

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL MEETING BREAKS RECORDS

The 1989 Annual General Meeting of the Otty Lake Association broke two records. The meeting convened in the Perth Library at 9:30 on July 8, and the President counted a record attendance of 82 persons. This included an excellent turnout of Councillors from both Townships. Reeve Norm Ferrier of North Burgess and Deputy Reeve Ken Coutts of North Elmsley fielded a variety of questions, and reports were presented by members of the executive on topics of current interest.

Art Eastham and David Oliver reported on the Gypsy Moth spray program performed in May, and answered questions concerning the areas sprayed, effectiveness of the sprays and other matters of interest. Dave Code spoke to the issues of land division and subdivisions. The executive is making vigorous efforts to ensure that damage to wetlands caused by development is kept to a minimum - especially in two subdivisions that were underway at the time: D.A. Carson at Mile Point and D. Wiseman on Jebb's Creek. This effort has clearly been influential in achieving the inclusion of meaningful conditions to apply to owners of the new lots in the ways in which those lands may be used.

Shoreline planting: President Rex Boyd reported on the 2500 plants that were distributed and planted on our planting day, the 10th of June (see story below).

Water quality: during the question period there was a lively discussion of weeds and algae, with many sightings reported from various parts of the lake (see results of testing, below). The quantity and distribution of the algae was unusually great.

Elections: There was only one change made in the executive for 1989-1990. Tom Foulkes was made a Director-at-large, in addition to retaining his Counsellor duties for Area 3.

NOTE: Pres. Rex Boyd was taken ill in late July, which caused some delay in certain of our activities. Rex is now making a satisfactory recovery. But if any members have questions about actions expected, they may contact another member of the executive for comment.

By the way, that second record was for an early adjournment time of the meeting. Conscious of the P&DCI reunion being held that day, RexPrex managed to complete all business by 11:00 as promised.

Otty Lake good neighbours

SHORELINE PLANTING

At Otty Lake we have had our first planting day, as reported earlier. But we have also been involved in that other important step in the process, which is preparing the cuttings. The first step in the production of the thousands of plants which are to be used at the several lakes that participate in the program is the cutting of hundreds of stems into six-inch lengths.

These cuttings are made in late October each year, held where they will not freeze over the winter, then placed in soil in four-inch pots, set out in the spring in the "nursery" near Christie Lake, and watered and fertilized for two years. Our thanks go to the 10 Otty Lake volunteers who participated in the cutting day on Saturday October 28.

SHOAL MARKERS

Another new project was launched this year. Norm Hull, Area Counsellor in Area 6 proposed the idea and followed up by producing several copies of a prototype shoal marker. He also installed the markers and gathered them in at the end of the summer boating season. This might be a good project for other Area Counsellors. hmn?

WATER TESTING

The Otty Lake water test program continues, but with a small adjustment. We have been taking some 200 samples each season, at 32 stations (as marked on your maps) and have been doing this ever since we began, in 1971. Although we have been anxious to maintain the continuity of this databank, we were required by the Ministry of Health to reduce to approximately half that number of samples. The purpose of the reduction is to enable the Ministry to start or enlarge a similar service at other lakes in the region.

Faced with a choice between a reduction in the frequency of the tests and in the number of stations we chose to retain the continuity of the 32 stations. Further, we decided that a few of our quota of samples should be held for use in re-testing stations that show very high counts.

Thus the figures in the table opposite (bacterial tests only) reflect a shorter testing season (7 weeks instead of 12 in 1988). With a few exceptions, the bacterial count of faecal coliform bacteria was not high. However, the Secchi disc readings - for water clarity - were less encouraging: 3.5m mean reading.

