

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Otty Lake good neighbours

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Mr. Hans Pokorny		267-1626
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Standing committees: Science(S), Legal (L).

TESTING ASSISTANCE

Jo Mott, Herman Schultz, H. Hollingsworth, Erin Kenny and others.

WATER LEVELS

Water, water everywhere, and not a drop will shrink! What a season it has been. A wet February, wet May, a wet August, and then an unbelievable wet week in early September produced lake levels that resemble nothing within living memory.

The highest surge for a single week that your President can remember was one of 5 inches, and that was when the dam was in place and working. In the week of September 6-12 there was a surge of 12 inches (some said 15"), and that was with no dam! Makes a person wonder what it would have been like if the dam had still been there. We prefer not to even think about it.

If you are one of the ones whose dock floated away that week, you may interested in these selected measurements:

Mid-May: at about the Datum Line (Average July 1,73-75)

June 27:	4"	above datum
Aug. 1:	5"	below "
Sep. 13:	10½"	above "
Oct. 11:	3"	" "
Oct. 25:	0	
Nov. 1:	4¼"	above "

As you will remember, the dam and Jebb's Creek were opened and cleaned out with four objectives in mind:

1. To allow a more natural flushing action of the lake and the creek, and reduce pollution
2. To achieve more normal (low) levels in winter, and thereby reduce ice damage
3. To reduce the erosion that results from year-round high water
4. To allow the shoreline to be baked in a time of low water during warm weather in August.

The first three of these were achieved, at least in part. Perhaps, with a normal rainfall in 1982, the fourth will have a chance.

REGATTA

This year's Regatta was held on Sunday, August 30th, with crews meeting before and after at the Presidential palace. Dave Turner and Jim Peden took an early lead in their Kestrel but, after an unscheduled visit to one of the north shore shoals, found themselves well situated to watch the others parade past. Other serious challenges were made by Ron Wilson, Tom Geiger, Herb Robertson, Peter Code in one of his Kestrels, and Hans Pokorny in a Sunfish.

But 1 hour, 2 minutes and 54 seconds after the start, a new resident, Greg WANLESS with his sister ~~Judy~~^{Bill} as crew, sailing an Albacore, won the Commodore's Handicap Trophy. Dave Code and Bill Kenyon were second and third respectively.

Officiating were Lorne Roseborough of Victoria, Heather and Bev Code of Ottawa, and Judy Robertson of Toronto.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Director (Water Quality) Ned Goodhue reported on testing results for 1980-81, including a bacterial geometric mean of 8.5/1.9. Alex Campbell described these readings as unchanged at the marginal quality levels of the past few years. Weed growth is another matter (see below). Acid rain is not expected to be a serious problem for Otty Lake because of the nature of the rocks in the area.

Guests included the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of N. Burgess, Norman Ferrier and John P. McParland, the Reeve of N. Elmsley, Fred Healey and Mr. Peter Christie.

President Dave Code gave a review of the satisfactory and unsatisfactory events of the past year, including an assessment of the elections in North Burgess and offered his analysis of the tensions that developed between the Association and the Burgess Council over the past winter, and repeated his desire that the Councils not think of the Association as an opposition party. He, Reeve Ferrier and Reeve Healey all spoke optimistically of the possibilities of success and cooperation between the Councils and the lake association. All three agreed that there is good will in each, and a sincere desire to work together in solving common problems. He also reported that, for the first time in several years, there are no official appeals outstanding against development plans or local By-laws.

Mr. Peter Christie, who is the past President of FOCA, spoke to the meeting and confirmed that the attempt to deny cottagers the right to serve on municipal councils had been rejected by the Cabinet. He also discussed lake studies and other matters of interest to members. He expressed his approval of "...areas such as your own which, without completely taking over the whole Council, have nonetheless elected cottagers to Council."

Reeve Healey described the recently instituted system of garbage collection for North Elmsley, which is provided at a charge of \$30.00 per residence per year. North Burgess feels that this is still beyond their means.

Reeve Ferrier explained the new Market Value Assessment and other township matters as requested.

Reeve Ferrier and Deputy Reeve McParland also paid tribute to the fine service Hans Pokorny had given to North Burgess during his two terms on Council, and joined others in regretting Han's premature "retirement".

Treasurer Judith George reported an audited balance at June 30th of \$1,485.00.

Mark Semple and Hans Pokorny reported increased flushing action in Otty Lake during the past winter as a result of the clearance activities in Jebb's Creek. Mark is still looking for volunteers to help with further clearing as needed in the Creek.

Milo Kravacek reported that another 5 years of improvement in the water quality of the lake will be required before MNR will consider it worthwhile to stock with game fish.

WEED GROWTH

In the past several years, unusually heavy weed growths have been observed in certain parts of the lake. This has attracted our attention, particularly as other parts of the lake have been much more clear, and free of such nuisance growths. We therefore arranged in July for a visit by an official of the Ministry of the Environment, and asked for an opinion. As a result of this visit, the Ministry intends to conduct a survey of these growths in Otty Lake, and hopes to be able to do this in 1982. Anyone who is experiencing recent heavy weed growths is requested to report it to Alex Campbell or to the President.

WATER SAMPLING

John Bisson has agreed to take on the job of coordinating the water sampling and will collect some of the samples himself. He will have the assistance of Jack Wotton, but more volunteers would be welcome. We are open to offers.

T-SHIRTS

If you want any Otty Lake T-Shirts for use as Christmas gifts, you should plan to give your order to Dave Code 722-0339 Ottawa, by about December 1st for pickup by December 15th. Non-profit price is \$7.00