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

## Buck Lake News – 2009 October

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### President's Message

Some of you will know that I have recently started a project that takes me to Toronto during the week. The office where I am working is located at One Dundas West, the building attached to the Toronto Eaton Centre. I was born in Toronto, actually at Women's College Hospital which is located about 5 minutes from this office, and I spent the first 35 years of my life living there in relative comfort. So, this area is familiar to me – I have even lived in a couple of apartments in the immediate area. My first day on the job, I went for a lunch at a restaurant overlooking the intersection of Yonge & Dundas. I could not help but comment on the contrast between the scene before me, a mass of people all hurrying to get to their destination, and the beautiful serenity of my home on Buck Lake. Truthfully, I enjoy both but I could not imagine living full time in Toronto without the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Buck Lake.

Of course, as you all know, living at Buck Lake does



come with its challenges. For the past several weeks, I have been enjoying the industrious

comings and goings of a couple of chipmunks who were spending quite a lot of time gathering various goodies from the forest around my place. They were preparing for winter, of course, as are many of our four-legged neighbours. What I did not realize was that the chippy's winter home was under my lake-side flagstone patio. Imagine my surprise when one of the stones collapsed

under me as I walked over it. I lifted the stone only to decide to lift another and another as I followed a series of chipmunk living quarters. It wasn't long before the little animals began chattering away telling me to mind my own business and leave them to theirs.

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Someone will be able to repair the patio and no real harm will be done but I wonder where the chipmunks will spend the winter now that their home has been destroyed. I am also glad to have these kinds of challenges rather than the ones that come with living in a big city like Toronto.

Tricia

### Board of Director's Report

The Board last met on Saturday September 26, 2009 and a summary of agenda items follows. I must comment that I have the benefit of excellent recorded minutes to reference for these reports due to the work of our Recording Secretary, Stephen Roughton. We have learned over the past years that if an item is not recorded in Board minutes, it didn't happen.

In an update after the Board meeting, Ralph Wirsig reported that as of early October paid up BLA membership numbers are at a new record of 152 surpassing the 2008 record high of 147. **Congratulations to all members for achieving a new all time membership record!** Ralph also noted there is potential to set an even higher record by the end of 2009 judging by the contents of the *past due* columns for both 2008 and 2007. If you haven't renewed for 2009, please write that cheque today! A growing number of members have chosen to renew membership for two or three years at a time. We are set up to track membership status and welcome such payments.

Sandra Rider reported for the Community Outreach/Social Committee and noted that our Annual Summer Picnic may actually have a small deficit this year when all accounts are paid. Over the past three years we have always budgeted for a deficit event to thank members

and friends of the lake for their support and always made a small profit. Thanks again to all who came out in August and we plan to do it again in 2010. Sandra also reported that the Annual Rider Cup Golf Tournament in September attracted 80 golfers from the lake and generated a great time of fellowship and fun.

Liz Whelpdale presented an up-date from the Friends of the Lake. As reported in the August Newsletter, the Lake Survey this summer was seen as a significant success. 154 surveys were returned, over 60% electronically. Survey results are available at the Buck Lake website, [www.bucklake.ca](http://www.bucklake.ca). Reg Genge, who was our guest speaker at the AGM in July, will be completing his analysis of current data by year-end and the Committee will begin the process of planning the second stage of the Lake Plan for 2010. Liz also reported that all 100 copies of the Buck Lake map have been sold and

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an additional printing of 50 have been ordered for those who may have missed out or wish to do some Christmas shopping.

President Tricia Waldren reported that she has transferred accounts to the Bank of Montreal where we will benefit from a more generous service arrangement. Our new Secretary-Treasurer, Cheryl Savery will be up to speed quickly with Tricia's assistance and have a updated financial report for our November Board meeting. We will have a year-end financial report available for members in January 2010 but we can report that due to prudent budgeting and great support of members, we are in strong financial health currently and plan to stay there in the future.

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A working group of Directors was formed to fact-find and bring recommendations to the Board regarding shoal markers on the lake. We will have more information to share in the next Newsletter. The final Board meeting for 2009 is planned for November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **The Heart of the Matter**

It states the obvious to point out that as residents of Buck Lake, all year round or seasonal, we are geographically and *communicationally* challenged when we need a quick arrival following a call for medical, fire and police help. This risk that we assume is the trade off for living

in such a beautiful environment, free of the city. We assume this willingly, however we should probably have a contingency plan in place in the event that we, or our neighbour, should encounter distress.

