## But everything seemed to be going so well!

Mother Nature certainly treated us to more tolerable winter conditions this year! Like everyone else, for months, I have been comfortably looking forward to an early spring, which means reuniting with good friends and a return to lake activity. But then along came Covid-19!

Not everyone will become ill during this pandemic, but everyone will suffer negative affects. In Canada, however we are very fortunate to have dedicated essential workers and funded health and social services to get us through this. That said, everyone one of us can do our part by following the direction and advice from medical and community leaders. *Social distancing* is the least we can all do to bring this to a quicker end.

#### Cottage activity will be affected!

Many customary cottage gatherings and activities will obviously not be feasible at this time, but if are all responsible and do things right, we can expect less people to get sick. That means less pain and suffering, future reduction in restrictions on social gatherings and social distancing and an earlier return to normal life in and around our lake.

# Important Notice: No CLCA Private Safety Buoys.

Since our Association was formed, circumstances have changed. Many new residents are not signing up. CLCA does not have the human or financial resources required to support shoal and hazard marking on the lake. The Association is not responsible for marking all hazards. For these reasons CLCA will not be marking waterway hazards. Residents are reminded that individual watercraft operators are solely responsible for safe boating, including the avoidance of any water hazards. Members who set private buoys are encouraged to review "An Owner's Guide to Private Buoys" (Transport Canada).

#### **Membership**

We will be doing our best to get new folks to join and ask that every member assists in that regard. Everyone who lives here is a prospective member. If you happen to be speaking to neighbours ...ask if they are members or would like to join CLCA and please encourage them to do so.

#### Stay in touch!

During the pandemic, Board meetings will be deferred. The Board will discuss business through social media.

The Board will keep members informed via the CLCA Website *http://clearlakecottagersassociation.ca* 

Until restrictions are lifted and everyone returns to work, we can anticipate some reduction and delays in municipal services. However, the Association remains ready and willing to advocate on behalf of members on issues related to the lake. Members are encouraged to report any issues or concerns via the website, or by telephone to any Director.

# **Membership Fees**

Attached to this newsletter is a "membership form" that outlines how annual fees may be paid. Anyone can pay 2020-2021 fees by sending a cheque to Joyce Jolley, Membership Coordinator.

#### 2019-2020 Board Members

President	Howie Longfellow
Treasurer	Yvette Morrison
Secretary	Bob Jolley
Membership Coordinator	Joyce Jolley
Members at large	Serge Giroux, Claude McGrath, Alan Hardiman, Luc Tardiff, Angele St. George and Alain Faubert

### Next Annual Meeting – 2020 AGM Cancelled

The Annual General Meeting originally scheduled to take place on 2 August 2020 has been cancelled. Members will all receive notification of the next formal meeting.