



May 2009

Newsletter

51 King William St.
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President's Message

Kathy Hunter

Attempting to assess what we perceive to be the current needs of the Fairy Lake community has always been foremost in the discussions and planning sessions of the spring board meeting. This year was no exception.

Since the passing of Huntsville Zoning By-law 2008-66P in June, 2008, we have encountered several controversial situations regarding three separate by-laws that could have impacted Fairy Lake residents, negatively. It is often only when something new is put to the test that one discovers a flaw or a weakness. That was the case when it came to our attention that a portion of Fairy Lake had been designated a 'Prohibited Boathouse Area'. This controversial by-law, along with two others, was ultimately rewritten after several months of negotiation with the Planning Department and Council.

One of our initiatives this year is to facilitate a greater understanding of the new zoning by-laws. We believe that by providing our members with the rationale for writing the new by-laws and by highlighting the by-laws that may impact us, as waterfront property owners, we may garner greater co-operation and understanding from an individual who wishes to make changes to his/her property and/or dwelling in the future. Our goal is to encourage residents to be **good neighbours**, as well as, **good stewards** of the land and lake by adhering to the zoning by-laws.

To this end, we have invited Huntsville's Director of Planning, Terry Sararas, to speak at our Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 4th. His presentation will contribute to our continuing efforts to provide educational resources to our membership. The FLA will provide a hard copy of Zoning By-law 2008-66P to each family in attendance, along with a map of Fairy Lake showing zoning designations.

Our second focus for this year's Annual General Meeting is the impact we will most definitely feel from the G8 Summit. We all have so many questions about how this world class event will impact us, individually. In order to allay our fears by separating myth from fact, Calum Rankin, **a member of the OPP G8 Integrated Security Unit, Community Relations Group**, will be available to field your questions at the end of his presentation. The Community Relations Group will continue to work with us over the next 15 months to provide us with new information, as it becomes available.

To ensure that this portion of the meeting meets the needs of everyone and that all concerns are addressed, we are providing a form on which to write any questions you may have. Please return this form, as soon as possible:

- by mail with your Membership Form, FLA, 51 King William St., Huntsville, P1H 1G4
- by e-mail, to Ingrid Sinclair at sinc@rogers.com
- in person at the Pancake Breakfast

Because we expect a large turnout for this event, please indicate on your membership form whether or not you will be attending, so that we can be well prepared with adequate seating and refreshments.

Our fears and suspicions can be minimized by being well informed. We hope you will be able to attend this informative presentation.



TREASURERS REPORT-MAY 2009

At our latest year end, the Fairy Lake Association closed the year with cash and investments of \$11,218. This amount included \$ 8,193 invested in a certificate of deposit that pays monthly interest. By investing a core amount in this fashion, it gives us a safe and flexible vehicle to both earn interest income yet have the funds available on short notice if required.

The fiscal year ended March 31, 2009 yielded a small operational surplus. Our largest expenditure for the 2008/09 year continues to be liability insurance which cost \$ 1,342. in the latest fiscal year. Other major expenditures included FOCA fees, water testing equipment and expenditures, member communication costs and expenses related to our lake clean up program.

This past year we introduced our first lake clean up day. It was amazing to see how much debris was towed or ferried over for disposal. Costs were kept to a very reasonable level due to the support of many of our members.

We continue to support both financially and operationally the Huntsville Lakes Council. Most major lake issues are vetted between our organizations. We also continue to be a dues paying member of FOCA which represents the interest of lake front owners at the provincial level. Our group liability insurance rates are secured through FOCA. Comparable coverage would not be affordable for our organization without their efforts in negotiating blanket coverage for provincial lake associations.

A full financial accounting will be provided at our Annual Meeting on July 4th, 2009 at the Algonquin Theatre. See you there.

Put these dates on your Calendar

Fairy Lake Cleanup

Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 am – noon
NEW Brunel Boat Launch (just before the locks)

Pancake Breakfast hosted by Bruce and Liz Gowan

Saturday, June 20th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
260 West Browns Road, 788-9361

Annual General Meeting, Partner's Hall, Algonquin Theatre

Saturday, July 4th, 9:00 am meet your neighbours
9:30 am – 11:30 am, meeting



Remember ... G8 Summit June 25-27, 2010

2009 Lake Cleanup

Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 a.m. – noon
At the NEW Brunel Boat Launch (just before the locks)

We have had a great response to our inquiry regarding the need to have a lake clean-up again this year. Many people have reported that, once again, high water levels have resulted in large logs and other wooden debris finding their way to shore. The more hazardous situation, of course, is when boats encounter logs and other wooden debris on the open water.

Because this initiative benefits all residents of Fairy Lake, whether or not you are boaters, it would be a neighbourly thing for you to offer assistance on clean-up day, Saturday, June 6. This is a huge undertaking, as those who participated last year, can verify.



