

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

1983-2

JUNE 1983



Walk, run, drive or paddle your own canoe, but come to the ANNUAL MEETING of the Otty Lake Association. It will again be held in the famous McMARTIN HOUSE (corner of Gore and Harvey Streets in Perth).

Saturday JULY 9 at 9:30 a.m.

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THE HYDRO CORRIDOR

The new route is not yet known, but plenty has been said about it at public meetings and by correspondence. Members of this Association have added their voices to those of the surrounding Townships in asking questions about the impact these lines and towers could have on the communities through which they are to pass. One of the possible routes would be parallel to the north shore of Otty Lake.

Speaking of hydro, those residents who would prefer to do their own brushing under the hydro right-of-way on their properties -- instead of letting Ontario Hydro do it with chemical herbicides -- may apply to do so. We will have application forms at the Annual Meeting.

MAP UPDATE

Our Otty Lake map is very popular, but the executive cannot keep the list of residents up-to-date unless we receive co-operation from the members. If you are not correctly recorded now, or if you know of someone else whose name should be entered or corrected, call your Area Counsellor or Art Eastham (267.6845) or Dave Code (267.5053). We will update our copies at once and give you an amending sheet, probably in the 1983-84 year.

FEES

Still the low, low price of \$5.00 per year per residence. You may pay at the meeting, or give it to your Area Counsellor at the next opportunity.

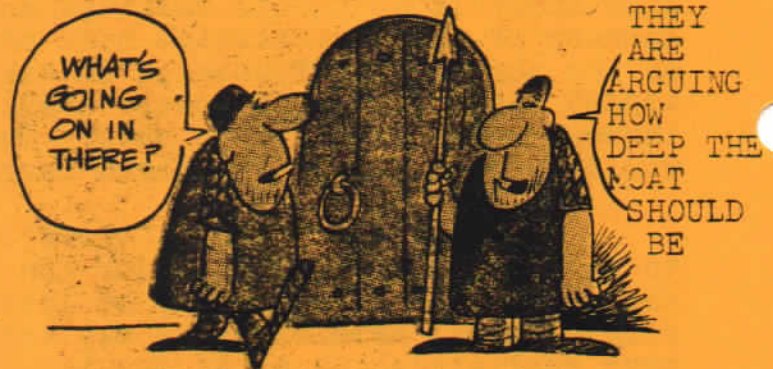
Otty Lake good neighbours

JEBB'S CREEK LEVELS

Of all the 1,000 - odd residents of Otty Lake there must be at least a million opinions on the difference in elevation between the lake and the River Tay. In other words, how much drop is there in Jebb's Creek? We have heard many guesses: 2 feet, 5 feet, 9 feet and 1 foot. According to the surveyors for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, who ran levels the length of Jebb's Creek last fall, the difference that day was 31 inches.

As for the lake, residents will have noticed that the levels have fallen since the spring high. At June 18 the level was 4 inches below Datum (the average July 1 level of 1972-74). This appears to result, at least in part, from the removal of the dam and the clearing of Jebb's Creek as decided earlier by this Association. At a recent meeting, your executive decided to leave it for at least another year in order to obtain the cleaning benefit of the shoreline that was recommended by the Ministry of Natural Resources. We plan to review the matter again before the 1984 season.

T-SHIRTS will be available at the meeting, at the non-profit price of \$8. Those not in stock can be ordered for delivery in about two weeks.



OPPORTUNITIES OPEN

We expect to have the usual number of vacancies to fill, for the coming year's executive and in other roles. The most likely openings are for:

- Information Director
- Newsletter Editor
- Secretary
- Area Counsellor for Areas 2, 8 and 9

If you think you can spare a few hours for Otty Lake let us know, and tell us what you would like to do. If there is any chance of speaking to us before the Annual Meeting, it would make our job easier

LIGHTFORD DEVELOPMENT

In June of 1980 we reported that the long negotiations with the developer and all the interested agencies was drawing to a reasonably satisfactory conclusion. The result can be summarized as 50 lots in a subdivision, set well back from the shore of Little Otty.

However, Dr. Lightford has recently approached the Council and the other agencies for permission to sell 9 shoreline lots as well. Your Association, on legal advice, has objected. We have several reasons for doing so, mainly because the proposal violates the 1980 agreement without the intensive study and consultation that the matter was felt to deserve and did receive then.

The Township of North Burgess has given its approval to 8 shoreline lots, and so has the Planning Board, but the Land Division Committee has not yet made a ruling.



RECREATION

Sunday afternoon sailing has begun again. Those who want to take part in very (yes, very) casual racing with their neighbours can meet in the middle of the lake between 1:30 and 2:00 and be home again by 3:30

Other ideas for recreation would also be welcome.

FAMILIAR ADVICE

MAKE LESS WASTE WATER

USE NO FERTILIZER WITHIN 50 FEET OF THE SHORE

KEEP A PROPER SEWAGE SYSTEM - IF YOU HAVE A TOILET, YOU SHOULD HAVE A LEGAL SIZE TILE BED OR HOLDING TANK, OR A COMPOSTING TOILET. A 45-GAL. DRUM IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

FAMILIAR FACTS

MINIMUM FRONTAGE FOR NEW LOTS: 147.6 ft

MINIMUM SETBACK FOR SEWAGE TANKS AND TILE BEDS: 100 ft

MINIMUM SETBACK FOR NEW BUILDING, INCLUDING ADDITIONS: 50 ft

POWER BOATS MUST KEEP OUT OF THE WAY OF SAILBOATS, CANOES, SWIMMERS

OTTY LAKE is a great place when we treat it - and each other - right.