

# OTTY LAKE association

1978-3

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**Otty Lake good neighbours**

HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 8

- Much of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the draft Otty Lake Plan, the Zoning By-laws of the two Townships, and the Property Standards By-law.
- The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,893.33 at June 30.
- The meeting unanimously decided, by constitutional amendment, to adopt the name "Otty Lake Association".
- The executive was instructed to explore the possibility of engaging our own inspectors, co-operating with existing authorities, to ensure compliance with the letter and the spirit of the By-laws respecting sewage disposal.
- Membership remains high at 74%

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Ontario municipal elections this year will take place on Monday, November 13. Hans Pokorny has decided to run for a second term on the Burgess Council, and we urge you to support him with your vote. He has been a great help to us in keeping track of local developments, and an able member of Council on behalf of the entire Township.

If Norman Ferrier should be opposed for Reeve, we recommend you support him as he has been fair to us.

In Elmsley, Bob Butterworth has decided to call it quits after 2 terms in office; he will be badly missed. As we went to press, we were not aware of any candidate willing to take his place. Nomination day is October 25.

Remember, the ADVANCE POLL is SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

at Stanleyville, for North Burgess

and at Port Elmsley for North Elmsley

If you intend to vote on November 13th, check your poll location by calling any member of the executive.

NOISE POLLUTION

Some folks (according to their neighbours) are so fond of the music they get out of their radios and stereos that they try to share it with everyone else. That makes it rather tough for others to hear the soft sounds of the lake - the gentle, delicate lapping of waves against the shore, or the clear, mournful cry of the loon to its mate. Let's keep our music to ourselves.

TUT! TUT!



We have learned that some people have been dumping garbage along the roadsides. This has occurred on the road out of Otty and Long Lakes, and on the side road that goes by the Perth Dump.

There is no need for this as the Perth dump is open to 4:00 every Saturday for a token fee; the free North Burgess dump is near Stanleyville on the Black Lake Road; and North Elmsley has one near the village of Port Elmsley.

"Keep it Clean".

SEWAGE INSPECTIONS

The Perth Health Unit this year inspected several properties on the lake, including the Burgess island in Parks' Bay. Both cottages there were found in breach of provincial regulations. Notice has been served on the owner to discontinue use of the sink drains and toilets.

Unfortunately, there are also other problem areas on the lake. Improper sewage systems are a "rip-off" for everyone else. If the cost of a toilet and a proper tile bed seems high, then a simple outhouse can be put up for much less. Some of us are using a privy and liking it just fine.

SAILING REGATTA RESULTS



Kestrels finished 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the Regatta held September 3rd (after the rain). But, after the judges had had time to digest the impact of gathering winds, a flurry of friendly protests, and the application of handicaps, the results were:

1. Peter Whitehead, winner of the Commodore's trophy for 1978, sailing a Topper. (Honest, folks, it's only 11' long.)
2. Ruth and Dave Turner in a Kestrel,
3. ~~Shirley~~<sup>Betty</sup> and Bob McNicol in a Kestrel.

Among the also-rans were Bill Schriever, 4th in his Sunfish, Dave Code, 5th in a Laser, Jim Peden, Pete Code, Ron Wilson, Jim Carrothers, Graeme Fraser, Amy, Hans and Sandy Pokorny, Bob Butterworth and boys, Herb Robertson and Bob Strachan.

The course for the 1978 race was so irregular that one spectator was heard to say that it must have been designed by a committee. It was. But most agreed that it was also one of the best sailing regattas we have had.

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OFFICIAL PLAN FOR OTTY LAKE

On August 21 the official plan was adopted by the Tay Valley Planning Board and became part of the Tay Valley Plan. The draft was the subject of a number of discussions during June and July, when your president met the Township Councils, the Planning Board and representatives of the developers in order to bargain the issues. At the public hearing on August 12, some two dozen were present; the meeting was over in an hour.

The Plan confirms the 100' setback for sewage systems and now also provides a 50' (15 meters) setback for all new buildings. In principle, it discourages any disturbance of natural vegetation within 100' of the lake. The development freeze, which was to have lasted 1 year from April, 1977 was removed on August 21 with adoption of the Plan. Summaries of the Plan may be had by request from the Secretary.

PUBLIC LANDS AND PICNIC ISLANDS

Several of the islands in Otty Lake are Crown lands. This means that they are publicly owned, left in their natural state for all of us to enjoy. Unfortunately, a few selfish persons have been using more than their share.

The little picnic island in Area 1 - one of the Three Sisters - is not suitable for camping. There are no sewage facilities, and the island is too small to provide a supply of fuel for fires. Do those who hog it for entire week-ends and cut down our trees realize that the rest of us get no pay for having to pick up the garbage after? Cloverleaf Island is much bigger and could accommodate overnight campers, as long as they "keep it clean".

Blueberry Island, near Cloverleaf, has also been the site of many happy picnics in years past. But lately it has been suffering from a heavy load of paint. Some call it decoration ...?

We join the Ministry of Natural Resources in urging residents and visitors to show respect for public lands - our lands.

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WATER LEVELS

As many of you have mentioned to the executive, this year's water level has been higher than usual. Most of the summer it was about 1" - 1½" above the agreed level (as set July 1, 1973-75). This was due to the beaver dams at the lower end of Jebb's Creek.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has agreed to destroy these beaver dams more frequently and to trap the beaver more intensely. We are therefore hoping to get the levels down before freeze-up, in order to reduce the amount of ice damage in the winter or flooding in April.

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RECOGNITION

In a recent edition of its publication "The Ontario Cottager" the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations carried a highly complimentary column entitled "Otty Lake Organization Sets Example". F.O.C.A. provides an information and advisory service for participating associations, many of which are now finding that we have common problems.

The magazine can be obtained by sending \$5.00 (for one year) to: Editor, The Ontario Cottager, Bewdley, Ontario.

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