



Clear Lake Cottagers' Association of Field

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

WELCOME BACK

Especially our new neighbours!

Winter may have been shorter than normal, but I'm sure everyone out there is looking forward to a nice summer on the lake! This year we welcome many new residents and prospective members. While Board members do our best to contact new neighbours and encourage them to join CLCA, we could use your assistance! **When you see new folks moving in, please take the time to mention the Association when you are saying hello. Remind them that they are always welcome at meetings and encourage them to join up and enjoy our comradery and website.**

WATER WISE

High water levels were short lived this spring due to reduced rain, but the lake is in good shape. We are all very fortunate to have such a great resource, and each share the responsibility to protect our water source. Please keep an eye on septic systems and refrain from introducing nutrients (i.e. phosphates (soaps), fertilizers, cleaning solvents, etc.) into the lake. Pet washing or shampoos in the lake are a definite no...no. Remember....untreated grey water can be very detrimental. Len Tighe continues to monitor lake clarity and submit test results to the Ontario Lake Partner Program. We should all be thankful that we do not have "blue algae" similar to some lakes. Keep up the good work, and remember you can always check how we are doing at <http://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

DENMAR QUARRY?

The OMB Decision, partly based on CLCA presentations, outlined a considerable number of conditions that must be met before any quarry can be established on Clear Lake Rd. Based on local information, it is unlikely that residents will be subjected to a quarry anytime in the near future, but we will keep you posted.

DEAD TREES - NEED HELP?

Spruce budworm infestations and high winds have played havoc on our forest. Public works kindly knocked down trees on road allowance that CLCA identified as safety issues. Many residents have removed the debris off of road allowance, but there are many dead trees that remain standing on road allowance and private property. They are unsightly and represent a fire hazard. The Board of Directors believes that volunteers could be identified to assist residents with these type of problems. If you or a neighbor are interested in obtaining some volunteer assistance with dead trees, please direct an inquiry to the Board President.

SPRING CLEANUP

A large group of volunteers turned out for this year's spring cleanup. Generally, there was less litter along area roads than there has been in the past, but the beach remains an area of concern. This year volunteers cleaned out a large illegal dumping location off of Clear Lake Rd between Southshore and the pole line.

CLCA WEBSITE

Our website at: <http://clearlakecottagersassociation.ca> continues to be very successful and useful. Please keep an eye on it and encourage others to join up.

Thanks to this new technology, mailing costs and activity have been reduced, but in the interest of getting new residents to join up, the Board has organized door to door delivery of this Newsletter.

CAMP ISLAND PROBLEMS

The Board has previously reported problems encountered with campers on Camp Island. Some users leave a mess and fail to take precautions to put camp fires out. This year, weekend campers returned home, leaving a campfire that reignited two days later! Fortunately a group of residents

(Howie Longfellow, Barry & Chris Carswell, Marcel Savignac, Wally Tufford, Derek & Louise Stewart, Bob & Joyce Jolley) responded and extinguished the fire. The Fire Department responded but was unable to launch or secure a vessel to attend the island. Board members have subsequently identified two private locations on Northshore Rd that would provide better access to the Fire personnel in the future. In addition, action will be taken to reduce littering and campfires on the island. Residents are encouraged to make note and report any inappropriate use of the island – especially when fire bans are in place.



COMMUNITY WATCH

West Nipissing Police have confirmed there were no reported break-ins around the lake over the winter. Chief Sequin encourages everyone to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. CLCA has worked closely with WNPS and offered them website access to communicate with residents.

MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL DUES

Just a reminder to ensure your dues are paid up! The \$10.00 annual dues may be paid directly to the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting or by submitting payment by cheque payable to Clear Lake Cottagers' Association of Field, P.O. Box 98, Field, ON, and P0H1M0.

2015-2016 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Derek Stewart
Past President	Lois Dobson
Treasurer/ Membership	Yvette Morrison
Secretary	Bob Jolley
Members at large	Howie Longfellow, Serge Giroux, Len Tighe, Claude McGrath, Luc Tardif and Brad Laird

Derek has announced he has enjoyed his tenure as President but must retire from the Board as he and Louise plan to move back to British Columbia to be near family. He will step down after the AGM. Derek has been a good ambassador for CLCA. He has been our spokesman to Council and public works. He led a great charge against Denmar at the OMB Hearing. While he insists that he was just one of many good workers on the Board, he has provided an atmosphere that encourages participation. We will miss him, but understand family comes first. We all wish to say thanks and wish Derek and Louise all the best in their move.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

Members are reminded to mark their calendars for **Sunday 31 July 2016** to attend the AGM at 1:00p.m... We will hold the meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Notre Dame Victoires Field. Two \$25.00 Canadian Tire gift cards will be offered as door prizes.

