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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

## Buck Lake News – June 2007

### President's Message

Greetings Bucklakers and Welcome Back to all those who can only spend the summer months here.

As you know, one of our priorities is to maintain an environmental watch over the lake and to that end I attended a recent South Frontenac Township Council meeting which dealt with **Hydro One's Brush Management Program**. Although the specific issue to be dealt with was Hydro One's wish to apply herbicide spray to the Township road allowances, Dr. Jeanette Deitrich of Sydenham, on behalf of the Loughborough Lake Association, discussed spraying on adjacent and private property where Hydro One has a right of way. Hydro One claims the spray "Garlon 4" is environmentally safe. There appears, though, to be a considerable body of information indicating that if the chemical leaches into lakes, streams and wetlands etc. it can be hazardous to fish and other aquatic life. Should spray drift with the wind, other forms of wildlife could also be at risk. Space does not permit adequate coverage of this issue, but please note that Hydro One is supposed to post notice in all areas to be sprayed. Other than that, Hydro One does not currently notify adjacent property owners of spraying taking place. If the transmission line runs through private property, the owner's permission in writing is sought but be aware that a permission to "brush cut" may also include spraying to prevent secondary growth. Although Hydro One does its best to conform to owners' wishes there remains an onus on everyone to ensure their directions are followed.

Our lake and surrounding areas have many hydro easements over private property and of course we have an abundance of wetlands, creeks, ditches and springs as part of our watershed. Although Township Council was persuaded by the Loughborough Association presentation to continue the current spraying ban on road allowances, there is no existing ban on any other spraying in the Township, thus the responsibility for oversight in this area remains with you and me.

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\* Editor's Note: Your comments and concerns on this or other issues affecting the health of our lake are welcome and could be included in future issues of the newsletter. Please contact us at [info@bucklake.ca](mailto:info@bucklake.ca).

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Buck Lake Association Inc. will be held **Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the Perth Road United Church Hall in Perth Road Village.**

- 9:00 a.m. - Registration, Coffee, Displays and Chat
- 9:30 a.m. - Welcome and Introduction of Guests
- 9:45 a.m. - Guest Speaker
- 10:15 a.m. - Business Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. - Adjournment

## Notice of Motion

Members are advised that the Board of Directors will move the following amendments to the BLA Constitution/ By-law #1 and to the Terms of Reference of the Nominating Committee at the AGM. Both amendments are of a housekeeping nature to align the documents with current practice.

### **Proposed Amendments to By-law 1:**

| Amendment to             | Present wording   | Recommended wording   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| By-law 1, clause 8 ,d, i | The board shall convene for a brief organizational meeting, immediately following the AGM at which it is elected, to designate an interim chair and establish the date of the first board meeting at which the officers of the association will be elected. | The board shall convene for a brief organizational meeting, immediately following the AGM at which it is elected, to APPOINT an interim PRESIDENT and establish the date of the first board meeting at which the officers of the association will be elected. |
| By-law 1, clause 11      | The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30   | The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31 (commencing 2007-01-01)  |

### **Proposed Amendment to the Terms of Reference, Nominating Committee:**

| Amendment to | Present wording  | Recommended wording   |
|--------------|--|---|
| Clause 2 (j) | Immediately after the AGM the Chair will conduct the meeting of the new Board for the purpose of (1) identifying an interim President of the Board and (2) establishing the date/time/place of the next board meeting. | Immediately after the AGM the NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONVENE TO (1) APPOINT an interim President of the Board of Directors and (2) ESTABLISH the date/time/place of the next board meeting. |

## Nominating Committee Report

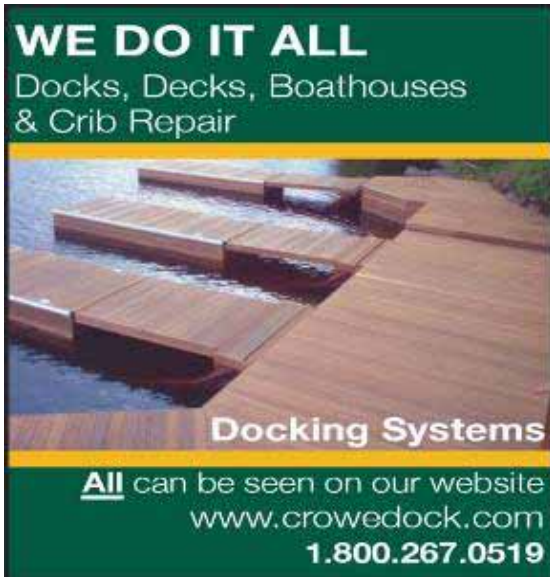
As indicated in the April Newsletter, we will have a significant need to recruit new members to the Board of Directors for 2007-2008 due to retirement, resignation, relocation and health issues. The Committee is in search of up to seven (7) new Directors. Our goal is to provide a voice from all parts of our lake community as well as being sensitive to all interests. If members have an interest in sitting on the Board for a two-year term and have not been approached by a Committee member, please contact President Crawford McIntyre (613) 273-8056, Director Duncan Sinclair (613) 353-5044, or Director Stephen Roughton (613) 542-7602. We need a full slate of twelve (12) Directors to fulfill the mission of the BLA. Please consider being a larger part of the process.

