

# OTTY LAKE

## POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

1977-3

### PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAWS ADOPTED

In June and July of this year, the Townships of North Burgess and North Elmsley adopted Property Standards By-laws dealing specifically with the problem of sewage disposal. These By-laws were prepared with the co-operation of your executive and the Ministry of Housing, and they represent a big step toward a more satisfactory state of affairs for Otty Lake. You may have read about it in the July 7 and 14th issues of the Perth Courier.

What it means for us is that:

- It is now illegal to permit a sewage system to leak or discharge onto the ground or into the water.
- Before July, 1979 all sewage systems (other than holding tanks) must be at least 50' back from the water and at least 3' above the highest water table or flood level.
- Fines are up to \$1,000 per day of non-compliance.

As further provisions are now being considered by one of the Townships, we will wait until the next newsletter to publish a fuller description of these laws. In the meantime, ask yourself if your own system is good enough. Really good enough?

### WHERE DID MY \$5 GO? - Report of Receipts and Expenditures for period June 15, 1976 to June 9, 1977

#### Receipts

Memberships	1976	\$1,035.05	
	1977	285.25	
Bank Interest		<u>110.67</u>	
			\$1,430.97

#### Expenditures

Printing and Stationery	194.80	
Audio-Visual	30.81	
Environmental	96.28	
Election	54.00	
Refund	25.00	
Federation	25.00	
Regatta	61.17	
Service Charges	<u>3.39</u>	
		<u>490.45</u>

Excess Receipts over Expenditures \$ 940.52

WATER QUALITY

The Biological condition (i.e. algae, weeds,) appears (we repeat, appears) to be relatively stable at present. The water has been clearer this year than for several years past; however, there is no reason to believe that the nutrients are not now in storage in the sludge on the bottom and able to set off a fresh round of algae and weed growth in future.

The Bacteriological condition of the lake has been disappointing this year. From a fairly good result in 1975 (a dry year) the lake has experienced slightly higher counts in 1976, then higher again in 1977. The reasons for this are not clear as yet, but obviously there is still effluent of sewage systems getting into the lake. The geometric mean of the bacteria counts for each of these recent years was as follows:

1973	17.5/3.0
1974	8.6/2.5
1975	4.6/1.8
1976	7.5/2.1
1977	15.5/3.1

REGATTA 1977

Since regatta convenor Herb Robertson detected very little interest in a full-scale event (i.e. with swimming, canoeing and rowing) but since the sailboat crowd were keen to compete, it was decided to have a sailing-only regatta. On what must have been the windiest day of the year, August 28th, the trophy winner was Peter Code in one of his own built-in-Perth Kestrels.



Second place went to Ruth and Dave Turner and third to Bob McNichol, both in Kestrels. Laser owners, who sometimes delight in humiliating the bigger boats, were out of the money and frequently upside down. For the Kolibris it was even worse. The convenor had a personal best, taking a 4th in his Albacore.

Incidentally, regular sailing races took place every Sunday afternoon at or about 1:00 during August and into September. More news about next year's plans will appear in a later newsletter.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

- . Membership is now up to 74.9%
- . Bank balance at June 15 was \$2452.
- . Land severance decisions lately have been compatible with the aims of the Otty Lake Pollution Control Committee
- . Tay Valley Plan and Township By-laws discussed (see below)
- . OPP Constable Ron McCandless advised us on protection against vandalism and theft, recommended identification of valuables.  
Marking pens are available from Lakeside Security at the Valley Book Store in Perth.

WATER LEVELS

Attempts were made to maintain stop-logs in the dam from July 1st to September 1st as per the policy and, despite several unauthorized removals of the stop-log, the water this year stayed within 3½ inches of the normal July 1 or datum level.

The executive attempted to alter the dam to minimize spring flooding (as agreed in 1976) but has so far been unsuccessful.

Beaver control continues to be a problem. Traps were set last winter under authority of Ministry of Natural Resources but with little apparent effect. The fight goes on. The Wilsons of Area 4 lost 8 trees last season. Can anyone top that?

MAP

The new map of the lake goes to press on January 1st. The deadline for submission of name and address changes will be DECEMBER 1, 1977

MEMBERSHIP

If you missed getting your \$5.00 membership for 1977, you can send it now to the Otty Lake Pollution Control Committee, care of the Secretary, Marg Bishop at 2725 Springland Drive, Ottawa, K1V 6M3

VOTING DATES

The Ontario Legislature is considering moving the voting day from December to November. Better still would be to at least have an advance poll on Thanksgiving weekend, so that cottagers can exercise their franchise. If you feel this way, contact your Member and tell him or her how you feel.

OTTY LAKE POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

Your Executive for 1977-78 is:

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\* term expires