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

Buck Lake News – 2008 July

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President's Message

Great news! A week ago the loons nesting on the little island off Richardson Bay on the North Branch successfully hatched a pair of chicks. We watched them through binoculars for 30 days as the pair took their turns sitting on the eggs and shared what we are sure was their mixture of relief and joy as they swam as a family into the bay, the two tiny heads paddling close between them. After the successive failures of 2006 and 2007 this year's success was a real pleasure to see. Please report to our Friends of the Lake Committee (formerly Lake Planning Committee) what's happening with loon reproduction in your part of Buck Lake.

It really is summer, at least according to the calendar. Dave Phillips, Canada's chief weatherman, said some time ago that we are to have a really hot, dry summer this year but so far I think he must have been talking about some other part of the country. I can't remember a spring and early summer with more rain and, correspondingly, more lush foliage in the woods (or more mosquitoes and, a while ago, black flies). But the water is warm, the swimming refreshing, its summer time and the livin' is easy. Enjoy!

Duncan G. Sinclair, President

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Annual General Meeting

The meeting will be held at Perth Road Public School commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday July 5th. Coffee, conversation and membership renewal opportunities will be available at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction of Directors
2. Remarks from Members of the South Frontenac Township Council
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2007 AGM and business arising there from
4. President's remarks
5. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
6. Vote on Amendments to By-Law # 1 re Nominating Committee and Establishment of an Archivist
7. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Directors for 2007/8
8. Guest Speaker: Mr. Gordon Rogers* on Lake Planning
9. Other Business and Open Question Period
10. Adjournment

*Gordon Rodgers B.Sc., MES is employed by French Planning Services and has been involved with environmental planning for over 30 years. Gord worked on the Bob's and Crow Lake Stewardship Plan and is currently working on lake plans for Fourteen Island Lake and Mink Lake. He is a resident of South Frontenac.

**BUCK LAKE ASSOCIATION
FRIENDS OF THE LAKE
PRESENT**

**A workshop on
"What is a lake trout lake and
why is this important to us all?"**



**Thursday, July 17, 2008
7:00 to 9:00 pm
United Church Hall, Perth Road Village**

**Guest Speaker
Cam McCauley**
landscape planning biologist
Ministry of Natural Resources

Refreshments will be served.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Friends of the Lake Workshop

The lake planning committee, under the leadership of Director Wayne Myles, requested that the Committee be renamed as **Friends of the Lake**. This request was approved by motion of the Board on June 21st. An information workshop is planned for July 17th at the Perth Road United Church Hall commencing at 7:00 p.m. Please see additional information in this newsletter.

Board of Director's Report

The Board met on Saturday June 21st and agenda items concentrated on AGM planning and a presentation by Nona Mariotti, a member for the local Source Water Protection Committee. We also had an up-date on the current status of the Official Plan Review in South Frontenac.

- AGM planning is proceeding well. President Duncan Sinclair will forward invitations to our Mayor and Councilors from the local Districts. We will attempt to reduce the amount of paper by using a lap top/power point format for most reporting to the membership at the meeting as well as including reports in the newsletter where possible.
- A number of BLA members attended the Township Council meeting on June

17th to monitor the OP review process. The recommendations from the Planning Department finally came to a vote and two amendments were moved to the motion. (back lot development on private lanes without waterfront and the re-setting of the severance clock to 2008). The back lot amendment was defeated however the severance clock amendment was passed by a 5/4 and will be included in the Official Plan Draft which will now go to public consultation. A Public Meeting now must be called to present the document and receive input from ratepayers. When the date of the meeting is announced we will inform all BLA members.

