

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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MAY 1987

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held in the

PERTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Saturday July 11
9:30 a.m.

The agenda will include:

Gypsy Moth control program
Home security tips
Financial and other reports

As always, there is to be some turnover among the Executive and among the Area Counsellors. So if you are ready to give a few hours of time (and get to know your Otty Lake neighbours better) just let one of us know of your availability. We will try to find the right job for you.



1987 FISHING REGULATIONS

Ontario residents, aged 18 to 64 will require a sport fishing licence, available at many sporting goods stores at a cost of \$10 (\$5 for a four-day permit). Other Canadians will also require a \$10 licence; non-Canadians \$11 for four days, \$22 for 21 days, \$33 season. Married couples pay \$44 per season (non-Canadians).

OPEN SEASONS: Pike - May 9 to Dec. 21, limit 6 per day;
Bass - June 27 to Nov. 15, (large mouth or small), limit 6 per day.
Minimum length 12 inches

Note: These are Otty Lake regulations. Open seasons and catch regulations vary with districts. Non-Ontario residents fishing lake trout or muskelonge will require additional permits.

Otty Lake good neighbours

OMB HEARING ON MINOR VARIANCE

Members will recall that newsletter 1986-4 of November, 1986 told of an application to the North Elmsley Committee of Adjustment for a "Minor Variance" involving a lakeshore property. The land in question was acquired by Mr. Arnold Carson in 1986. It measures 77 metres on the shoreline. The application was to divide the land in two lots, each containing a shoreline of 38 m+ whereas the By-law and the Official Plan require a minimum of 45 m. We appealed.

The hearing was held at Port Elmsley on the first of April, and your president argued the case for upholding the standards in the By-law and the Official Plan. However, the OMB rejected the appeal, accepting the argument that 38m would be a minor variance and that the two lots could be developed. Although this one was lost, your executive intends to continue the struggle, to press for observance of the standards. After all, the rules were intended to apply to everyone, for the protection of everyone.

GYPSY MOTH NEWS

Our preparation for spraying in 1987 began in August of '86 when the Area Counsellors visited most residents of Otty Lake. By mid-winter 55% of the owners had sent in their applications. However, this was unacceptable in the face of the requirement to have continuous strips of at least ten acres. So a telephone campaign was mounted, using all available Area Counsellors and many of the Executive. Led by Rex Boyd these 14 people reached nearly all of the non-respondents and some of them two and three times. This campaign brought in 129 applications. Many thanks are due to Rex and his team and to Jamie Fortune and the County staff for their excellent cooperation.

The result of this campaign is that, of 377 property owners, 335 have now applied for spraying (89%) and only 42 have not applied.

The spray program will start on May 10. Specific timing is flexible according to weather conditions, chiefly precipitation and wind. There will be two applications, the second one in late May or early June. The office of the Gypsy Moth Coordinator, County of Lanark, is extremely cooperative but cannot give a firm date in advance due to weather variables.

The spray is the biological spray known as Bt and is not harmful to humans. However, if you are uncomfortable about the idea of touching it, simply stay indoors for a few minutes when you hear the aircraft approach.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

There is no change in the price of membership in the Otty Lake Association: still a bargain at \$7. Your 1987 fees are payable any time, and you may expect a visit from your Area Counsellor after the first of June. We shall be producing a new map of the lake this summer, with names and updated road identification. Each paid membership carries the entitlement to one map.

WATER TESTING

The Otty Lake water testing program, which has been carried out each year without interruption since 1971, will again be done by Dawson Girdwood. He will start in June and continue until after Labour Day. If you know of any possible problem areas, please advise your Area Counsellor so that extra testing may be arranged if advisable.

SAILING

As in the past few years, the only organized recreation has been the Sunday sailing, which sometimes is dignified by the name Racing. Whether you are a serious boater or just like to sail with others, look for the boats about 1:30 p.m. every Sunday after the May holiday weekend. Lasers, Kestrels, Albacores, Sunfish: all are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

This past winter there was considerable storm damage in some areas. Many residents have had to clear away fallen branches from trees, fallen wires and other forms of wreckage. JEBB'S CREEK experienced the same share of fallen trees and other evidence of winter storms. A work party is required to spend a few hours with saws and axes to clear the channel and keep the creek clean. If you are interested in contributing a couple of hours, or more, GLENN GIRDWOOD will be happy to hear from you. He can be reached at 267-6548.

IN OTHER NEWS

The lake level at May 3rd was 6 inches above the Datum line (average July 1 level) which is about average for the date.

The loons are back, and so are the bluebirds.

The ice went out on the 7th of April - which is early.

This is the only newsletter you will get before July. Enjoy it. We'll see you at the Annual Meeting. ♦ ♦

FIRE SAFETY REMINDER

And please don't forget fire safety. Residents are reminded that permits are required for open fires between April 1 and October 31. We have had some near-tragedies in the past year, and this year has been very dry so far, so please be extra careful. Besides, it would be embarrassing if the fire truck had to come to your place - and possibly expensive as well.

