

CAPTAIN OTTY'S LOG

Newsletter of the Otty Lake Association

October 1999

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brian Perkin

It's autumn in Otty country again! October's weather has been trying to throw a little more water into the lake before winter, but it is still quite a contrast from the higher water levels we encountered last fall. Here's hoping your motor survived the late September boat rides. Things weren't quite as pretty on the Rideau where the marinas report a bumper crop of dinged and mangled propellers.

This past summer the Association supported (at no cost) a major project initiated by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) to study the shoreline habitat in the area. Students performed a 'macro-assessment' of the waters and shorelines along the Tay River and were able to extend their survey up the entire length of Jebb's Creek to Otty Lake.

A consultant will now analyse the results to determine the overall health of the waters, any sources of major pollution and the effects of land use. We'll be particularly interested in the results in Jebb's Creek, as it inherits the outflow from the lake. The students made a complete pictorial record of the streams, studied fish habitat and even collected a wide range of bugs which act as indicators of the health of the waterways. The authority hopes to have the results available in next spring. Meanwhile, let's enjoy the beautiful fall colours and have a great time ushering in the year 2000!

FIRE AND THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

Jack Lynn

None of us should ignore the real possibility of a fire breaking out at our cottage or home on Otty Lake. But in the event of such a disaster, think about this. Would a large fire truck actually make it down your cottage road? Is the access to your residence hampered by heavy brush or trees too close to the road? Are there overhanging limbs? Are the corners too sharp for a full-sized ladder truck?

Walk the roadway leading to your prized possession. Visualize a fire truck navigating the hills, twists and curves. Fire Department regulations require some 12 feet of vertical clearance and 20 feet of horizontal clearance. Consider some of the tight spots and what you can do about them now. It's too late to correct the situation ... after the fact.

HAS YOUR SEPTIC TANK BEEN PUMPED LATELY?

The Ministry of Environment and other conservation authorities recommend that septic tanks be pumped out every 3-5 years. Aside from ensuring the removal of material that could clog the septic tiles, pumping also allows an experienced operator to inspect the system for other potential problems before they develop. This is one of the most important things you can do for the health of our lake!

ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

Lorne Gold

There is really no need to remind you that Otty Lake had very low water levels this past summer and an excessive growth of weeds. These conditions are not unique to our area but were quite general throughout southern Ontario. Low water levels can be blamed on lack of rain and a badly depleted supply of ground water. It is thought that the excessive growth of weeds was due in part to the low levels and increased sunshine. A good supply of nutrients however is also required.

A group of concerned property owners submitted a petition at the AGM asking that something be done about the weeds in their area. We found that information on weed control can be obtained from the Ministry of Natural Resources in Kemptville and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority in Manotick. All work to remove or control weeds in the lake must have the approval of these two bodies. The approval process has been very slow, not only in our area but throughout Ontario. In addition, there has been a delay in obtaining a piece of equipment that appears to be very suitable. Your Environment Committee is following the situation closely and we hope that by spring there will be a satisfactory method for controlling weeds when required.

The last set of fecal count readings were taken on September 7. Six readings were obtained during the summer at each of the 32 stations on the lake. Fecal counts were generally low this year which may be due to the low level and extra sunshine. More details in the Spring newsletter.

In response to a request from a concerned individual, and with the agreement of most of the property owners in the area, extra readings are being taken this fall in one of the bays. This is being carried out as a test case to determine what action can be taken if property owners in the vicinity of one or more of the sampling sites feel there may be a water quality problem in their area.

In September, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority installed a staff gauge on one of the piers of the Rideau Ferry highway bridge over Jebb's Creek. By measuring the depth of water at the bridge with the gauge and the velocity of the water surface, one can estimate the rate at which water is flowing in the creek. The rate of flow for much of August and September was almost zero. Therefore the very significant decrease in water level from August 2 to September 3 (almost 5 inches) must have been due to evaporation.

THE BOAT LAUNCH AT OTTY LAKE ROAD #3

Don't leave your vehicle or trailer on the turntable. This makes it necessary to do some involved backing and turning and steering around the parked trailers, a feat which not everyone can accomplish easily. Please keep it clear and park along the road if necessary.

