

CLEAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Torrance, Muskoka, Ontario – www.clearlakemuskoka.ca

CLPOA NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2016

Warm Greetings to all after a not-so-cold winter. We anticipate a great summer at Clear Lake – both for returning cottagers and newcomers! A hearty welcome. Thanks to all cottagers for supporting CLPOA with membership fees and by volunteering for the fun, family Regatta.

CLPOA AGM – Saturday, July 2, 10am, at Torrance Community Centre

Refreshments will be served and we hope every cottage will be represented. Come early, carpool with neighbours or walk over. It will be a good chance to visit fellow cottagers.

I want to thank my Clear Lake Board Members for their hard work, time and commitment to attaining our common enjoyment and for 'standing on guard' for Clear Lake. Board activity continued throughout Fall, Winter and Spring as we dealt with the YMCA, Public Boat Launch, and Hydro One tree clearing. A special thanks to my fellow board members; Michael McClennan, Ron Algate, Suzanne McClennan, Charlie Wilkins and Margaret Kenwright.

This is a Director election year. Please indicate on the attached Membership Renewal Form if you wish to nominate someone, with their permission.

Membership Renewal and Payment of Fees

Our Annual \$30 Membership Fee is critical for the Association to function. The fee helps pay for:

- Clear Lake water testing,
- marking the shoals with buoys (*Please, no tying up to them*),
- insurance, and
- offsets cost of member events.

Early payment of fees mailed to **CLPOA c/o Sharon Cleverdon, 1077 Clear Lake Road, Torrance, ON, P0C 1M0** is appreciated. Customers of TD Canada Trust who bank online may pay by online transfer (attached Membership Renewal Form describes how). Or, bring cash or cheque to the AGM on July 2nd. Each property may have up to four paid memberships (age 18 and over) so consider getting the next generation involved! You must be a paid member of CLPOA to vote at the AGM.

An updated Member contact list will be available at the AGM and at other events this year. Please submit any changes to your contact information (particularly your email address) as soon as possible.

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and to save postage, we emailed this newsletter to all members who supplied their email addresses. If you received this newsletter by post, but now have an email address, please let us know.

2016 Regatta – Sat, July 30th at Bob & Sharon Cleverdon’s – 1072 Clear Lake Road

We need volunteers to make the Regatta a big success. If you can help, even in a small way, please sign the attached Volunteer Form or let us know at the AGM.

- Decorate your boat and be part of the Boat Parade – maybe even win the coveted ‘Broken Paddle’ Award!
- **11:00 am** – Parade starts at the entrance to the Big Bay, travels around the bay and continues around the rest of the lake to cheers of those watching from their docks.
- **1:00 pm** – Water Activities start at the Cleverdon’s waterfront, 1072 Clear Lake Road. All ages are invited to join in! Bubble-blowing for the very little ones, swimming for all, paddle boat races, and the ever-popular Tug of War.
- Delicious, FREE lunch of hot dogs, corn on the cob and pop

Mark Saturday, July 30th on your calendar!

Clear Lake Public Boat Launch

The new concrete ramp is open, with a more gradual slope than last year. It is to be used only between 9am and 1pm. Before launching, please note location of boulders on shore. Because of the gravel shoulders on the ramp, it is not possible to install the floating dock. Unless you are experienced with boat launching without a dock, it is recommended that you have a professional do this for you.

Signs Regarding Boat Launch

We have both ‘Hours of Use’ (9am to 1pm) and ‘No Parking’ signs installed at the ramp and additional ‘No Parking’ signs placed along the road at the public ramp and 200 metres either side of the launch.

YMCA Camp Pine Crest Rezoning

In Summer 2014, the YMCA indicated it had initiated the process for an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Hearing on its Camp Pine Crest rezoning application, originally filed with the Township of Muskoka Lakes (TML) in November 2010.

In late March 2015, mediation was held that resulted in Minutes of Settlement (MOS) and TML By-law revision. The OMB subsequently agreed to the MOS, By-law and related site plan. Some details re the site plan were subsequently resolved. The site plan for Phase I adds 19,000 sq. ft. to the existing 48,000 sq. ft., including 7,000 sq. ft of new accommodation space.

In the MOS, the YMCA and TML made various commitments to CLPOA. The CLPOA Board and the Clear Lake Road Committee continue to work with the YMCA and TML to ensure their commitments are met. The TML has put \$25,000 in the 2016 budget for a road study and will be asking the YMCA to contribute. The CLPOA Board supports the study and YMCA participation.

Water Quality Results from 2015 Testing

Please see the results posted on our CLPOA Website, www.clearlakemuskoka.ca.

Thank you, Bob and Sharon Cleverdon for your time and effort collecting the lake water samples several times every season and submitting them to the Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA) Water Quality Initiative on our behalf. The cost for testing is approximately \$1,000 this year. With a \$30 discount for each CLPOA member who is also a member of MLA, it would benefit CLPOA if more of our members joined MLA. Check out their website (www.mla.on.ca) to see benefits of membership.

Loon Nest

The loons are back! Let us know if you find their nest. We must all keep well away so that the loons can be as protected as possible. When you see them on the lake, please slow right down and give them a very wide berth.

In closing, I extend my sincere wishes for a safe and happy summer. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Saturday, July 2nd at 10am, at the Torrance Community Centre.

Best regards,

Dennis Cartwright

Dennis Cartwright,
President, CLPOA

on behalf of the Board of Directors of Clear Lake Property Owners Association

See Also:

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & VOLUNTEER FORM