- Director Ralph Wirsig reported that 2008 membership renewals stands at 98 and that we will be prepared to handle renewals at the AGM. Ralph also reported that the "Courtesy Dock" at the boat launch had been completed. We hope that it will provide a useful service to those loading or unloading boats, passengers and cargo. President Duncan will be in contact with the Township regarding signage and parking issues at the boat launch. When our work is complete, an account will be forwarded to the Township as agreed and our costs will be reimbursed.
- Director Stephen Roughton presented the

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Nominating Committee Report for the AGM and it is included in this newsletter. He also reported that copies of past newsletters were still of interest to our archive project and that the newsletter might remind Buck Lakers from the 80's especially of our interest. We are particularly interested in locating newsletters, board minutes etc. from the period prior to 1988. If you can help please contact Stephen at sroughton@sympatico.ca.

- Our special guest at the meeting was Nona Mariotti. Nona is a member of the Loughborough Lake Assoc. and the lake association representative on the Source Water Protection Committee based here in eastern Ontario. The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority is the lead agency involved in the process, however more than one watershed is included in our area jurisdiction. The Committee is mandated under the Clean Water Act (2006) and must report by 2012. The primary focus in the first stage of the mandate is to review and report on the status of drinking water sources in the region, both groundwater and surface water. This review would include municipal water systems such as Kingston and Sydenham as well as groundwater aquifers which service private wells. The Clean Water Act is the most important environmental legislation passed in Ontario in a generation and will have long range effects on many issues in a lake community. To learn more about the work of the Source Water Protection Committee go to the CRCA website at www.cataraquieregion.on.ca and follow the links. We hope to have some information material at the AGM as well.



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Nominating Committee Report to AGM

Clause 8 a i of the Association's By-law 1 indicates that the Board of Directors will consist of not fewer than 9, and not more than 12 members. The 2007-2008 Board had 12 members.

Clause 8 a ii of By-law 1 indicates that a board member may not serve more than 6 consecutive years. The same sub clause indicates the members are to be elected to serve for 2 year terms of office, to a maximum of 3 terms.

Directors Randy Cousineau, Anna Fummerton, Lisa McAvoy, Wayne Myles, Sandra Rider and Ralph Wirsig were elected for their initial 2 year term at the 2007 AGM and will be serving in the second year of their initial 2 year term during 2008. Tricia Waldron was elected for her second 2 year term at the 2007 AGM and will be serving in the second year of that 2 year term in 2008.

The Nominating Committee recommends that Maxine Lemieux be elected for her second 2 year term, and that

Crawford MacIntyre, Roy Mills, Stephen Roughton and Duncan Sinclair be elected for their third 2 year term at this, the Association's 2008 AGM. Each nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

The five above nominees, plus the seven directors elected at the 2007 AGM will result in the 2008-2009 Board of Directors having the maximum allowable total of twelve directors.

If there are nominations from the floor at this AGM a ballot election will be held if the total number of nominees standing for office exceeds 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Crawford MacIntyre, Stephen Roughton (chair), Duncan Sinclair
Nominating Committee.

Turtle Tally

In our last newsletter we included an item on turtles and the annual problem of the little guys wandering around on the roads of South Frontenac. We must observe that people are really making an effort to be proactive, even to the point of putting their own safety at risk. If you would like more information on our turtles and their welfare visit www.metrotorontozoo.com and follow the links to Turtle Tally.



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In such a fix to be so fertile.

Ogden Nash...with thanks to Stephen Roughton

Coming Events and Reminders

- Saturday July 5th – Buck Lake Boatilla in Support of Easter Seals Camp Merrywood - 2:00 p.m. from the Culvert /South Branch.
- Saturday July 19th – Giant Pie Sale at Perth Road United Church Hall – 9:00 a.m. until sold out!
 - Saturday July 26th – Bedford Mining Alert Annual General Meeting – Bedford Town Hall on the Westport Road between Godrey and Westport – 10:00 a.m.
 - The Toronto Globe and Mail recently contacted us to inquire about rising gasoline prices and the affect on cottage life...boating habits, frequency of visits etc. We thought BLA members might like to respond themselves. Contact Sarah Boesveld at sboesveld@globeandmail.com.
 - We look forward to seeing many old and new faces at the AGM. Come early and spend some time with your neighbours.



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