HOLD THAT FERTILIZER

What causes degeneration of a recreational lake? Any form of nutrient enrichment, if left unchecked, can result in excess growth of algae, slime and other unpleasant products. Improperly treated sewage, buildings too close to the water, shorelines hardened by masonry walls, roads and paths that permit a rapid runoff of rainwater, and fertilizers are all culprits.

City-style lawns that run to the water's edge can and do contribute to the nutrient load, especially if any part of that lawn is fertilized. Consider naturalizing the shoreline. Instead of grassy lawns, plant shoreline shrubs and vines, such as Virginia Creeper, Dogwood or Dwarf Willow. These plants bind the soil to prevent erosion, require no fertilizer, no maintenance and are low

enough to permit a view of the lake. Besides, they look good. Even an unfertilized lawn should be no closer than 10 feet from the shore.

Don't use fertilizers within 100 feet of the lake. It is one of the easiest things you can do to help keep Otty Lake clean for future generations. For advice on selection of shoreline plants, call Master Gardener Amy Pokorny (267-1626). To order free shoreline plants from MAPLE, call Diane Nuttall (264-0687).

ICE STORM '98 IN RECOGNITION

A few days after the new Township of Bathurst Burgess Sherbrooke came into existence, its residents faced a natural disaster unprecedented in Canadian history. Though faced with a massive, long lasting outage and a critical shortage of essential supplies, everyone pulled together, helped their neighbour, and did a credible job of pulling through.

It would be impossible to name everyone who made a contribution - the whole community contributed. Particular mention, however, must be made of the following people: Hydro and PUC workers, volunteer fire fighters, Bell employees, military personnel from the 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, the police, municipal employees, and those who helped operate the shelters.

This plaque commemorates and celebrates the way in which members of this community came together during the crisis. May we, the residents of Bathurst Burgess Sherbrooke, go forward together from this place in time.

February 21, 1998

The Corporation of the
Township of Bathurst Burgess Sherbrooke

WHEN THE ICE LEFT OTTY

Ice breakup dates from records kept by L V Wood and his son Earl between 1949 and 1973. Contributed by Bob Hassard. Earliest breakup, March 27 in 1953. Latest breakup, May 3 in 1972. Average date of breakup over the 25 years - April 19.

WEEDS IN THE WATER Dave Code

Weeds in Otty Lake? Yes. Some of them have been there for many years and are a natural part of the environment; but some other weeds and algae growths have a more recent origin, due to pollution, storm run-off over hardened shorelines and other examples of dense development on or near the shore. In at least one area of the lake, residents are acting now to harvest an over-abundant crop. And they will remove the cut weeds for composting inland.

And that raises a point we should all bear in mind: one shouldn't cut weeds and let them drift on the water, to make a nuisance for other lake residents. Such an action is not only inconsiderate to those who inherit the mess; it is also illegal. So, if you cut your weeds next year, make sure you dispose of them well away from the shore. They make good compost for the garden.

TOWARDS EFFECTIVE WATER PURIFICATION Amy Pokorny

There are now available safer and more effective methods of water purification. As a diluted poison, chlorine destroys most bacteria but by no means a full spectrum of lethal contaminants. Also, in the long term, it is harmful to humans and wildlife. In 1989, Environment Canada reported an increasing rate of neurological problems, infertility and cancer among wild animals and fish exposed to chlorinated water. This is partly due to chlorine combining molecularly with certain pollutants to form organochlorines and trihalomethanes, such as the deadly dioxin. A few years ago, New Jersey found a statistically greater incidence of neural defects (e.g., *spinal bifida*) when pregnant mothers had consistently drunk chlorine-treated tap water.

It takes a dangerously high concentration of chlorine to control the often fatal water-borne disease *Cryptosporidium*, a serious problem in parts of the USA and in Vancouver. Lanark County is definitely beaver country. Hence, we are around Otty Lake at risk of "beaver fever" or *Giardia*. For this particular cyst, there is a reverse osmosis process. It is listed on the yellow pages by one company under the heading of Water Treatment and Equipment.

In many European cities, ozone has been in use for many years. Montreal has a large ozone plant for pollutant treatment. The USA Food & Drug Administration & Environment Protection Agency found that ozone can actually neutralize 99.9992% of the pathogens commonly present in our lakes, rivers and wells. This includes viruses as well as bacteria,

amoeban protozoa and spores, as well as *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*. Recently, the city of Vancouver was pressured by its citizens, who were objecting to the raising of chlorine levels, into changing over to ozone. The initial cost is high, but the long-term treatment is not. Unlike chlorine, ozone does not combine with certain contaminants to form damaging trihalomethanes.

