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

## **Buck Lake News – 2010 October**

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### President's Message

I will be short and sweet this month as we have plenty of content with our Municipal Election Survey and lots of news for members. You will see that we surveyed candidates for both Township Council and the Boards of Education and asked a very direct question. My message to all members is simple as well...**Please Vote.** Decisions made by our Mayor and Council affect our lives as residents every single day. See you at the polls, unless you are voting online!

Tricia

### Municipal Election Survey

Buck Lake lies within three Districts of South Frontenac: Bedford, Loughborough and Storrington. The Buck Lake Association forwarded a simple, direct question to every candidate in each District, including candidates for the Boards of Education. We received 10 replies from the 17 candidates we contacted with the following question:

**Why are you running for office in 2010 and what are the goals you hope to achieve during your term if successful?**

#### Candidates for Mayor

##### **Gary Davison**

As a lifelong resident of South Frontenac, I have a deep-rooted commitment and concern for the well-being and betterment of our community. I have enjoyed being involved in many organizations and committees at every level in the past through coaching baseball and hockey, serving 40 years with South Frontenac Fire Department (8 years as Fire Chief), as a member of the Sydenham 496 Legion, and the Sydenham Lions Club. All of this, plus my seven years on Council has brought me in contact with many people in South Frontenac. This allows me to be able to appreciate the needs of many constituents. In addition, my contacts within our senior governments have assisted South Frontenac in successfully receiving funding for infrastructure projects.

As Mayor, I am committed to working together with all members of Council to find realistic solutions to create a healthier community and to create a more sustainable world for our children and grandchildren. My ability to build consensus and encourage healthy, productive discussions at Council, while respecting the opinions of others on Council and within our community, will be at the forefront of every decision I make as Mayor.

I am seeking re-election so I can complete some unfinished projects. My objective is to implement improved budget control, and to ensure we have responsible government. With your support on October 25<sup>th</sup>, we can continue to make South Frontenac a sought after community to live in.

### **John Fillion**

I have been a municipal councillor representing Storrington since 2006. My decision to run for Mayor is to stop wasteful spending, waste management is in a shambles, a hazardous waste building is being built in environmentally protected wetlands and needless and unjustified property taxes are being increased.

If elected I will be a watchdog not a lapdog. My administration will be inclusive of all council members and will emphasize unity. We will be financially responsible, will handle rural problems with rural solutions and operate as a team.

### **Candidates for Council**

#### **Del Stowe – Bedford District**

I am running for councilor in Bedford District because I can provide knowledge and experience to the new council. I have 10 years experience as a councilor of South Frontenac and was the Chief Building Official of Bedford and then South Frontenac. I also know what it means to be part of a team. This important attribute is something that will be required under our newly amalgamated Township. No longer will two votes out of three for district issues exist. Councilors will now be required to work with other districts to get the required votes needed to pass motions. This is a glorious opportunity that I wish to be part of since I have always been able to compromise and negotiate for what is best for Bedford and just as importantly now, South Frontenac.

I also want council to review our present committees and especially the Committee of Adjustment. I received many complaints about this committee due to its inconsistency. This may be a result of its size and composition. It is presently 8 members of which four are councilors. This often results in “political decisions” based on constituents. I would like to see it reduced to one councilor and one public member for each district. Also, the zoning by-law will have to be reviewed in the new term of council, and my career as a supervisor of permits for the City of Kingston has given me a great understanding of zoning by-laws and their use in both protecting our lakes and on development within the Township.

I will also be a strong voice ensuring that Bedford will not be reduced from two representatives as was tried by some of the councilors or by having election at large. I will keep supporting the Private Lane Assistance Plan for road maintenance and the five year road plan both of which I am proud to have been a part of and I will continue to support the Septic re-inspection program.

In conclusion, I feel I have a lot to offer the residents of Bedford and South Frontenac with my experience as a councilor and as a full time municipal employee and have developed great working relationships with staff and council and would like the opportunity to continue to do so. Vote for knowledge and experience. Vote for Del Stowe (Bedford District).

#### **Mark Tinlin – Bedford District**

I became a candidate for Councilor because I believe our district deserves to have a strong, effective new fresh voice and perspective to represent them at South Frontenac Township Council and, I am passionate about helping resolving the issues that are of concern to many of my friends and neighbors.

