



The Buck Lake Association Inc.

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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

Buck Lake Newsletter – 2006 July 14

Annual General Meeting Report

President Crawford MacIntyre called the meeting to order on Saturday July 8, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at the Perth Road United Church Hall. Approximately 70 members and guests were in attendance. Mayor Bill Lake of South Frontenac brought greetings and with the help of Councillors Del Stowe and Ron Vanderwal gave up-dates on a number of issues from waste management to assessment and Township budget priorities for 2006. He also noted that the Ontario Government has directed the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to delay any future assessment revisions for two years while the process is reviewed.

President Crawford reviewed the Association's activities for 2005-2006 and a copy of his report is reprinted later in this newsletter. A Constitution/By-law amendment was approved which will change the membership term to the calendar year effective January 2007. Paid membership for 2005-2006 stands at 128 and renewals for 2007 have been very positive from current, lapsed and first time members. President Crawford recognized the long service of retiring Director Ralph Wirsig and reported that Ralph has agreed to continue as a member of the Membership Services Committee for 2006-2007.

Director Stephen Roughton presented the report of the Nominating Committee and after a call for nominations from the floor, the following Directors were declared elected for 2006-2007:

- One Year Director - Amy Rossworm
- Two Year Director – Crawford MacIntyre, Roy Mills, Stephen Roughton, Duncan Sinclair and Maxine Lemieux
- Directors Bruce Barnes, Nancy Daugulis, Jim Manuel, Marilyn O'Connor, Jan Theoret and Trish Waldron will be completing their two year term in 2006-2007

At the first regular meeting of the new Board in late July, an executive will be elected.

Ron's Home & Cottage Services

- Plumbing, electrical, tiling, window replacement
- Bathroom renovations, flooring of all types, general maintenance
- Closing cottages for winter/water supply & drain systems & spring re-opening
- Treat septic tanks/tile beds for roots
- Call Ron at 353-6919 (Buck Lake Resident)

Director/Treasurer Jan Theoret presented a financial report which indicated a current account balance of \$2153.42 and a reserve account balance of \$1486.85. Copies were distributed to members present and a detailed statement will be included in our next newsletter.

Two presentations were made to members. Belinda Betz asked for the Association's support for a campaign to raise funds to install Heritage Signage in Perth Road Village and at various other locations in our community such as Buck Lake. More information on this project will be included in a future newsletter. Jana Johnson, our Docktalk Coordinator gave an excellent overview of the program and encouraged members to sign-up for a visit by our staff. Additional Docktalk information is included later in this edition of the newsletter.

Official AGM minutes for our 2006 meeting will be posted on the website at www.bucklake.ca in the near future.

Summary of 2005/06 BLA Activities

- Established the following **Standing Committees** and formalized their Terms of

Reference:

- Membership Services Committee
- Communications Committee
- Community Outreach Committee
- Nominating Committee

- **Membership**

- Updated membership database with e-mail and postal contact information.
- Continued efforts to attract new members and renew lapsed memberships.
- Reviewed membership period and invoicing membership dues.

- **Communications**

- Distributed seven Newsletters via e-mail and two via regular mail.
- Campaigned to obtain high speed internet access for all Buck Lake residents.
- Updated and maintained Buck Lake website (www.bucklake.ca) with the help of Richard Linley.

- **Community**

- Organized a very successful 2005 End-Of-Season BBQ. The 2006 BBQ is scheduled for August 26, 2006 – more details to follow.
- Organized the second annual Perth Road Clean-Up effort.
- Raised \$*** for the Perth Road Volunteer Fire Department, with the help of Jan Theoret.
- Invited Buck Lake Road Associations to attend Director's meetings.
- Established contact with neighbouring lake associations and other community groups.
- Maintained contact with Township of South Frontenac.
- Held two Boater Certification Courses for Buck Lake and area residents.

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▪ **Outreach**

- Successfully applied to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA) for funding under their Docktalk programme, which will provide practical information on protecting our lakes to hundreds of area residents during the summer of 2006.
- Facilitated the organization of a Cottage Planning Seminar held on June 28/29.
- Secured additional revenue through advertising in our Newsletter and on our Web Site.
- Became a member of Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation (WRAFT).
- Supported Limerick Waterways Association's presentation to the Ontario Municipal Board re: back lot development and new septic technology.
- Sent BLA representatives to the following meetings:
 - FOCA/WRAFT meeting in Toronto
 - South Frontenac Police Services meeting
 - Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) South Frontenac meeting
 - Lake Links seminar

Docktalk Program

The Buck Lake Association, www.bucklake.ca, in conjunction with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) and funding support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation is conducting the **Docktalk** program on Buck Lake for the summer of 2006.

The **Docktalk** program is an educational initiative to inform and encourage lake residents on a wide range of issues from water protection, waste management to environmental stewardship. Visits are being arranged with individual property owners, not to find fault or to report to any government agency, but rather to inform, advise and share best practices. Your information will be treated in confidence. We invite all residents to be proactive and participate in the program to maintain and sustain YOUR lake.

Although topics of individual and group interest will be addressed, the general theme will be to educate, motivate and facilitate action to improve your property, practices and ultimately water quality through:

- Improve water and waste treatment systems
- Attention to pollutants from surface runoff (fertilizers, pesticides, other toxins and waste)
- Shoreline Naturalization
- Information regarding loss of fish and wildlife habitat
- Reduction of invasive Species such as; Purple Loose Strife, Zebra Mussels

This is a fun and personalized format for our associations to share information with lake residents, and an opportunity to get a better understanding about residents concerns and interests.