For lakeshore residences, farms and rural residences, ozone is not practical or apparently available. However, there are other solutions. Hydrogen peroxide is safe and effective if properly used. An ultraviolet lamp is reliable. So is a separate reverse osmosis filter against "Beaver fever". In addition, if your intake pipe is close to a silty, polluted lake bed, you may need one further filter. Remember, your well may not be safe if you are on a slope from a manured field or a neighbour's septic system. Another device sometimes needed in our area is one to filter out iron. It appears that too much iron of the wrong kind is not usefully assimilated by our bodies but instead it forms a compound that settles in our joints.

Unfortunately, in some cases the aquifer is polluted. A deep, well constructed well should not be affected by ground water. In any case, it is taken for granted that family drinking water should be tested, at least seasonally. I have three kinds of filter but I have found that depending on wind direction, the water in front of my house has sometimes tasted poorly.

By the way, our Health Unit tests only for fecal pollution. More information is available from our Health Office (800-267-7918) or from the companies listed in the Perth phone book.

SAILING REGATTA RESULTS Dave Code

The annual Otty Lake Sailing Regatta took place on Sunday, September 5 in variable winds. There were 10 participants, including Lasers, Albacore, Kestrel, Princecraft and Windsurfers. First place was taken by Dale Friesen and Erica, in a Laser II. Second was last year's winner Craig Robertson in his Laser I. Third, under the Otty Lake handicap system, was Doug Overhill in a Hobie 14. A social hour followed on shore.

Anyone wanting information on future sailing activity - races, sociable cruises or lessons - in the year 2000 may call 267 1399 or 722 0339.

MEMBERSHIP

Dick Atkinson continues his excellent work in processing fees and keeping the membership data up to date. If you have received a green membership slip in this Newsletter, it's a gentle reminder about your 1999 fees. We are in particular need for new counsellors in Area 5A/5B as Dick covered some of these sections himself this summer. We appreciate the work of all our counsellors in delivering the info packs (for which a big cheer for Karen Hunt) and getting one-on-one feedback. Work also continues on a new lake map for 2000 that will include the new 911 municipal addresses.

FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT! Dave Code

In the summer of '99, one of our Area Counsellors held an interesting conversation with a lake resident while making the annual visit and collecting the annual dues. It went something like this:

Q May I sign you up for the year's membership in the Otty Lake Association?

A No, you may not.

Q May I ask why not?

A Yes. I can think of several reasons. To begin with, the Association doesn't do anything for me.

Q Maybe it does. Can you be more specific?

A Sure. To begin with,

(1) why doesn't the Association do something to fix the faulty septic systems on the lake that cause all this pollution?

Reply: Well, it happens that the Association has been doing quite a bit. But you should realize that it has no authority to take action. Authority and power lie with the local Municipality (Township) and with the Health Unit of Ontario. But, ever since the early '70s, OLA has been lobbying many agencies to make sewage systems better and located farther back from the shore. We have been making some headway, and some time in 2000 we expect that all of the agencies will agree to several provisions. One is that all new septic tile bed disposal systems must be at least 100 feet (30m) back from the

shore. Second, OLA and the governments are looking at ways to inspect all old systems from time to time, to insist that they be pumped regularly and brought up to standard.

(2) The Association ought to survey the lake residents to find out what the people want it to do for them.

Reply: The President and Board of Directors present detailed reports at the Annual Meeting in July and we usually get a lot of response then. On several occasions in the past the OLA has published questionnaires in the Newsletter, inviting comment and expressions of preferences. But perhaps it's time to do it again.

(3) As a result of the ice storm, there are dead falls in the lake, trees fallen into the water. OLA should do something about that.

Reply: I'm not sure about that one. For one thing, it's the Ministry of Natural Resources that has the power to act. And for another, opinion is divided. Some think it's good for the fish habitat, others think it a case of nutrient enrichment, pollution. But I'll recommend that OLA look into it. Watch for it in the Newsletter.

I don't read the Newsletter.