Here is how you might help:

- Help a neighbour drag logs to the boat launch site; this is definitely a two-person job
- Please do not hesitate to ask a neighbour for help in getting the logs to the site, if you do not have a boat available;
- We need several people to be at the site to assist us with chain sawing the logs;
- We will need several people at the site to help steady boats at the dock.

We have begun to compile a list of those who are participating. We hope your name will soon be added to our list. You will be contacted by phone or email to acknowledge the receipt of your offer of assistance and to provide you with any last minute details.

Safe Recreational Boating Summer 2009

We all welcome the recreational boating season.

We urge you to review your "Safe Boating Guide" to ensure that you are carrying the required safety equipment for your own particular craft.

The Safe Boating Guide covers many areas, which should be reviewed such as the "right of way" rules, towing, speed, wake and wash and other important information.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer on the water.



Remember:

- Red right returning
- Wear your Personal Flotation Device or lifejacket
- Keep a constant lookout
- Carry your Pleasure Craft Operator Card
- Alcohol and operating a boat DO NOT MIX and is against the law
- Speed limit is 10 kilometres per hour within 30 meters of the shore

As of September 15th, all recreational power driven vessel operators MUST carry a Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

There are review courses and exams for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card being held in the Community Room at Robinson's June 14th and July 5th.

See the in-store notice board for further details.

Pesky Critters

After returning from holidays, we discovered that a community of ants had taken advantage of our absence and had made themselves comfortable in our home. With the new Ontario Cosmetic Pesticides Ban in effect, we sought a natural pesticide solution. The following recipe, using natural ingredients, worked to rid us of these interlopers within two days. This formula was a safe solution to the ant problems we had at the dock last year, as well.



Ingredients:
2 cups warm water
1 tsp. boric acid
6 tbsp. sugar



Mix ingredients until all granules are dissolved. Dip a cotton cosmetic pad in the solution and place the saturated pad on a piece of tin foil. Place the foil and pad in the likely ant-infested area. Voila! Dinner is served.

To learn more about the Ontario pesticide ban, log on to www.ontario.ca/additup



A Walk In Spring

By: Nancy Gardiner
(FLA resident and Neighbourhood Ambassador)

I will miss the silhouettes of the trees
Until for their shade
I bless the leaves



Ice-Out, 2009

The ice wreaked havoc on many docks this year, so it was cause for celebration when the ice finally left the lake.



In his official capacity as the Fairy Lake Ice-Out Judge, Dennis Jordan declared the official Ice-Out Date for 2009 to be Friday, April the 17th.

We had a record number of 26 entries this year. Dates ranging from April 3rd to May 1st were selected. Once again, there was a tie between:

John McCaig and Allan Holman

Congratulations Gentlemen! We would like to extend our thanks to Tim Cantelon, owner of Sandhill Nursery, for his donation of a plant to each of our winners.



Huntsville Hospital Update

Arvina Bennett, President HHA, 789-81.



Do you spend several months at the cottage? Perhaps you would like to become a Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer? Call Lorrie Lamb, Director of Volunteers @ 789-0022, ext. 297

Upcoming fundraising events include:

- Huntsville Auxiliary Tag Day – Friday, July 3, 2009
- 6th Annual Dragonboat Festival – Saturday, August 8th, 2009
Presented by the HHA and the Rotary clubs of Huntsville/Lake of Bays
Location: Hunter's Bay/Avery Beach Park
www.huntsvilledragonboat.com

Come out and support your community hospital while having a fun summer on the lake! Call Beryl at 789-5510 to register your team now!



FAIRY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP – MONEY WELL SPENT!

According to a study conducted by the University of Maine, North American recreational lakes that are managed and protected by a strong lake or cottage association support real estate property values that are thirty to forty percent higher than on similar unmanaged recreational lakes.





Fairy Lake Website

www.fairylakeassociation.com

On behalf of the directors and membership of Fairy Lake Association we extend our gratitude to Jim King and Tom Stewart (www.tek-tom.com) for creating and hosting our new web site.

Creating a website such as we have requires countless hours of planning, design and revisions. Special thanks to Kathy Hunter who prepared much of the materials and Ingrid Sinclair for her unceasing assistance.

We hope you will visit the web-site to see for yourself!

You can view our newsletters, historical stories, pictures, and keep up to date on FLA initiatives and key dates. The Lake Plan can be downloaded and there's a handy links page for Muskoka related associations and issues. A useful feature is the 'Contact Us' page, where you can send inquiries, comments and suggestions directly to the Board. The membership form can be printed for newcomers or renewal of your annual membership.

We welcome your stories about Fairy Lake, or you may wish to send us photos for everyone to enjoy.

On The Mend

Two of our board members are recuperating from serious illness. We wish Julia Bertelsen and Jay Rhodes a speedy and full recovery.



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