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## Buck Lake News – 2008 June 3

Principal writer: Roy Mills

### President's Message

Spring – finally! After a long winter with its mountains of snow, we have had several weeks of spring flowers, the loon is on her nest opposite the house, the ospreys are fishing, folks are out in their boats once again (although I haven't seen anybody swimming yet), and all is right with the world. Every season is special here on Buck Lake but there is something especially wonderful about spring. It carries the promise of the great summer and fall we in the Buck Lake Association wish for you all.

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Unhappily there is a cloud on the horizon in the form of South Frontenac Township's review of its Official Plan, a seemingly never-ending saga on which we are going to have to keep close track. Briefly, some members of Council are trying to change fundamentally the draft OP presented to the public last November, the central thrust of which was to preserve the rural character of the Township. They want to reverse the Planning Department's recommendations to prohibit the development of "back lots" (those without waterfront access) on private lanes and to restrict severances to three on parcels of land vacant when the OP was adopted in September 2005. Simply put, these changes would open the door to more relatively indiscriminate residential construction throughout the Township. This is opposite to the current OP's approach (and the advice of the Planning Department) which is to foster growth primarily through regulated subdivision-type development around the existing population centres. We had thought (hoped) that this issue would be settled by now but it now seems likely that it will be well on into June or perhaps July before we have another public meeting and a final decision by Council. Stay tuned. This is important to us all!

Duncan G. Sinclair

### Notice of Annual General Meeting/Notice of Motions

All members and friends of the Buck Lake Association Inc. are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on **Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Perth Road Public School from 9:00 a.m. until noon.** Doors will be open at 8:30 a.m. and the coffee will be on. Following the business portion of the meeting our Lake Planning Committee will be making a presentation of their progress towards beginning the process on Buck Lake. A more detailed agenda and information about the AGM will be in the July Newsletter. As required by our Constitution, notice is hereby given that the following motions to amend the Constitution and By-law #1 will be presented for approval by the membership on July 5, 2008: Approved by the Board of Directors 2008-05-17 for

Presentation to the 2008 AGM for consideration by members

Amendment to:	Present wording	Proposed wording
Clause 4 a.	If the association were to dissolve, all its assets shall be directed to a local provincially-or nationally-recognized environmental agency.	If the association were to dissolve its asset types would be directed to: i ) Queen's University Archives (QUA), respecting any records (as defined by the Agreement between the QUA and the association) in existence at the point of dissolution or as a result of the dissolution. ii ) a local provincially-or nationally-recognized environmental agency respecting any financial or other assets not otherwise destined for the QUA.

Approved by the Board of Directors 2007-09-15 for  
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Amendment to:	Present wording:	Recommended wording
By-law 1, clause 8, b ELIGIBILITY (for Board membership), i, 3	He or she must have been a member in good standing for at least one year immediately preceding his or her election (or appointment in the case where a vacancy is being filled) to the board.	Delete the said clause

Approved by the Board of Directors 2008-03-15 for  
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Amendment to:	Present wording	Recommended wording
By-law 1, clause 8, d BOARD MEETINGS, iii 4	The recording secretary	The recording secretary and archivist
By-law 1, clause 9, OFFICERS, a COMPOSITION, i 4	The recording secretary	The recording secretary and archivist
By-law 1, clause 9, OFFICERS, c RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS, iv RECORDING SECRETARY, 1,2,3	RECORDING SECRETARY  1. The recording secretary.. 2. The recording secretary.. 3. The recording secretary.. 4. (no sub clause)	RECORDING SECRETARY AND ARCHIVIST  1. The recording secretary and archivist.. 2. The recording secretary and archivist.. 3. The recording secretary and archivist.. 4.. The recording secretary

		and archivist shall cause the original documents detailed in 2 and 3 to be periodically transferred to Queen's University Archives.
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**Board of Director's Report**

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The Board met on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and received reports from officers and committees:

- President Duncan Sinclair reported on the Township's progress toward review of the Official Plan and consultation with other lake associations... More detail will follow under separate heading.
- Secretary-Treasurer Trisha Waldron presented a financial report as of May 15<sup>th</sup> showing current revenues of \$3,308.09 and expenses of \$1,560.83 for year to date. Total members equity including general, reserve and investment accounts stands at \$9,310.30.
- Ralph Wirsig reported on behalf of

Membership Services and Communications. Ninety-three membership renewals for 2008 have been received as well as 3 new memberships. Sixty-eight memberships from 2007 have not been renewed as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a membership table at the AGM for those who wish to renew at that time. Ralph also reported that a new advertiser has been added to our newsletter/website efforts and that ad revenue for 2008 is currently \$900.