You may find there is a lot in it that interests you in *Captain Otty's Log*. And I would recommend you read it in future; you may find the answers to some of your questions. After all, our Association is only as good as the feedback we get, and the help we get from the readers.

Captain Otty's Log

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THE OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1999
PERTH LIBRARY

President Brian Perkin opened the meeting at 9:33 a.m. with greetings to the Membership.

ADOPTION OF 1998 MINUTES

Moved by Keith Fraser, seconded by Barbara Griffith, that the minutes of the 1998 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated in the June 1999 Otty Lake Association Newsletter. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - BRIAN PERKIN

President Brian Perkin reviewed the objectives of the Otty Lake Association: (1) To promote a pollution-free lake (2) To foster an environmentally responsible attitude and lifestyle for lake users (3) To work with the surrounding Townships, government ministries and conservation authorities to develop and apply regulations that protect the environment and water quality of the lakes in the area (4) To promote safe, friendly recreation activities on the lake.

Membership in the Otty Lake Association is open to all property owners on Otty and McLaren Lakes and Jebb Creek as well as property owners who have deeded access to the lakes as in Maple Glen and Burgess Wood. The Board and Committees structures of the Otty Lake Association were outlined.

TAY WATERSHED PROJECT: The RVCA asked the Otty Lake Association to sponsor, non-monetarily, a Fish Habitat Study by students during the summer of 1999. This plan is dedicated to improve the overall health of the Tay River and its surroundings, including Jebb Creek and Otty Lake. Fish habitat and an analysis of fish species will be studied along the Tay River from Bob's Lake. If time permits some work may be carried out on Jebb Creek.

FISHERIES ACT: The RVCA is now responsible for implementing the Fisheries Act in this region. The RVCA has the responsibility to determine if proposed work on a shoreline, or a water project, will have a negative impact on fish habitat. RVCA staff are prepared to advise and assist with designing a project in order to avoid any impact on fish habitat. RVCA will protect all rivers, lakes, creeks, wetlands and ponds within its jurisdiction - except for waters in the Rideau Canal which are controlled by Canadian Heritage Parks Service. If you have any questions about do's and don'ts of waterfront work, contact LINDSAY PENNY AT RVCA 1-800-267-3504.

INCORPORATION: Should the Otty Lake Association become incorporated? Input from the Membership is requested....and volunteers who may be able to contribute time and/or legal advice on the question. (the Otty Lake Association has faced threats of legal action, over lake levels for instance, even although the association is not regulating levels). Should volunteers be protected or be subjected to these threatened lawsuits?

SOUND SYSTEM: Members last year requested that a sound system be available for this meeting so that all are able to hear the presenters. We wish to thank Tom Burns of Burns Jewellers for providing the sound system. Members were invited to ask questions during each report.

CAPTAIN OTTY: A framed copy of a painting of CAPTAIN OTTY, for whom Otty Lake is named, was on display. Watch for information on the life and times of Captain Otty in the upcoming issues of Captain Otty's Log.

GREEN HOME AND COTTAGE VISITS: The Membership was advised that the non-profit Rideau Environmental Action League is available to visit your property to advise on how to make your cottage more environmentally friendly. Suggestions on methods to prevent waterfront erosion such as plants from MAPLE; ways to reduce electricity costs, water usage, phosphate use and heating costs; addressing indoor air quality, moisture and mould problems. They will aid in locating your well, and any ground source pollutants which might effect your drinking water, and in locating your septic system. The visits are free but a donation of \$25 is suggested, are available now through the end of September. Other information and products are on view at Drydock Store in Portland. Phone 1-800-785-3794 for further information.

NEW BOATING REGULATIONS: Karen Hunt has included a copy of the new regulations in your the Otty Lake information package.

HYDRO REGULATIONS: Counselor Herb Robertson suggested that you contact Ontario Hydro to see if your seasonal property could be reclassified as "seasonal - high density" and thus save substantially in your hydro costs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: RHODA ATKINSON

The 1998 Financial report was presented. Moved by Rhoda Atkinson, seconded by David Code that the report be accepted as circulated. Carried. Tom Foulkes had audited the records and found the accounts of the Otty Lake Association to be accurate.

An Interim 1999 report was tabled.

The proposed budget for 1999 was presented. Moved by Amy Pokorny, seconded by David Code that the 1999 budget be accepted as presented. Carried.