### Ron's Home & Cottage Services

- Plumbing, electrical, tiling, window replacement
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- Closing cottages for winter/water supply & drain systems & spring re-opening
- Treat septic tanks/tile beds for roots
- Call Ron at **353-6919** (Buck Lake Resident)

## Pleasure Craft Operator Card Certification

Over the past two summers the BLA has sponsored PCOC certification courses for members and friends. Over fifty (50) Buck Lakers have received their cards. If there is sufficient interest in planning a course for 2007, we must search out a new instructor. George Hiles has retired from the program. PCOC cards are required for all ages of power craft operators by 2009. If you are interested in a local course this summer, please contact us at [info@bucklake.ca](mailto:info@bucklake.ca) or see us at the AGM.



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## Membership Report

As reported in May, our membership numbers are over 150 families. The Board of Directors sincerely thanks everyone who has renewed or newly joined the BLA in 2007. Due to the fact that memberships are now based on a calendar year and current memberships are in effect until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007, it is less important to have a renewal option available at the AGM. However, many people appreciate being able to renew at that time so we will be set up on July 7<sup>th</sup> to receive new members as well as renew current members for 2008.

## Docktalk Revisited

As members may recall, the BLA participated in a major project last summer called Docktalk, sponsored by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA). We have a large quantity of material resources from the program still available and will make them available to interested members at the AGM. Over eighty (80) individual home/cottage visits were made around the lake and very positive comments were received from property owners who participated.

## News, Notes and Up-Coming Events

- Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> - **Fish Fry** at Perth Road United Church
- Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> – Countrywide Kitchens 1407 John Counter Blvd. @Sir John A. Blvd. presents a “**Septic Smart**” seminar with noted expert Rob Davis from EcoEthic Inc. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please call Countrywide Kitchens at 613/561-9664 if you plan to attend.
- **Loon Nesting Area** signs are available from the BLA for members who have an interest in alerting boaters to such areas and would be prepared to post a sign. Contact us at the email address above.
- We have noticed a number of new “For Sale” signs around the lake this past month which only points out the reality that our community is in transition as often long- time residents like **John and Sybil Kelly** from the North Branch move on to another chapter of their lives after over 40 years on the lake. We encourage our members to make us aware of the changing status of their lake friends and neighbours and to contribute comment/commentary which could be included in the Buck Lake News.
- Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> the **Annual Buck Lake Community Watch Boatilla** commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the South Branch just east of the culvert/boat ramp. Following a tour of the lake everyone is invited to gather at Ruttan’s Campground for a BBQ and the presentation of a cheque to Easter Seals for Camp Merrywood. Join in the fun for a good cause!
- An inquiry to the Buck Lake News...Mary Kay Martin and her husband Bill are looking for a cottage rental on the lake for a two-week period during July/August. They are retired and flexible as to dates. Contact them at [bill.martin5@sympatico.ca](mailto:bill.martin5@sympatico.ca)
- Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> - **Giant Pie Sale** @ Perth Road United Church Hall 9:00 a.m. until sold out.
- The tentative date for the **BLA Summer BBQ** is Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow in the July newsletter.



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- Congratulations to Director **Duncan Sinclair**, our newest **Lake Partner**. If you are interested in participating in this important monitoring program of lake quality across Ontario, please email Pam Griffiths at [pam.griffiths@ene.gov.on.ca](mailto:pam.griffiths@ene.gov.on.ca) or go to the Ministry website at

[www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake\\_partner/index.htm](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner/index.htm).

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## June 21st Summer Social

Last but not least, to welcome the first day of summer and to renew and make new acquaintances, Director Jim Manuel and his wife Margaret Fisher are hosting a “**Pot Luck**” dinner at their home at 1018 Kingfisher Lane (7000 block of Perth Road) on the South Branch. The planned date is **Thursday evening June 21<sup>st</sup> commencing at 5:00 p.m.** We have not set a rain date because we refuse to be negative at such an optimistic time of the year!

Everyone is welcome and asked to bring a pot luck dish (main dish, salad or dessert ) and a lawn chair. Bread and drinks as well as cutlery will be provided. The theme will be completely social so please plan to attend. To make adequate preparations we would

appreciate an RSVP. Please call Roy and Sandra Mills at (613) 273-7724 and leave a brief message if we are not home, telling us numbers planning to attend. You may also leave an email message at [millsras@sympatico.ca](mailto:millsras@sympatico.ca).