



Clear Lake Cottagers' Association of Field

Spring Newsletter 2019

Welcome to members both old and new!

In early March each year, many avid summer cottagers start praying for an early end to winter. Based on the past few winters, I would bet that even "winter nuts" expressed their frustration that "Enough already! it's time to put the shovel away!" Snow levels did cause problems with some local decks, docks etc., but with the exception of the usual humps & bumps in area roads, we seem to have come out of it in good shape. Since the snow cleared our cleanup volunteers did a great job of clearing area roadways and the beach and the municipality has already started repairs and grading of the beach area. Our residents are doing their best to protect the surroundings and Mother Nature is greening things up. All we can ask is that she provides us with lots of that comfortable summer weather and less of her nasty spring bugs! Here's hoping!

What we do has an affect

Local wildlife is out in force again this spring. Numerous sightings of moose, deer, bear, foxes, coyote, rabbit and otter along with water fowl reminds us that we are not alone out here and what we do has an affect on our neighbours. As an example, the beaver activity continues to flourish as a result of the torrents of Clear Lake water flowing through the new culvert that West Nipissing installed on Northshore Rd. last fall. That newly named "Beaver Pond" may soon reach "small lake" status. This year, we will again stress the message that boaters and others using the lake should be mindful of their surroundings. For safety reasons, motorized vessels should not be launching, landing, mooring or even entering the swimming area at the public beach. And when cruising, excess wake activity can be detrimental to nesting fowl. Please keep these things in mind and remind other boaters.

Good Quality Water

Serge Giroux has taken the lead on monitoring of our lake water quality as part of the Ontario Lake Partner Program. Our thanks goes out to Len Tighe who recently retired from that task after many years of great service to CLCA. Residents are reminded that the Board has adopted the saying "If you wouldn't eat it... please don't put it in our lake" Everyone living or using the lake is reminded that Clear Lake is our greatest resource and requires us all to be mindful of how we use it. Anyone who allows contaminants and/or nutrients (soaps, cleaners, fertilizers, grey water or sewage) to enter the lake water is abusing the lake and negatively affecting everyone's asset. Let's do what we can to keep our lake results positive! Check out our lake stats:

<http://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

CLCA Website

Our website can be found at:

<http://clearlakecottagersassociation.ca>

Each year, subscription to webpage continues to grow. You will find information is posted to keep subscribers current on activity around Clear Lake and provide helpful links to sites of interest to Association members.

2018-2019 Board Members

President	Howie Longfellow
Treasurer/ Membership	Yvette Morrison
Secretary	Bob Jolley
Members at large	Serge Giroux, Claude McGrath, Alan Hardiman, Luc Tardiff, Angele St. George and Brad Laird.

Policing /Community Watch

Seasonal Cottagers are reminded that West Nipissing disbanded the municipal police service on 6 June 2019. and entered into a policing agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police. New contact numbers apply.

- For immediate 24/7 assistance, or to report an incident (Non-Emergency), call: 1-888-310-1122.
- For administrative matters during business hours (e.g. Criminal Record checks), call: (705) 967-2913 (Warren OPP Satellite Detachment) or (705) 495-3878 (North Bay OPP Detachment)
- In case of an Emergency, dial 9-1-1

Residents are reminded to be vigilant in reporting any unusual activity in and around the Lake area to police.

Membership & Annual Dues

Just a reminder to ensure your dues are paid up! The \$15.00 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, P0H1M0.

Also, please remember to explain the benefits of membership to new residents and encourage them to come out to meet other lake owners at the AGM. We all benefit from increased membership.

Next Annual Meeting

Members are reminded to mark their calendars for **Sunday 04 August 2018** to attend the AGM at 1:00p.m. We will hold the meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Notre Dame Victoires Field.



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