- Maxine Lemieux reported for the Outreach/Social Committee. Our Buck Lake Pot Luck/Picnic will be hosted by Margaret Fisher on Kingfisher Lane on June 12<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 19<sup>th</sup>). Email notices will be forwarded to all members immediately. The Annual Summer BBQ/Pork Roast is planned for Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> with more details to be confirmed for future newsletters. Maxine has ordered 150 copies of the revised boating regulations booklets and hopes to have them available for the AGM.
- Wayne Myles presented the Terms of Reference for the Lake Planning Committee and after discussion and minor amendment they were approved by the Board. The Board has budgeted \$2000 for Lake Planning in the 2008 budget. The board authorized the Committee to enter into discussions with Mr. Gord Rodgers, a lake-planning consultant who resides in Frontenac, regarding engaging his services during the planning period.
- Stephen Roughton reported on behalf of the Constitution and Archives Committee and presented a draft agreement with Queen's Archives regarding the storage of BLA documents. The agreement was approved. Stephen also presented the report of the Nominating Committee and indicated that



all of the incumbent Directors whose two- year terms will expire in July 2008 have agreed to stand for another term at the AGM. The slate is complete but additional nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM as required. Stephen will forward the Board approved Constitution and By-law amendments to the Communications Committee for inclusion in the June Newsletter as a Notice of Motion for consideration by the membership at the AGM.

- Mr. Peter Dawson, Superintendent of Frontenac Provincial Park joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. A wide- ranging discussion involved the current programs and initiatives at the Park as well as strategies to improve communication between the Board, our members and the park staff. There are currently two links at our website [www.bucklake.ca](http://www.bucklake.ca) which provide information about the park.



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### **Special Lake Events**

**SPRING POT LUCK PICNIC** – Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> (Rain date June 19<sup>th</sup>)

Home of Margaret Fisher – 1018 Kingfisher (South Branch) near the beginning of the 7000 bloc on the Perth Road. Social & gathering time is 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided but bring a pot luck dish and a lawn chair.

## BUCK LAKE BOATILLA – July 5<sup>th</sup> after the Annual General Meeting

Come and join your fellow Buck Lakers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Boatilla. We assemble east of the Culvert on the South Branch at 2:00 p.m. All types of water craft are welcome. All donations collected will be donated to an Easter Seals representative at the Boatilla finale and BBQ held at the Hidden Valley Campground. To date we have raised over \$15,000 and put many smiles on the faces of Camp Merrywood kids. For more information please contact Ross Trudel at (613) 353-3038 or Ron Matthey at (613) 353-6087.

### Official Plan Review

The saga of the South Frontenac Official Plan review continues. We anticipated that the Council would make some decisions on May 27<sup>th</sup> but action was deferred until the meeting of June 17<sup>th</sup>. A group of Councilors are making a concerted effort to make two important amendments to the current Plan...permitting back lot development on private roads and re-setting the three- lot severance restriction once more in an amended Plan. The Planning Department of the Township has advised against these amendments and points out that the goals, objectives and intent of the Official Plan do not envision these critical amendments and the Plan would require wholesale changes to accommodate them. There are significant special interests wishing to see the continuance of the old style random development which the Official Plan attempts to control and direct toward designated growth areas in the Township. As the Planning Department notes in the May 27<sup>th</sup> report to Council, of the 14,605 lots that exist in the Township, approximately 2,360 are still vacant.

The BLA was an active supporter of the development and implementation of the current Official Plan and along with virtually all of the current lake associations of South Frontenac is very concerned that our Council may vote to make one or both of these critical changes in the Official Plan. We urge all members to contact their District Councilors and Mayor Davison and caution them about the significance of their vote over the next few weeks. We are watching with interest and concern. If possible, plan to attend the Council meeting in Sydenham on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. It is particularly important that those members who reside in Loughborough and Storrington Districts make their voices heard as their Councilors' votes will be critical.



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## Boating Certification Courses – Summer 2008

The BLA has no current plans to offer the PCOC certification program at this time but the Bob's and Crow Lake Assoc. is offering the course and welcomes Buck Lakers to participate if they wish. The program will be presented on June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bedford Community Hall on the Westport Road... 9:00 a.m. till noon at a cost of \$30, which includes a copy of the manual. The instructor is Robbie Hughes and you can contact Robbie to register at (613) 273-7770 or email him at [robbiehughes@brockwoodterriers.com](mailto:robbiehughes@brockwoodterriers.com).

## Early swim? Apparently not.



Man in swimsuit on April 19 with canoe and the last bit of ice in Buck Lake---John Thomas, Porcupine Island

## Coming Events and Reminders

- Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> – BLA Pot Luck Picnic at Margaret Fisher's – 5:30 p.m.
- Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry at Perth Road United Church – 5:00-7:00 p.m.

An advertisement for Dockmaster.ca. The top part has a red background with the text "www.Dockmaster.ca at HOME HARDWARE". Below this is a photograph of a white aluminum dock with a red canopy and a boat. A yellow starburst graphic says "Aluminum Dock Kits". At the bottom, there is a blue box with white text: "Aluminum dock kits, do-it-yourself deck panels, light weight sectional frames, removable deck panels, likely the last dock you will ever buy. For a dealer near you, see www.dockmaster.ca or call 1-866-301-3625." The text "MADE IN CANADA" is visible in the bottom right of the photo area.

- Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> – South Frontenac Council Meeting at Sydenham – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> – Annual General Meeting of BLA at Perth Road P.S. – 9:00 a.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Buck Lake Boatilla – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> – Queen's Biological Centre Open House – Opinicon Road

Note: Wednesday evening seminars throughout the summer are also beginning in July.

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