If elected, I want to achieve the following goals:

1. I want to improve the communication and dialogue between Council and constituents - making full use of modern electronic means of communicating.
2. I want to establish a ‘councilor/citizens advisory panel’ for Bedford to provide their councilors with advice on current issues and on important matters.
3. I want to launch a recruiting and retention program to increase the number volunteer firefighters in Bedford, as well as, increase their annual stipend and amount of pay rate per call.
4. I want to ensure residents of Bedford are getting their fair share of road improvement funding compared to other districts.

The advertisement for Greenshield Pest Control Inc. features a green and black color scheme. At the top, the company name 'Greenshield PEST CONTROL INC.' is displayed in white and green, accompanied by a logo with the letters 'GP' inside a shield. Below the header, three circular icons illustrate different pest control services: 'All Insects' (showing ants, spiders, wasps, bees, hornets, flies, cluster flies, earwigs, bedbugs, cockroaches, mosquitoes, and more), 'Wildlife Control' (showing a raccoon, skunk, squirrel, mouse, rat, and other wildlife), and 'Bat & Bird Control' (showing a bat and a bird). To the right of these icons, a list of services includes Residential, Cottage, Commercial, Industrial, and Agricultural. Further details mention over 25 years of experience, 24-hour service, free estimates, and fully insured technicians. The contact information at the bottom includes a toll-free number (1-877-838-7278), a local number (613-389-3999), and the website (www.greenshieldpestcontrol.com).

5. I want to achieve a realistic, effective and environmentally friendly 'long-term' waste management system for Bedford District; one that is tailored to the needs and wishes of Bedford residents.
6. I want to restore respect and civility at the Council table while conducting Township business.

#### **Randy Ferguson – Loughborough District**

Please let me introduce myself, my name is Randy Ferguson, and I have been a resident of the Loughborough and Storrington area for the past twenty-four years, and am campaigning for the position of Councillor for the Loughborough District. My family roots date back to the 1850's at which time my ancestors settled in the Perth Road Village area. At this time I feel I would make a very knowledgeable and competent Councillor for the Township.

#### **Beneficial Attributes/Commitments**

- Honesty, Integrity, Transparency and Fair Treatment to “all” residents of the Municipality.
- Vast experience in the Road, Bridge and Water and Sewer construction industry while working for contractors and engineers, I have personally managed over 80 million dollars worth of projects in the last 2 years.
- I vow to have a common sense approach to development within the Township, keeping in mind that development creates revenue and jobs which in the end will prove beneficial to all residents of our community while striving to maintain our rural quality of life.
- Being a former Volunteer Firefighter myself, I hold the utmost respect for the volunteers that commit their time and dedication to the Township while in many instances risking life and limb for our community. I vow to support all of our emergency services to the highest regard possible.
- I have had numerous business dealings with the Ministry of the Environment, Local Conservation Authorities, Ministry of Transportation, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Natural Resources, Federal and Provincial (for Funding Procurement) and local Governments. All of which I feel are very important attributes when serving the Township.
- Sustainability of our landfill sites are a very integral part of our Township. If we do not commit to advanced procedures and protocols, out-sourcing would put serious financial strains on our community. Therefore we must ensure that all effort is made to reduce and find alternate ways of handling our waste.

#### **Fran Willes – Loughborough District**

Very briefly, I have a number of concerns about the direction that Council has taken in the past with respect to long-range planning for development, and the effect that these decisions might have on our lakes. In particular, the present Council has failed to recognize that new technologies concerning sewerage treatment have been developed to protect the ground water and water quality in our lakes. These should be utilized wherever new development takes place adjacent to water bodies. Protection of the water quality of Sydenham Lake is essential.

Another concern is overspending: Council has spent over \$8 million of a \$10 million budget at the end of August. If Council continues spending at the same rate, there will be a \$2 million deficit by the end of December. The assessment base in Loughborough District, especially with respect to waterfront properties, has been increased enormously. In my opinion, mill rates should not have risen in the recent past, but should have gone down. Instead, the present Council has simply spent the additional tax revenues on non-essential undertakings.

#### **Ron Vandewal – Loughborough District**

I am running because I feel I can make a difference in our local communities. I have the knowledge and conviction to make some difficult decisions and I love this community as a place to live and raise a family. It is great place to live.

We need to better manage Waste Disposal and make it easier to divert more from landfills. We need to see how we can broaden our tax base to try and keep tax increase to a minimum. Strong discussions on budgets are needed. Keep the level of Road Construction to try and maintain what we have without going backwards and we need a long-term plan on the repair and rebuilding of fire halls.

