



Spring Newsletter

May 2015

Mission Statement

The Papineau Lake Community Association (PLCA) is a not-for-profit organization. The PLCA is dedicated to promoting responsible environmental stewardship, encouraging an active social atmosphere, monitoring and communicating changes which affect our lake community and providing and maintaining infrastructure to protect the physical and environmental integrity of Papineau Lake.

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Message from our President

By Joe Oatman

Greetings Fellow Papineau Lake residents:

I am writing you on the fabulous weather weekend of May 3rd. It was such a treat after the winter we left behind. In early April there was 25 inches of ice on our lake. The ice was gone by Tuesday April 28.

Please note that we have changed the AGM date from the long weekend to the weekend after the long weekend and changed to Sunday morning with the hopes that we will get an improved attendance.

We again face an issue coming at us from local government. Peter Shoemaker has attended meetings on our behalf with other members of this lake community. His report on shoreline management is attached. A very important meeting will occur on May 23 at Hastings Highlands. **See the notice attached at end of newsletter**

I can't stress how valuable it is to us all to have individuals dedicate their time and skills to attending Council meetings at Hastings Highlands. I need to thank Harold & Janis Harris along with Jim & Marj McPherson, for attending most Hasting Highlands Council Meetings. It continues to be essential to attend these meetings to stay informed as the Hastings Highlands web-site does not disclose any detailed agendas.



We had great support from the membership on Septage. Now it is over, but the challenges are not. This association is successful with strong participation. The membership committee of Mary Mueller & Susan Bateman were very successful last year & are already active this year. We expect to have area rep packages available for the holiday weekend in May. If you want to meet your fellow lakefront owners contact Mary and become an area rep. She will make an opportunity for you.

We have a significant amount of funds remaining from the septage drive. A survey document is linked here: [LAKE IMPROVEMENT SURVEY](#)

This survey will be used at the AGM to decide how to utilize these funds.

We need volunteers to keep this organization delivering the value that you expect. We need someone with reasonable skills to be our new Treasurer. To date no one has stepped up to meet this need. We know someone is out there and we need you.

Similarly we have asked for volunteers to step up and help plan the regatta. We believe a large component of the lake front highly values this event. To date no one has come forward. You will not be alone; if a number step up the work is small.

We are seeing members strengthen our water quality testing by attending training. This training was provided by The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (COHPOA) . Their website is <http://www.cohpoa.org/>. They have many training videos at this site. A number deal with shoreline buffer zones & other topics of related interest.

We have a volunteer to lead the raffle that generates moneys that are used to support the medical facilities in our area. She will be looking for help in this area.

If you are interested in being a part of the PLCA executive or have ideas for events, activities or projects that you would like to see happen around our lake please let me know. Are there other initiatives that we should be undertaking? The email addresses of your executive is on our website at this link.

<http://www.papineaulake.ca/viewcustompage.php?id=16021>

Vice President's Message:

By Peter Shoemaker

Hastings Highlands has undertaken to modify the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law with definitions for the Vegetative Buffer surrounding lakes and rivers, Access Corridors through the vegetative buffer and Shoreline Activity Areas, the area adjacent to the water . They have also spelled out in detail penalties for violating the zoning By-Law. To date two meetings have been held with members of Council, Hastings Highlands' staff, representatives of the various lake associations and members of the public. The following link is to an annotated version of the by-law incorporating information from these meetings. [Annotated By-Law](#)

At the council meeting on May 6th Staff included proposed revisions to the original by-law, these have not yet been adopted by Council. These changes address some of the shortcomings of the original. These revisions have been included in the Annotated By-Law.



Hastings Highlands has scheduled a public meeting on May 23rd at 9:00 am at the town offices in Maynooth to review the proposed changes. A public meeting is necessary in advance of modifying the Zoning By-Law.

A proper vegetative buffer is important in the maintenance of a healthy lake. It traps run off and prevents it from going into the lake, the root systems filter out phosphates and other nutrients, it provides habitat for birds and animals and by shading the water helps to cool the lake.

At the same time it is important that the By-Law allow the enjoyment of our properties and recognize that in general, property owners act as wise stewards of their land and have a keen interest in preserving the integrity of their lake.

