



# Clear Lake Cottagers' Association of Field

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## Weathering The Storms Of Change

This year the Board cancelled the Annual General Meeting to comply with COVID "social distancing" guidelines. As a result, we thought an additional newsletter would be in order.

CLCA members did enjoy some pretty nice summer weather in 2020, but the pandemic did take a toll on socializing in and around our lake. On a positive note, vaccines may hasten a return to normal life on the lake this year. An additional newsletter will be issued early summer confirming future plans and the status of a 2021 AGM.

2020 has brought lots of change for CLCA. Sadly, two very active and well liked Board members, Lois Dobson and Jenny Navid passed away. We all benefited from their devotion and commitment to our betterment. They will certainly be missed.

CLCA will also miss past President Gerry Murnaghan and his wife Sharon who have moved back into town. On a brighter note, we are pleased to welcome the many new neighbours who have joined us. This includes, our past secretary, Jo Somers, who has returned as a summer resident.

## Membership And Banking Changes

We are pleased to announce that members may now pay annual fees via e-transfer as well as by cheque. Please see subscription and membership at [clearlakecottagersassociation.ca](http://clearlakecottagersassociation.ca) for particulars.

We have seen an increase to (46) forty-six paid-up members representing the (93) ninety-three lakefront lots. While some lots see little activity or usage, it would be great to have a larger proportion of our lakefront owners involved. Membership is vital to our future success. Your Board of Directors encourage all members to actively recruit for new members. Each new voice makes our collective voice much louder when dealing with the municipality and other agencies. If you have neighbours who may not yet have joined, please take the time to inform them about CLCA and encourage them to come out and join the group.

## What Has Been Happening?

Normally, the Board would be busy advocating on your behalf. We can report that Municipal Council did follow through with repairs to the beach and boat launch as promised at the 2019 AGM, but political controversy and the pandemic have stalled some other municipal initiatives. that will affect our residents. We will pursue outstanding issues such as signage at the Lac Tonnerre boat launch on Lac Clair Rd. and the proposed "trailer by-law" and report back.

While CLCA is not a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations, we continue to monitor the activities of that group and other Ontario associations to keep abreast of issues that could possibly affect our residents.

One issue your Board has been reporting on is the Hydro 1 plan to discontinue "seasonal rate". This change will affect our seasonal residents. Please read more about "electricity pricing" at [clearlakecottagersassociation.ca](http://clearlakecottagersassociation.ca) and the Federation of Cottagers Association (FOCA) website at [foca.on.ca](http://foca.on.ca)

Folks are reminded that CLCA does not place "safety buoy" markers on the lake. Our Association lacks the financial and human resources required to meet existing federal legislation and avoid civil liability. Residents and the municipality have been advised of the situation. The municipality has erected signs at the beach launch area giving notice that shoals are not marked and warning those using the lake that they do so "at their own risk".

Finally, the Board continues to maintain our affiliation with the Ontario Lake Partner Program. Our volunteers have been keeping an eye on the lake and have continued to gather samples to submit for testing. Results would indicate folks are meeting their responsibilities to keep the lake nutrient levels down. Our lake remains "clear: but we, remind each and every user of the slogan **"If you wouldn't eat it or drink it... don't put it in our lake!"** Several other lakes within neighbouring districts have reported problems with toxic "blue-green algae". Lets avoid that! If you need more information on how to do this, please contact us.

## What Do You Know About Clear (Bain) Lake History

Over recent years there has been a considerable change in our membership. Many of the original CLCA members have left us , each one taking a part of our Lake history with them. In an effort to preserve our history and share it with newcomers, the Board has begun reaching out to folks for input. Some longtime members have responded positively by offering to provide input. We hope to expand on this initiative and post an article on our website for everyone's enjoyment.

If you are able to provide information that may shed light on the history of the lake and, remarkable incidents that have occurred over the years, we would love to hear from you. You can call or email any Board Member and we will get back to you.

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