#### **Peter Roos – Storrington District**

We have an enviable quality of life in this municipality with family farms, hamlets and other residential areas, businesses, forests and lakes. I am seeking election because we will be facing increased pressure for development in this township and I want to help to ensure that we grow in a way that is sustainable environmentally and economically. I am committed to upholding our Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw to protect the quality of our lakes.

My Goals:

- Protect water quality in lakes and wells
- Hold tax increases to the level of inflation
- Seek cost efficiencies in waste management
- Develop household hazardous waste and bale wrap disposal
- Maintain viable family farms
- Maximize the road budget
- Maintain high standards for emergency services
- Provide greater opportunity for meaningful public input for development proposals

[Candidates for Boards of Education](#)

**Barbara McLaren – Limestone District School Board**

I am running for office in S. Frontenac for the following reasons:

- *I have been involved in education for most of my life*
- *I have raised 8 children, taught some of them at home, taught at private and public schools and tutored individual students, thereby developing a very well-rounded perspective*
- *I have studied education (11 courses completed in a Master's in Elementary Education degree programme)*
- *I have now served as a trustee for 4 years and have gained valuable experience and taken advantage of many professional development opportunities*
- *I have worked with fellow parents (served as School Council Chair and Co-Chair of the SC Liaison Committee) and worked with administrators and senior staff at the school board*
- *I have helped the LDSB with many significant accomplishments, making it a model board in this province*
- *I thoroughly enjoy the role of trustee and feel I have very successfully fulfilled it*

Goals:

- *Continue to advocate for S. Frontenac for better accommodation and programming, bringing its needs to the board table*
- *Use my expertise in Parliamentary Procedure to accomplish more at meetings*
- *Work collaboratively with all stakeholders in education to ensure success for all students*
- *Use data-driven decision-making*
- *Remain available, approachable and an advocate for parents*
- *Continue building a good rapport with all staff at the LDSB*
- *Continue educating myself with regard to research and best practices*

**Suzanne Ruttan – Limestone District School Board**

Why: I am committed to making sure that all students who attend public schools in South Frontenac are given the same educational opportunities as students in other Limestone District School Board (LDSB) schools. *All students, All the time.*

As well, I have a great deal of related experience and education:

- 17 years of experience working for 5 District School Boards including the LDSB

**Gord McDiarmid**

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- Expertise in the areas of: school councils, labour relations, staffing, acquisition of external resources and policy writing
- Education: Bachelor of Science (BSc). Certified Human Resource Professional (CHRP), Certification in Non Profit Management and Leadership
- Chief Governing Officer of the Limestone Advisory for Child Care Programs and the Ontario Early Years Centre.

Goals: As the LDSB Trustee for South Frontenac I will:

- Support South Frontenac students and families as they journey through the educational system (JK-Grade 12)
- Ensure that all South Frontenac schools receive the resources that they require in order to meet the needs of the entire student population

How will I do that?

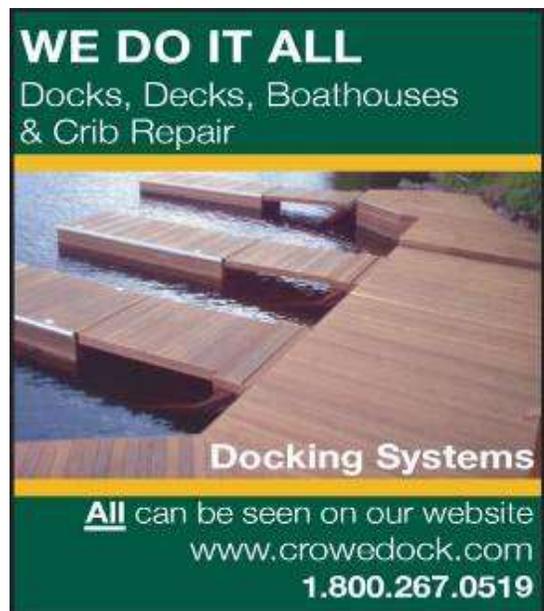
- Listen to the South Frontenac community regarding the services and supports they need from their LDSB schools
- Ensure South Frontenac issues are “front and center” through advocacy and active participation at LDSB Board meetings
- Welcome parents and caregivers to be active participants in their child’s education
- Engage the entire South Frontenac community using a dedicated web site ([www.ruttantrustee.com](http://www.ruttantrustee.com)) and e-mail ([comments@ruttantrustee.com](mailto:comments@ruttantrustee.com))
- Respond within 24 hours to all education based inquiries and issues

## [Board of Director’s Report](#)

The Board met on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> at the call of our President Tricia Waldron. The minutes of our inaugural meeting of August 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 were presented and approved. Crawford MacIntyre reported that Ross Trudel had served notice of his intention to resign from the Board. The Constitution allows for an appointment by the Board but the Nominating Committee is not ready to make a recommendation at this time. We will proceed with a Board of 11 Directors for the present.