If you are present at the lake on the weekend of May 23rd, try to attend the session, it is your opportunity to express your views on the subject. In the Public Notice from the municipality it is stated that if you do not attend or make a written presentation to Hastings Highlands you will not be entitled to make an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law.

As a reminder, roadside pickup of waste and recycling has been discontinued as of January 1st 2015. Summer Dump Site hours have not yet been announced, Winter hours (until May long weekend) for the Papineau Lake dump site are Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 to 5:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report

The PLCA had another strong year financially. The 2014 financial statements have been prepared for filing and we are ready for 2015. We continue to encourage as many as can to pay your membership dues utilizing the ETRANSFER of your payments directly through your bank account. We can now accept payments when you ETRANSFER your \$25 membership dues to Steve.Smith@Papineaulake.com. When you log into to your bank site, look for the Interac ETransfer tab and follow the instructions. Keep the security question simple and the answer being a certain lake we go to. (single word, lower case) In the comments section, please include the cottage owner and address so we can cross check the payment and it's done. We do have new annual tags to be placed on your PLCA driveway signs showing you are a member for 2015 and have paid your dues so we'll make arrangements to get the 2015 tag to you.

Full details of our financial statements will be discussed at the AGM on the July long weekend.

Septage Account

A full statement of the Septage account for 2014 will be presented at the 2015 AGM. Once the refunds were returned and we accounted for the prepaid memberships, the remaining funds totalling, some \$6500 will be transferred to the general account.

Secretary's Report

By: Susan Bateman

Now that the ice is finally out (unofficially April 27th), it is time to plan our membership drive for 2015. We set a new record last year passing the 50% mark due to the hard work of our committed Lake Area Representative team led by Mary (Buzz) Mueller.

Once again, we are recruiting volunteers to join Buzz's team. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and participate in the communication of changes affecting our wonderful Lake Papineau.

If you are interested, please call Buzz at 613-338-2502 or myself at 613-338-3206.

Have a happy and safe summer.



Lake Steward Report

Lake water quality continues to be monitored on a regular basis, both through our participation in the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) Lake Partner Program and through our own sample collection and analysis. Through the Lake Partner program we record water clarity readings with a Secchi disk and send samples to the MOECC to test for Total Phosphorus concentrations. The PLCA has also been testing for E.coli and for nitrogen in the forms of nitrate and nitrite. Papineau Lake has historically measured low in phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations which should guard against nuisance algal blooms that other lakes in the province have been experiencing.



Over the past year we have had multiple opportunities to network with Lake Stewards and property owners from other area lakes to share experiences, learn what issues other lakes are concerned with and what stewardship actions they are taking. The development landscape differs from region to region or even lake to lake. Some lakes have large towns, waste water treatment plants, farms, and a higher percentage of manicured lawns in the immediate shoreline areas. While the root causes of ecosystem stress may differ from lake to lake, we are united in our concern for the impacts our activities are having on our lakes and for what stewardship actions we can take to protect our lakes for the enjoyment of future generations.

In July of last year we attended a hands-on Shoreline Restoration Workshop hosted by the Environment Council for Clear, Stoney and White Lakes. This workshop provided information on:

- * Repairing shoreline damage from spring flooding;
- * Preventing erosion from waves and boat wakes;
- * Enhancing wildlife habitat;
- * Identifying and removing invasive plants;
- * Planting native shoreline species;
- * Building wildlife habitat structures.

We have also attended a number of events hosted by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations, the most recent being a Lake Stewards Water Quality Testing Training Session where information was provided on blue green algae, Lake Partner Program Testing, invasive species, dissolved oxygen testing and benthic testing.

In addition to water quality testing, our focus this year will be on shoreline stewardship and how this relates to the municipality's proposed vegetative buffer by-law. We invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting where we will be showing short but informative videos on shoreline stewardship. We are also putting together an "Environmental Working Group" for anyone interested in getting involved with or learning more about water testing or stewardship/environmental initiatives. If interested in joining the group, please contact me at kevinmclintock@papineaulake.com

Annual General Meeting Sunday July 5th at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will again be at the Lakeview Resort. Major issues will be updated. Anyone interested in PLCA board participation may submit their name to Joe Oatman. Last year, Mary Mueller agreed to assume the position of Membership Secretary with the PLCA. She will be contacting many looking for volunteers to be the lake reps, the face of the PLCA in your lakefront community. More lake reps means more effective representation and less burden for all. Please be responsive and volunteer as you are able.