OTTY LAKE (BACTERIAL) WATER TEST RESULTS 1989

Station	June 21	June 27	July 17	July 24	Aug 18	Aug 22
1		10		<10		<10
2		10		<10		10
3		30		<10		
4		10		<10		<10
5		<10		<10		<10
6		<10		<10		<10
7		480	<10	<10		<10
8		10		<10		<10
9		10		<10		10
10		<10		<10		<10
11		<10		<10		<10
12		120	<10	<10		<10
13		20		10		10
14		10		<10		<10
15		10		10		<10
16		10		<10		10
17	<10		<10		<10	
18	10		<10		<10	
19	120		<10	10	10	
20	10		<10		20	
21	10		10		230	Aug 24 40
22	30		<10		<10	
23	<10		<10		<10	
24	20		<10		<10	
25	<10		<10		<10	
26	<10		<10		<10	
27	<10		<10		<10	
28	<10		<10		<10	
29	<10		<10		30	
30	20		<10		<10	
31	<10		<10		10	
32	<10		10		<10	

Secchi disc readings (for water clarity, a general indication of the biological health of the lake) and chlorophyll a readings are available for four samples taken in June of 1989. Mean readings are:

	1989	1988	
Secchi disc	3.5	4.7	(meters)
Chlorophyl a	2.85	2.0	

The Science Committee will be consulted for interpretation.

GYPSY MOTHS MIGRATING

Those nasty little pests, the gypsy moths, are continuing their migration eastward; and this will have its effect on the spraying activities at Otty Lake in 1990.

In 1986 the program conducted by Lanark County was made available to all property owners on the lake. In the last two years, the spraying was performed only in the south-west end of the lake i.e. the North Burgess end, comprising areas 1,2,3 and 9. Why? Because that was where the eggmasses were. The 1989 program went well, from our Association point of view; the level of response by owners was very high. With only a few phone calls our association co-ordinator Doug MacDermid was able to get 98% of us into the program.

But the moths are moving on. Egg mass counts by Jamie Fortune's County team reveal now that the danger is falling in North Burgess but rising in North Elmsley. So, having regard for the best use of its resources, Lanark County in 1990 will spray only the North Elmsley end of the lake: Areas 4,5,6,7 and 8. Property owners in these Areas are advised to read carefully the County circular, which was mailed recently.

The paperwork has been greatly simplified, but it is very important to respond by the target date, which is the end of JANUARY. Please help us to keep down the effort and the expense of rounding up responses from those who "just forgot"

NATURAL RESOURCES WORK PERMIT

Anyone wishing to place fill on a shoreline or to remove fill or to build a dock or any other structure on the shore requires permission from the Ministry of Natural Resources. That is the rule. But recently MNR has come up with a new "work permit" which it will use for this and many other similar purposes.

Under the Public Lands Act this permit will be required for any shore land work. Shore lands are defined as lands covered by the waters of a lake, river, stream or pond and adjacent lands that are occasionally or seasonally under water. The requirement for a permit applies, for example, to dredging, dock and boathouse construction, shoreline walls or the installation or repair of a dam.

Anyone planning to carry out any of these operations must obtain a work permit from MNR prior to commencing the work (not the contractor. Convictions under this new legislation can bring fines of up to \$5,000. and a court order to correct the situation. This rule makes sense - for all our sakes. Details are available at the Carleton Place office of MNR, 10 Findlay Avenue. Phone 613-257-5735.

REGATTA '89

The big event was played on September 3rd in VERY light winds. and the LASERS came 1,2. Yr ed., Dave Code finished first, with last year's winner Craig Robertson second. Albacores, Kestrels and other huge craft had difficulty moving in the light airs, but all made it to the finish line and the celebrations.

MEMBERSHIP

Your membership fee - a very modest \$7 until year's end - buys you many services: Map of the lake, for your use, and also for the Fire Department, Police, the Health Unit, Gypsy Moth program, and friends; Newsletter 3 or 4 times per year; Access to the M.A.P.L.E. shoreline planting program, information by way of your Area Counsellor, and the many ways in which your Executive and Counsellors work to keep Otty Lake an attractive and safe place to live.



Please help your association to keep up the work. If you are one of those who have not yet paid your 1989 dues, please send your cheque for \$7 to Judy Burns. If you have any questions she may be reached at 746-1571. Next year's dues will be \$10.

Please make cheque or money order payable to Otty Lake Association and mail to:
Judy Burns, Membership Dir, OLA
764 Lonsdale Road
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Please also take a moment to fill out this information (if sending dues at this date)

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

street

city/town

province

postal

Telephone

city/town

lake

Next year's dues may be paid by mail, in person to your Counsellor, or at the Annual Meeting. Have a good winter!

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE 1988-89-90

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		267	6251			267	1949
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