NOMINATIONS - LORNE GOLD

Lorne Gold reported that the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair, Communications Chair, and members for the Land Use Committee are vacant. Volunteers from the Membership were requested. Dennis Brock volunteered to serve.

GUEST SPEAKER - DAVID TAYLOR CO-CHAIR OF THE TAY WATERSHED PLAN

The Tay Watershed Plan committee consists of 65 members, including reps from 6 Govt. agencies, Parks Canada, RVCA and MNR. The Otty Lake Association's reps on this committee are Diana and Roger Nuttall. This Plan has been in motion for more than two years.

A website will be posted soon on the BBS site under Tay Watershed.

This year a sub-committee for Publicity is in place and will be responsible for a newsletter, the website and providing information for newspaper items.

David Taylor reported on the work of 6 students hired for the summer to work on the Tay River Watershed Plan sponsored by the Otty Lake Association, Christie Lake and RVCA. The students will look at water quality, fish and fish habitats. Impact of these on recreation and tourism will be evaluated after all information from all sources is assembled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE - TOM FOULKES

The responsibility of this Committee is to deal with severances, zoning by-laws and variances. Members of the Land Use Committee are Tom Foulkes, David Code and Roger Nuttall.

Each year there are about 20 requests for changes to land use in BBS, and more in DNE. The bulk of these in for conversion from seasonal use to permanent. The prime concern is that septic systems be in good working order so that the water will not be contaminated.

Tom outlined the processes by which each of the amalgamated townships is developing its Official Plan:

DNE used the traditional approach and hired a consultant who wrote and submitted a Plan to DNE Council. On June 14, 1999 the Official Plan was presented at an open meeting. A good discussion was held. The Otty Lake Association submitted written input re setbacks. DNE Council has since consulted conservation groups.

BBS has used a Steering Committee, which includes lake, agriculture and business representatives, to provide input and advice on the development of an Official Plan for BBS. This Committee has met since the beginning of the process. The Official Plan will be presented to residents at an informal session in Stanleyville, on Saturday, July 24, 1999. Formal meetings will be held later.

The Official Plan will be on the BBS website at www.twpbbs.com

Tom expressed the Land Use Committee's pleasure in working with the BBS Council.

COMMUNICATIONS - KAREN HUNT

Karen outlined the contents of the handout information package for this year. She requested that residents give her feedback on the contents, through the Counselors. If you have an idea for an item for inclusion next year please contact her.

FISH - WALLY ROBINS

Wally reported that both the large and small-mouth populations are healthy. There appears to be numerous bass fry this year, as well as many 1-2 year old, juvenile and adults.

Wally suggested that fishermen practice selective harvesting - keeping the 1 ½ - 2 lbs. and return the rest to the water. These fish are healthier to eat. A book on Ontario sports fishing, which includes a section on Otty Lake, is available at the LCBO.

Pike are reduced in numbers and appear to be in trouble.

Carp seem to be increasing in numbers. Many large 15-18 pounds have been seen. They are very good to

eat. Peter Aunger of the MNR has been on Otty Lake. He has charged some residents with fishing out of season and others with having no licence. Wally asked residents to report any illegal fishing activity to CRIME STOPPERS at 1-800-267-8477.

Wally will provide a fishing report of the 1999 season in the fall Newsletter.

ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH - LORNE GOLD

WATER QUALITY: Dawson Girdwood will collect 6 samples from each lake site this year - twice the number as in 1998. Lorne Gold reported on the water quality findings, which were previously reported in the Newsletters. **CLARITY** remains fairly constant, in the 4-5 metre range. **PHOSPHOROUS LEVELS:** 1998 levels were at 16.5 mg per litre, considered in the average range. Of the three grades of lakes, Very Good, Avg. and Poor by the Ministry of Environment, Otty Lake is considered Average.

JEBB CREEK: MNR considers Jebb Creek to be a navigable waterway. Ownership of it is maintained by the Crown.

The committee to study how the water level in Jebb Creek affects Otty Lake, is scheduled to begin this summer. RVCA provided a map of the total watershed for Otty Lake. RVCA offered to install a staff gauge under the bridge over Jebb Creek on Hwy #1. It is proposed to study the effects of water levels, rainfall, windspeed and hours of sunshine on the water level of Otty Lake.

