

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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PUBLIC ACCESS AND BOAT LAUNCH

At last count, 9 persons had contacted Mark Semple to express their interest in public launch facilities - in response to the notice in newsletter 1983-3. The Association has been working on the matter over the winter, and this is the situation to date:

There is no Crown land available for the purpose;
Ministry of Natural Resources permission will be a requirement, when and if a site is identified;
No site will be ready by June of this year;
Additional consultations are being held with the Townships and provincial agencies.

In the meantime, we can only advise residents who need launch facilities to make private arrangements as best they can for this season, in hopes that something may be available by the Fall. (see late news on page 4.)

OTTY LAKE MAP

The Otty Lake Association map is to be reprinted this year in order to update the list of names. Surnames will be shown, followed by initials. Other information, such as Mrs, Dr. and first names will be omitted unless you have asked your Area Counsellor for such entries.

If you would like to change your listing, please contact your Area Counsellor or mail the change to "Otty Lake Association, 20 Mancil Drive, Nepean, Ontario, K2J 2J5 " Please be sure to include your home address.

If you know anyone who has moved to or away from the lake, would you please let us know. Each mailing finds us with several newsletters that are undeliverable and that have no forwarding address. In some cases, the people cannot be located until the summer. Your help at this time will result in a more accurate list of names for our map.



Otty Lake good neighbours

WATER FILTERS - DO THEY WORK?

A review of the available information from Health and Welfare Canada indicates that water filters consisting of ceramic cartridges impregnated with metallic silver (Sterasyl or sterasyl type) do an adequate job of removing coliform and total plate count bacteria at their rated flows. They are effective and suitable for use at the level of bacteria found in Otty Lake. These filters will not remove all viruses, but they are not considered a hazard in this regard. Filters containing activated carbon alone are ~~not~~ recommended and should not be used.

FISH KILL

In mid-April residents of Areas 1 and 9 discovered large numbers of small dead fish along the shore. The Ministry of Natural Resources investigated and advised that the fish are alewives. This species is known to be subject to massive die-off, so they do not attribute it to any toxic condition in the lake. This may be a winter kill - that is to say a suffocation of fish due to ice having penetrated so deeply as to drive out the oxygen required by the fish. But this seems unlikely, as no other species appears to have been affected. So far, no other explanation has been offered.

ANNUAL MEETING

As fixed by our constitution, the AGM takes place on the second Saturday in July. This is your chance to ask questions or raise objections to Association attitudes. It is also your chance to offer to serve Otty Lake. Right now we could use a Secretary, an editor for the newsletters, and an Information Officer.

Call any member of the Executive.

FEES

After ten years of keeping the fees at the same level, last years AGM authorized a modest raise to \$7.00. You can pay them at the 1984 AGM, on July 14 or to your Area Counsellor, or by sending them now to the Treasurer Art Eastham at 265 Crestview Road, Ottawa, K1H 5G4. Make Art happy. Send your cheque today, and keep the Otty Lake Association in good financial health.

BUILDING PERMITS

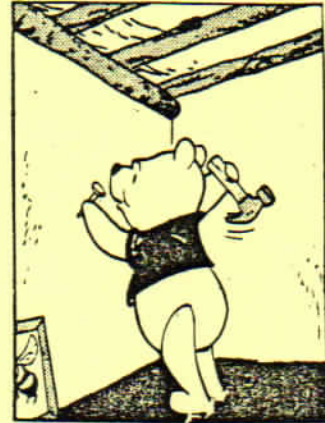
Every year we give members this reminder, just so that no one will forget the rules that are in place for the protection of us all. They are not onerous, and so for this reason we have all found it easy to comply. Right?

The main items to remember are these:

To construct any building, dock, shed, deck, cabin or other structure, call the Building Inspector to make sure that what you have in mind is legal. Only if the value of the structure is expected to be more than \$2,500. (the value, not the cost) will a permit be required; and the cost of a permit is modest.

In North Burgess, the Building Inspector is Jim Connell, whose phone is 267 4605.

In North Elmsley, the Building Inspector is George Coutts, phone 283 4461.



BRUSH CLEARING UNDER HYDRO LINES

Cottagers and year-round residents of Otty Lake are reminded that, if they wish to do so, they may perform the clearing of brush under the hydro lines instead of waiting for Hydro to do it for them.

This reminder is being given at this time because Hydro is sending notices in some areas, indicating their intention to spray and/or cut brush in the near future.

The Hydro right-of-way is normally 30' wide, and brush there must be kept below 6' high. Property owners wishing to do the work themselves must file an appropriate form - which is available from the Area Counsellors or from Hydro - and leave it with the Perth office of Hydro, agreeing to meet these conditions.

BRUSH BURNING

Speaking of brush, you should bear in mind the local rules about burning brush and leaves. After April 1st in North Burgess and North Elmsley no one may burn an open fire except by permit. Permits may be obtained by contacting Norman Ferrier at 267 1265 (Nor. Burgess) or Gerrit Leeftlang at 267 3049 (Nor. Elmsley) both Wardens of the BBD&E Fire Department.

A fire out of control could cost YOU money!

HYDRO LINE ROUTE

The proposed route for the transmission line through Lanark County is to be revealed in May. Hydro is planning public meetings at Stanleyville on June 5 and at Port Elmsley June 6. Readers will recall that one of the draft routes would be parallel to the north shore of Otty Lake. This may be the last chance to speak up.

TREES FOR PLANTING

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority offers landowners a forest agreement service and a forest advisory service. Anyone who is interested in tree planting, woodlot improvement or other uses may contact:

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority
Private Land Forest Management Service
P.O. Box 599 Mill Street,
Manotick, Ontario. KOA 2N0

BOAT LAUNCH (continued)

Your Executive has just learned of a new development. On April 27 the Township Council of North Burgess made a visit to the only known launch site in that end of the lake, at the place where the Elm Grove road meets Miller's Bay. Council declared it suitable for use with or without improvement and has given the Association permission to improve it as we might decide. Further sites will also be considered; but in the meantime residents may wish to use this one for launching in May or June. More about this at the Annual Meeting.

NEWS, REAL NEWS !

On the 14th of April, when the lake was covered with part ice and part open water, Mergansers were observed in performance of courting dances. And the bluebirds came.

On the 17th the ice went out.

On the same day the loons arrived. A new season began.