This year at the AGM there will be a free draw for two tickets to the July Bancroft Summer Theater showing of "Your Are a Good Man Charlie Brown"; so make sure you attend and put your name in the hat. You must be present to win the tickets!

Annual Meet and Greet on Saturday, July 25 from 2-4pm

The annual Meet and Greet get together will take place at Lakeview resort on south Papineau Lake Road this year on Saturday, July 25 from 2-4pm

We will again be asking for a \$5.00 per person donation to help cover costs.

Please bring your family and friends to meet your neighbours for an afternoon of fun and lively conversation. Hope to see you there!

2013 - 2015 PLCA EXECUTIVE			
President	Joe Oatman	Director	Janis Harris
Vice President	Peter Shoemaker	Director	Laniel Bateman
Past President	Harold Harris	Regatta Chairperson	POSITION OPEN
Treasurer	POSITION OPEN	Lake Steward	Kevin McClintock
Secretary	Susan Bateman	Membership Secretary	Mary Mueller
Director	Ian Salgo		
Non Executive Positions			
Raffle Coordinator	Anna Salay	Area Representative	Dale Brown
Area Representative	Joe Oatman	Area Representative	Ken McClintock
Area Representative	Neil Crowder	Area Representative	Nancy Bullis
Area Representative	Margaret Canning	Area Representative	Tom Potter
Area Representative	Charlene Quinn	Area Representative	Harold Haris
Area Representative	Cheryl Linton	Area Representative	Mary Mueller
Area Representative	Carrie Mollenhauer		

Table of Events for 2015

Event	Location	Date
Public Meeting on Shoreline Buffer Zone	Municipal Offices in Maynooth	Sat. May 23rd at 9:00 am
Annual General Meeting	Lakeview Resort	Sun. July 5th at 9:00 am
Meet and Greet Party	Lakeview Resort	July 25th from 2:00 to 4:00pm
Regatta	South Beach	Sat. August 1st. at 10:00am
Golf Tournament	Wolf Ridge in Wilno	Sat. August 22nd at 9:00am
Fall Executive Meeting	Joe Oatman's Cottage	Sat. August 29th 10:00 am

2015 Golf Tournament

2015 Papineau Lake Golf Tournament is coming up – Register now!!

This year's Golf Tournament will be hosted by The Gordon family and will take place on Saturday August 22nd at The Homestead at Wolf Ridge Golf Course. The cost is \$54 per person and includes cart rental. The Tournament is open to all cottage owners and guests and will be played with a best ball format. A potluck style BBQ will be held at the Gordon cottage following the Tournament – golfers and non-golfers welcome. Last year's Tournament was a huge success with 9 registered teams, beautiful sunshine and some new names on the victory trophy.



It's been a very long winter so register your teams early and start practicing your swing to compete for this year's Trophy.

Email Brendan.gordon@f55f.com with the first/last names of all your team members, the email address of your team captain and your 'team name' to hold your spot. See you on the course!

The Annual Regatta

By Andrea Carroll

Save the date for Saturday August 1st at 10am! Andrea Carroll did an amazing job organizing it last year & is willing to handle food this year, but not the whole effort. We need a small group or a leader to take on this event this year. If someone is willing, Andrea has offered to help the replacement with the organization. You can contact Andrea at andrea.carroll@papineaulake.com if you want to investigate this important opportunity.



Annual Raffle Fundraiser at the Regatta

By Anne Salgo & Anna Salay

We would like to thank everyone for supporting our annual raffle table by purchasing tickets or helping with the set-up and/or sales of tickets. The raffle proceeds have raised funds that have made significant charitable donations to the local hospitals and ongoing projects with the PLCA.

This year, Anna Salay has offered to take over the position of raffle coordinator. I will be assisting Anna this year in the organization but as usual we will need more volunteers for regatta day.



Please consider offering your time to this annual activity as a ticket seller or prep person. Student volunteer hours will be acknowledged by the PLCA. As before, we will need volunteers to cover 75-minute time slots at the regatta to help with sales.

Donations to the raffle table are always welcome and appreciated, in addition to those of the local merchants.

Please contact Anna via email at: annasalay@xplornet.ca

Or at the cottage at: 613-338-3120

Thanks!