MAPLE - Diana Nuttall reported that MAPLE has lost all government funding. It is totally dependent dues from lake organizations. The greenhouse was demolished during a storm in Jan. 1999. No funds are available to replace it. Some plants are still available and any member who wants plants for shoreline planting can contact Diana Nuttall at 264-0687.

LOONS - Dennis Brock asked residents to call him with reports on loon families living in their areas. There is money available from the Hopkins Memorial Fund and Dennis would appreciate suggestions for the use of this fund. The 2 loon platforms built to date have yet to be used as nesting sites.

WEEDS Lorne reminded residents to collect and compost all weeds cut in front of their properties. Weeds flow to the north end of the Lake if left in the water and decompose thus providing more nutrients for further weed growth.

Mrs. Fern Thompson of Mary Miller Bay presented a petition from residents of that area asking for the support of the Otty Lake Association in approaching the MNR in order to find a solution to excessive weed growth in their bay, and a method to remove the weeds and the deep black silt which has built up in this bay. Swimming is impossible and boating is difficult.

Muriel McQuillan reported that Bluegills which had previously nested in the bay have disappeared from it. Dead fish are often caught in the weeds.

David Code reported that heavy run-off from fertilized lawns causes excessive weed growth

SERVICES - GURU GURUPRASAD

Guru reported that updating to the Otty Lake map is 98% complete. A new map will be provided in 2000.

MEMBERSHIP - DICK ATKINSON

Dick expressed sympathy to the family of Bruce Brignall who died April 30, 1999. Bruce had been a very dedicated, long term Area Counselor for 7B.

Dick thanked 3 Counselors who resigned this year: Joyce McAusland, Mary Gaffney and Frank Charette.

Dick introduced the Area Counselors and expressed the thanks of all members for their work on our behalf.

346 residents paid fees in 1998, down from 362 in 1997. 41 paid ahead for 1999 and 4 for 2000.

Please send a change of address if you move so that your mailing label can be updated.

NEWSLETTER - KEITH FRASER

Keith thanked Members who sent items for the Captain Otty's Log and asked that they continue to do so.

Keith thanked Charles Olver who reproduces and mails the Newsletter three times a year.

REPORTS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

BATHURST, BURGESS AND SHERBROOKE - REEVE JUDY BROWN

Reeve Judy Brown and Councilor Keith Kerr attended.

50% of properties in BBS are lake residences - both seasonal and permanent.

Council received invitations from 9 lake associations in 1999, up from 3 in 1998.

Amalgamation of the three townships has been challenging and interesting. The new structure is more accountable and visible.

As a result of the Provincial downloading, municipalities are now responsible for policing. For the first time in many years the Perth detachment of O.P.P. has a full complement. The O.P.P. is more accountable and involved. The Police would welcome input from the area residents. If residents wish to form a Neighborhood and Cottage Watch program obtain a form from the O.P.P., complete it and send it in.

WEBSITE - www.twpbbs.com

Minutes of all BBS Council minutes, the draft of the Official Plan, and any changes are on the Web.

911 - Signage in BBS is almost complete. The next step is application to Bell for 911. The system should be installed within 2 years.

OPEN HOUSE Saturday, July 24, 1999 at the Church Hall in Stanleyville. Official Plan 10:00am; 11:00-12:30 Council; O.P.P. and BBS Fire Dept. will be present.

BAG-TIE SYSTEM: Each residence receives 52 tags for garbage. This helps to limit the amount of refuse going to dumps and encourages recycling. Amnesty tags for large items were included in the tax bill, along with instructions for use.

DRUMMOND, NORTH ELMSLEY - REEVE ARTHUR CODE

Reeve Code described the Open House at DNE on June 14, 1999 when the Otty Lake Association Land Use Committee members attended. BBS appreciated comments from the Committee at that time. Some suggestions received have already been included. Setbacks in the Official Plan will include 30m for septic systems. Reeve Code noted that the Official Plans in both DNE and BBS have similarities.

REFUSE: Each residence can put out 2 bags each week and no tags are required. There is a charge for appliances. Dump hours are: Mon. 10-5; Fri. 10-5; Sat. 10-1.

WATER LEVELS: All waters are low. All we can do is wait for rain.