The Buck Lake Association hopes it can continue with these types of initiatives allowing a chance to network and share information with local and Provincial lake experts, neighbouring associations, and other partners. We look forward to coming to your dock to talk.

Thanking you in advance for your support,

Jana Johnson

Docktalk Co-ordinator

613-353-1111

To book your site visit please call or email:

Rita Young at 613-353-1961 or

www.bucklake.ca (subject Site Visit Docktalk)



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"DOCKTALK"

***DEVELOPING YOUR
SHORELINE***

Guest Speaker:

Tom Beaubiah, Biologist

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

Come to an evening lakeside gathering & BBQ on beautiful Buck Lake and learn ways to be good environmental stewards of your lake!

Wednesday, July 26th

Just north of Perth Road Village

**Hot Dog BBQ at 6:00pm followed by
7:00pm Presentation**

***** Bring your own Lawn Chair
And your Neighbour! *****

**Sign up to have a one-on-one site visit on your property with qualified,
trained Docktalk site visit staff**

Phone Jana Johnson, at (613) 353-1111 for more information & directions

High Speed Internet: Are You Interested in High Speed Internet Service?

1. To date I have collected about 30 names of primarily Buck Lake area people who are interested in high speed Internet service. The area of interest needs to be broadened to the **Buck Lake/Perth Road area**.
2. KOS www.kos.com (Kingston Online Services) have stated that if they were to build a tower needed to get their wireless Internet signal from an operating tower at Sydenham to the Buck Lake/Perth Road area they would require 40 to 50 committed full-time year-round customers.
3. More than one tower is likely necessary to service our area. That means even more “committed full-time year-round customers” if the ISP builds them. Building our own towers and leasing them to an ISP is an option. New tower cost is about \$3,000 installed. Use of existing TV towers may reduce the need for new towers.
4. There are probably at least two other wireless ISP’s that would be interested in our area if we had the towers.
5. Bell have no time frame for when they might bring high speed DSL to our area. Their new technology (see www.highspeedunplugged.sympatico.ca) using cell phone towers is likely years away if ever for our hilly terrain (unless we have towers?)
6. If any of this interests you, please contact me at krwirsig@kos.net . Please state whether you:
 - would like to have a high speed internet service.
 - know of owners of high land spots for the potential location of a tower which typically consists of a TV tower to a height above the surrounding trees.
 - know of existing TV towers, high buildings, etc. that could be used.
 - have technical or commercial expertise related to high speed Internet and towers.
 - have knowledge about funding possibilities for a community project such as what this might become.
 - are interested in forming and participating in an action committee aimed at bring high speed internet to the Buck Lake/Perth Road area.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about this message. To attract ISP interest and commitment to our area we need to grow the list for potential “committed full-time year-round customers”

Ralph Wirsig
613-353-2801
2006 July 12

Pleasure Craft Operator Card Course

By September 15, 2009 all operators of powered watercraft must obtain Canadian Coast Guard Certification. The BLA offered the PCOC course twice last summer and some interest has been expressed that we offer the program in 2006. We have contacted Mr. George Hiles of Lakeland Safe Boating and he is prepared to offer the course on Saturday August 19,2006 from 8:30 a.m.

to 1:00 p.m. (exact times to be confirmed). We require a minimum of 10 candidates and could take up to 16. If you are interested in participating, please register by email at millsras@sympatico.ca or contact Roy Mills at (613) 273-7724 by August 1, 2006. The cost would be \$40/person and the location would be Perth Road United Church Hall.

The “Rider Cup” Buck Lake Golf Tournament

Sunday September 17th is the date for the annual tournament held at Rideau Lake Golf Club in Westport. Tee off is at 1:15 p.m. and the format is “best ball” nine hole scramble. The cost is \$42.00/person for the nine holes and great dinner at the clubhouse. Team registrations are welcome with mixed teams preferred. Registration is limited to 60 golfers so please sign up early as last year was a sellout. Contact Barry O’Connor at (613) 353-1708 or occonnorb5@sympatico.ca for more information and to register.

Announcements and Up-Coming Events

- July 15 – Hazardous Waste Disposal at Works Department Yard on Keeley Rd. 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (No charge to Township residents)
- July 15 – Giant Pie Sale at Perth Road United Church Hall 9:00 a.m. until sold out
- July 15 – Perth Road Firefighter’s Fish Fry 5:00 p.m. until ?
- July 26 – Docktalk Seminar and BBQ – See newsletter for details
- August 11 – Fish Fry at Perth Road United Church Hall - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- August 19 – Pleasure Craft Operator Card Course at Perth Road United Church Hall sponsored by the BLA
- August 26 – BLA Picnic and Dance at Harris Park in Perth Road Village – More details in our next newsletter but mark your calendars now
- September 17 – The “Rider Cup” Buck Lake Golf Tournament at Rideau Lakes Golf Club in Westport – Tee off at 1:15

And Finally...

Suggestions for inner growth:

- Be the first to say “hello”
- Floss your teeth
- Return whatever you borrow
- Never refuse homemade brownies
- Compliment three people everyday
- Look people in the eye
- Teach a class and take one
- Plant flowers in the spring
- Keep secrets
- Learn to listen: opportunity often knock softly
- Leave the toilet seat in the down position