have met the Councilors of the Townships of N. Burgess and N. Elmsley in the Property Standards Committee for Otty Lake. The zoning by-laws that must flow from the Tay Valley Plan have been discussed; and work has begun on a Property Standards By-law for Otty. The principal features of the latter will be to require that all residents of the lake, present or future, must bring their sewage systems up to the standard that is being applied to newcomers in the area. For those who use a septic system, this will mean having to put it at least 100' from the shore, and well above the water table. Time would be allowed in which to comply. If anyone is considering altering or repairing a sewage system, it might be worthwhile calling one of our advisors for a word of advice. Bill Schriever at 746-8040 or Fred Green at 232-5950 would be glad to discuss your situation and offer advice.

FIRE PROTECTION....If you are like a lot of us, you may not have realized how well protected you are against fire. The 4 Townships of Burgess, Elmsley, Drummond and Bathurst jointly maintain a firehall in Perth with three trucks and volunteers with paging equipment. Getting to the scene of a fire at Otty depends, however, on early detection and reporting. Is anyone watching your place while you are away ?

EDUCATION FOR POLLUTION ABATEMENT

This summer your Area Counsellor will be coming around with the latest hints on the clean life at Otty. Please welcome your counsellor and make use of the opportunity to learn all you can. If you have a particular problem that can't be solved on the spot, your counsellor will help you report it to the right place.



ARE YOU PART OF THE SOLUTION ? (or part of the problem ?)

RECREATION



Want a regatta this summer ? Although the work involved is not excessive when shared by several people, it still needs the several. Want to help? Have any suggestions on how to make it better? Use the tear-off coupon at the bottom of the page and send it to us. We will pass it on to the appropriate persons.

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To: Mrs. Anne Atkinson, 885 Melwood Ave., Ottawa, K2A 3C4.

- I am willing to help Otty Lake and have an interest in:
- annual regatta
- sailing or canoeing
- other recreation
- conservation
- water sampling
- neighbourhood rep
- other

My suggestions for recreation are.....

Other suggestions.....

My 1977 fee (\$5.00) enclosed

My name and address

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POLICE PROTECTION....The Ontario Provincial Police are planning to patrol our lake more frequently than in the past, and we are providing them with detailed maps. We expect to have security advice for you by the annual meeting, July 9th.

MEMBERSHIP FEES....are payable now for 1977 and may be sent directly to the Secretary. See tear-off on page 3. Fee, \$5.00.

STUDENTS - EMPLOYMENT....The CMC in Perth reports that " we have many eager students available through the Canada Manpower Centre...with the beginning of a new season, cottagers have many chores. Students are available by the day, hour or week to help paint, clean, babysit, landscape..." . Call Janna L. Webster, Counsellor, CMC for Students, 13 Herriot St., P.O. Box 336, Perth.

RULES FOR GOOD LAKESIDE LIVING

Some rules bear repeating. Here are a few of them:

A septic system should be at least 100' back from the shore and on good soil....3 feet above the water table
3 feet above the nearest rock formation

and it should be big enough

Don't flush any more than you must

Don't dump sand on the shore (or otherwise interfere with the natural shoreline)

Leave as much of the shoreline vegetation as possible

Could you do the laundry in town ?

At the lake, use soaps or non-phosphate detergents

MEETINGS , MEETINGS....some to convey messages to others on your behalf and some to listen and learn. Charlie Robertson and Dave Code convened a Ministry of Housing workshop at Queen's University on effective citizen participation. Herb Robertson attended the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations meeting in March. Hans Pokorny covers all Tay Valley Board meetings as well as the Burgess Council. His newsletter is enclosed.

David E. Code,
Chairman.