ROADS: Be sure that roads leading to your property are wide enough and trees high enough for fire trucks to pass.

PUBLIC MEETING: There will be a public meeting to introduce the Official Plan to residents at a later date.

AMALGAMATION is going smoothly in DNE. The townships are working well together.

DNE Council is willing to hear from residents at any time.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. JEBB CREEK: Diana Nuttall reported that the June flow in the Creek was 2-4 cu. m per minute, which was lower than usual. There are bases of 2 old beaver dams between Otty Lake and Hwy #1. There are 2 active beaver dams in the Perth Wildlife Reserve and 4 or 5 small colonies of beaver between the Lake and the Tay Marsh.

2. PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE: Diana Nuttall reported that the insects released last summer did survive the winter but do not appear to have spread. They are eating loosestrife leaves. It is hoped that with the natural insect cycles, numbers will increase and that the insects will spread to other areas.

3. FIRE: A fire was used on Cloverleaf Island on a Saturday. Although thought to be out, the fire had gone underground and reappeared on the following Tuesday. Fortunately the smoke was spotted by Lake residents who put the fire out. Members were asked to keep a look out for fire on the islands. Remember, a fire permit is necessary for all open burning between April and October. When conditions are dry there may be a total fire ban in effect. Check with the Fire Dept. Many beer bottles were also left at the Cloverleaf Island fire site.

4. GRAFFITI has again been reported on rocks in Otty Lake.

5. HEAVING LINES: Diana Nuttall showed a Throw Bag which contained 75 ft. of florescent orange, floatable rope which meets the new boating requirements. It is a thicker rope which is recommended in cases of hypothermia as it is easier to grasp. Interested parties can contact Diana for further information on how to obtain.

6. OTTY LAKE MEMORABILIA: John Gibb-Carsley is looking for anecdotes, pictures and artifacts related to early life on Otty Lake, for a display at the Perth Museum in 2000. If you have some to loan, please contact John.

7. LIGHTNING: Lightning hit 2 pine trees at Mary Miller Bay. It flowed along a metal clothesline to the house. Fortunately the only damage was to a TV.

ADJOURNMENT Moved by Diana Nuttall, seconded by Mayme Mahoney at 11:55am.

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1999

INCOME

346 Memberships @ \$15	\$5190.00	
Bank and GIC Interest	<u>130.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$5320.00

EXPENSES

3 Newsletters @ \$.82	\$1400.00	
Executive Printing and Postage	300.00	
Watertesting:		
Dawson Girdwood \$900+GST		2000.00
Lab Fees \$1027.20		
F.O.C.A.	350.00	
MAPLE	50.00	
Friends of Perth Wildlife Reserve-Loosestrife	200.00	
Loon Survey	50.00	
O.L.A. AGM	60.00	
Presidents' Expenses 1997/98/99	500.00	
Board Expenses	300.00	
Membership/Counsellor Expenses	100.00	
Information Package	100.00	
Contingency	450.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$5860.00**

Expenses will exceed revenue in 1999

\$540.00

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 01, 1998 - DECEMBER 31, 1998

Balance Jan. 01, 1998			
On deposit, CIBC, Barrhaven	\$ 1526.36		
GIC due, July 03, 1998 plus int.	<u>5115.38</u>		
TOTAL			\$6641.74
REVENUE			
Memberships / Maps (from 1997)	\$5442.00		
Bank Interest	2.43		
Interest on GIC	<u>127.88</u>		
TOTAL REVENUE			\$5572.31
EXPENSES			
Water Sample Collection	\$ 618.00		
Lab Fees	<u>513.60</u>	\$1131.60	
Newsletter\Printing\Postage	<u>1452.04</u>	1452.04	
F.O.C.A.	353.10		
FOCA Conf. Reg. Fees	50.00		
MAPLE		<u>50.00</u>	453.60
North Burgess Bylaws & Official Plan	22.00		
Board Members' Expenses	<u>236.00</u>	258.00	
Ad for Annual Meeting	27.82		
Perth Library Rental	<u>25.00</u>	<u>52.82</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$3347.56	

Income exceeded expenses in 1998

\$2224.75

BALANCE DEC. 31, 1998

On Deposit CIBC-Barrhaven	\$3866.49
GIC due July 22, 1999 plus interest \$180.00	<u>5000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8866.49