Your Board of Directors is considering two projects that touch on this issue. The first one is an inquiry into why some areas of, and surrounding Buck Lake, remain in a "dead zone" for cell phone use. This deficit, which we understand may only affect one or two areas in Southern Ontario, is really not acceptable by today's standards of timely communication and the need to make contact in an emergency.

The second project is to consider arranging for a CPR course (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) for our residents. We are unsure at this point how this can be scheduled for you as the course is likely to take eight hours to complete. Our Board members view this as being valuable for themselves individually, and by extension, valuable for all our residents.

A recent article in Macleans magazine described how basic CPR “...involving cycles of

*chest compressions and breaths... can boost survival rates by 400 percent.”*

The article also observed that, apart from a perceived reluctance for Canadians to even try it, “*The chance that a bystander in Canada knows and will perform CPR is around 15 percent. Those figures are even worse when the cardiac arrest happens at home-as 80 percent do-and family members are too paralyzed by fear to act*”

So folks, good luck to you to have a neighbour who can help should you need it. Clearly part of the solution is that you be prepared to handle a cardiac or similar life threatening event yourself until professional help arrives. We'd like to hear from you. If there is sufficient interest we'll proceed. Please



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Crawford MacIntyre

### Was it Frank or was it Gordon?

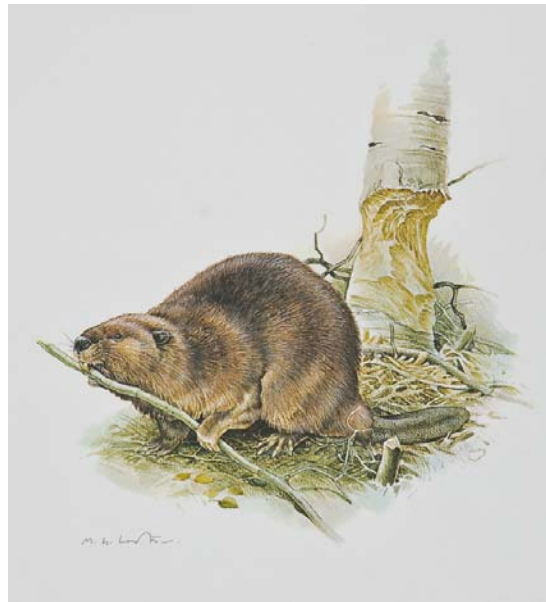
The September 2008 issue of the Buck Lake News contained Stephen Roughton's account of the sighting of Frank and Gordon, Bell Canada's fabulous beaver ambassadors, who were retired by that company in June 2008 and took up residence on the North Branch. That sighting took place as the two beavers sprang from the east side of the south island of Twin Island and provided their trade-mark tail slaps. That was it for 2008. They vanished.

Stephen, and daughter Stephanie, report a second sighting. They paddled into the big bay south of the Buck Lake waterfall on a sunny morning this August. There, relaxing on the bank, they found Frank. Or was it Gordon? He wasn't taken by this invasion of his space and immediately did a back flip into the bay. That was followed by a tail slap two canoe lengths away. His swim into the centre of the bay was followed by another tail slap. A swim back toward shore was followed by another tail slap. He then disappeared, and that was it until.....

The second weekend in September when Stephanie discovered Frank, or was it Gordon, had made lunch of a 2" in diameter birch tree located on the point in front of the Roughton cottage. This tree, one of a three tree clump, is (was) located atop a cliff some 4 metres above the lake. So a 3 clump became a 2 clump until.....

Thursday September 23rd when Frank, or was it Gordon, decided to make lunch of a second 2" birch thereby reducing the clump (if one can still call it that) to one parent birch 5" in diameter. Its days may be numbered.

Dead across the lake from the cottage a new camp site has sprung up on the eastern shore of Frontenac Provincial Park. Frank and Gordon have fashioned a beaver lodge. It doesn't adhere to South Frontenac building codes but is the epitome of good all weather construction. If the beavers stay on that side of the North Branch Stephen's 5" birch will survive. If it doesn't survive he says Frank and Gordon will be repatriated to Bell Canada.