Anne Salgo and Anna Salay

Condolences

Firstly our sincere sympathies go to Gail Lancaster who lost her husband Lyle.

"Walter "Lyle" Lancaster died suddenly, at his residence on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Lyle Lancaster of Deep River at the age of 69 years. Beloved husband of Gail Lancaster (nee: Ineson). Loving father of Tim Lancaster of Stoney Creek and Susan Prah and her husband Jason of Deep River. Cherished grandfather of Connor Prah. Dear brother of Carolyn Flannigan and her husband Brian of Strathroy."

Secondly our sympathies go to Brent and Candie Bristow who's beautiful cottage burnt to the ground in April while they were away in Florida. It was a tragic loss after the years of work they put into building their retirement home only to have it taken away as they were ready to retire.

Charlie Brown Musical This Summer in Bancroft

Bancroft Summer Theatre is thrilled to announce the production of You're A Good Man Charlie Brown - The Musical. This popular family show will be on stage for a month at the historic Village Playhouse this summer. This will be a co-production with Blackfly Summer Theatre, a local group that has presented many shows over the past few years.

The play's director, Pippa Strachan, said, "It's a whole new experience for Blackfly as this is our first musical and it's so big". The cast in this show is right out of the long running Peanuts comic strip, from tiny Woodstock to the lovable Snoopy. This show will feature some of Bancroft's best voices: Nancy Moffitt, Stewart Ruttan, Kyra Bates, Richard Paterson, Jamie Flanagan and Harold Eastman.

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown will run nightly Tuesday to Saturday beginning on July 7 through to August 1. A matinee will be performed on Sat. July 25. Tickets Are \$22 for adults and \$11 for kids 15 and under.

The second show of the summer season will be co-produced by Ottawa's Blacksheep

Theatre. The Melville Boys by Norm Foster will open on August 11 and run until the

22nd with a matinee on that day. This is a poignant and funny play from one of Canada's best writers brought to life by a troupe of seasoned actors. Tickets for this show are \$22. Ticket sales will begin on June 25.

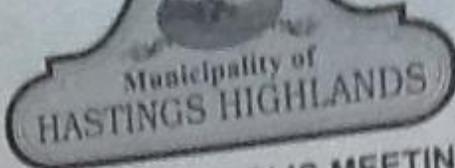
St. Pauls' United Church will again be offering pre-show dinner theatre packages on selected nights and it's right next to the Village Playhouse. Tickets for dinner are \$12.

Tickets will be available starting June 25 at the Playhouse box office or by calling 1-877-322-4682. See local papers and brochures for hours.

A really big thank you to our sponsors as mounting a musical is a very expensive undertaking. A successful Kickstarter crowd funding event was held in February to help raise funds to pay for rights and royalties. The production also received a huge funding boost from Bancroft IDA Drug Mart, TD Canada Trust, Lebel Cambium and Wilson Timber Mart. "We couldn't have secured the performance rights without the generous support of our local businesses, theatre patrons and Kickstart fans", Pippa said.

"Thanks so much to all of our generous supporters".

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE BUFFER ZONE


**Municipality of
HASTINGS HIGHLANDS**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
CONCERNING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands proposes a Zoning By-Law Amendment according to Section 34. (10) of the Planning Act.

AND that the Council of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands will hold a public meeting on Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hastings Highlands Centre, 33011 Highway 62, Maynooth, Ontario, to consider a proposed zoning by-law amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

The proposed zoning by-law amendment is to include the addition of DEFINITIONS for the following:

- "VEGETATIVE BUFFER"
- "ACCESS CORRIDOR"
- "SHORELINE ACTIVITY AREA"

And amending Section 4.5 "VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES" of Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 2004-035.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either for or against the proposed amendment. Written submission should be directed to Building/Planning Clerk at the address below.

IF a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Hastings Highlands before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands to the Ontario Municipal Board

IF a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Hastings Highlands before the proposed zoning amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the passing of the proposed Zoning Amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the Zoning By-Law, you must make written request to the address at the bottom of this page.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed amendment is available for inspection at the office of the undersigned.

Dated at the Municipality of Hastings Highlands this 16th day of April, 2015.

Cathy Bujas, Building/Planning Clerk
Municipality of Hastings Highlands
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Maynooth, Ontario K0L 2S0