### A Little History of Perth Road Village

One of the ongoing projects the BLA hopes to pursue is to collect and maintain aspects of local history about the lake and the surrounding community. Here are a few tidbits taken from an article by Reg Whitty published in the Kingston –Whig Standard in 1974:

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- Settled in the mid-1800's – Early land deeds where the current Perth Road Village stands included names such as Trimmer, Sears, McFadden, Peabody and Clough.
- The nearest stage route came as far as Inverary so people had to drive (by horse powered vehicle) or walk to Inverary to connect with Kingston.
- A sawmill was built on the creek that runs through the village and operated by a man named Freeman.
- About 1870, a grant of \$600 from some level of government helped to upgrade the road between Inverary and the Village which permitted much easier connections to surrounding communities.
- About this same period, Christopher Roushohn discovered lead deposits in the area which created a bit of a mining boom.
- Men and their families seeking work in the mines began to move to the area creating a building boom as well. Among the wave of settlers were familiar names such as Roberts, Harris and Peters and the Stoness brothers, James and Jabez.

- Jabez kept the first post office and general store. He built and operated a large hotel as well which was later sold to John Roberts who turned the building into a second general store, which is still standing today.
- Jabez Stoness operated the first mail route between Perth Road Village and Kingston making the round trip three times weekly and eventually daily. He operated the route for 26 years and was succeeded by George Alton.
- Early blacksmiths were William Sears and Ira Darling.
- The current United Church was moved to the present location from Lake Opinicon in 1953 and the current church hall once served as a Methodist/United Church and was moved to the present location from near the present intersection of the Perth and Wilmer Roads when the roads were upgraded in the 1960's.

## Coming Events

- Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck and Silent Auction at Perth Road United Church – 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Links Workshop – Great speakers and networking opportunities – Perth Legion, 26 Beckwith St. East 9:00 – 3:00 (lunch provided) \$10/person. Register at [king@watershed.ca](mailto:king@watershed.ca) or call (613) 272-5136.
- Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> – MOTOWN DANCE PARTY

Two Buck Lakers (South Branch), Barb Wilson and Gord McDiarmid, and seven of their musical friends have formed a band called HEATWAVE to

celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Motown records, and to raise some money for Martha's Table. HEATWAVE will be making their debut at a community dance on Saturday, November 14th at the Portuguese Cultural Centre, 959 Division St. Kingston. Doors open at 7:30pm, band starts at 8:00pm. Tickets at 1966 prices are only \$10, available after Thanksgiving at Tara Natural Foods, Brian's Record Option and Renaissance Music. HEATWAVE will be covering great Motown hits by Smokey Robinson and The Miracles, The Supremes, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, Marvin Gaye, Mary Wells and others. The parking is free. The pizza will be hot. The cause is a good one. See you there.....Gord McDiarmid.

...a great chance to get some friends together and boogie the night away for a good cause.

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## Book Club with Attitude

The BLA book club got off to a lively start discussing Chris Turner's book *The Geography of Hope*. Conversation was wide-ranging as the book gives an overview of several important environmental issues. Each person also shared some of the ways they have moved toward greater eco-awareness and action over the years.

Our next gathering is on Tuesday November 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Fisher. We will be discussing George Monbiot's *Heat*. Please join us as we explore challenging information and reflect on implications for our lives. Phone or email Margaret for directions: 353-7901 or [mfisher@kingston.net](mailto:mfisher@kingston.net).

## And Finally...

As another cottage season draws to an end and the year-rounders prepare for the winter months, we can take a few minutes to reflect on the work of the BLA over the last year. With the leadership of Director Wayne Myles and the Friends of the Lake Committee, we have finally begun the lake planning process we have dreamed about for years. We look forward to the process continuing in 2010. We have added dynamic new members to the Board and bid farewell to others...but not goodbye. Duncan Sinclair will continue his service to the BLA as a member of the Friends of the Lake and a Lake Partner. We initiated a program of speed control signage which we are evaluating for future action and we are taking a more proactive posture on shoal marking. We continue to reach out to the broader community through involvement in lake networking groups and municipal issues such as the Official Plan review and waste management.

There will be one final Newsletter before year-end and as always we solicit content and comment from our readers. Please contact us through our email address at [info@bucklake.ca](mailto:info@bucklake.ca).

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