Secretary-Treasurer Cheryl Savery reported a current account balance of \$834.52 and a balance of \$8,507.18 in reserve funds. We are anticipating some rebates from the MNR for summer programs run by the Friends of the Lake as well as some late revenue from memberships and map sales. Membership as of early September stood at 141, which is 20 under our 2009 year-end numbers. Sandra Rider expressed thanks to Directors and spouses for their support at the Annual Summer Picnic in August. The food was great, the music fantastic but the weather was a challenge. A motion was passed to invest in three tents similar to the tent we borrowed from Ross Trudel for the picnic and were so thankful for. The tents would be available for the use of members as well as the BLA for special functions in the future.

The Government Relations Committee recommended that the BLA prepare a survey for candidates as we have in the last two elections in the Township. A simple question was suggested and Roy Mills was asked to prepare a survey format and distribute it to candidates and the Directors by early October. Liz Whelpdale reported on behalf of the Friends of the Lake. The Friends are negotiating with the MNR for grant funds to cover some of the summer costs from seminars speakers and the Fish Netting Project. A group of the Friends will be beginning the writing phase of the Lake Plan this fall and planning for the 2011 projects. They plan to access MNR grant sources in the new year as well.



Other Business:

- Crawford reported a possible conflict of dates for the CPR Course and he would keep those interested informed.
- Cheryl reported that we have placed 26 Shoal Markers and all have been assigned a “guardian” who will remove the ball before freeze up and attached a plastic jug for the winter. Thanks to all members for their interest and support.
- A number of Directors indicated their interest in attending the **Lake Links 2010 Meeting** in Perth on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board will next meet on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2010.

### [Community Outreach Report](#)

The Annual Rider Cup Golf Tournament in September was a great success again but some good looking hats were left over and are available for sale at \$15 each. Yellow, beige, blue and black are the colours left. Contact Sandra at (613) 353-6051 or Gord at (613) 372-5001.



The Committee would also like some feedback from members on Lib Boston’s idea of holding a lake-wide **Dock Sale** on a designated weekend next summer. We all have items that are no longer of use to us but might be to someone else. It would be a great opportunity to greet the neighbours and buy the stuff they don’t need. Would you like to participate? What would be a good date? Contact Sandra at [sandra.rider@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.rider@gmail.com) with your thoughts and suggestions.

### [Friends of the Lake Committee Report](#)

The MNR will use some of the grant for the projects but BLA will still have enough for the budgeted items. A future newsletter article will have some information regarding the fish trap netting and counting done as well as oxygen and temperature readings as part of the MNR surveys this past summer. Yes summer is over and the fall begins with the change of leaf colour and the inevitable parachuting of the leaves to our yards for clean up. (Shredded leaves make good fertilizer if buried in the garden in the fall.)

There will be a workshop this fall or early winter re: training for volunteers around the MNR proposed surveys (Owl, marsh, bird). There may also be a Fish 101 information presentation with help from Cam (MNR) and a plan is in the making to present lake residents with an update on our work on the lake plan and various surveys such as secchi, oxygen/Temperature, tagging lake trout in north branch, and loon surveys. We anticipate that the draft outline of the lake plan will go to the Board this fall.

I will be filing and completing the Bird Studies Canada form this week. There was 1 loon chick born in early August + 4 adults recorded on North Buck Lake and 4 young chicks + 19 adults observed in August on South Buck branch. There appears to be an increase in duck and goslings sightings on the Lake this year but thankfully no cormorants.

### [Broadband News](#)

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, the EOWC (Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus) announced an agreement with Bell Aliant and Bell to construct a core backbone fibre network throughout Eastern Ontario which will enable 95% of the region to access next generation high speed internet service. The construction of the new network will take place in stages over the next two years. Barrett Xplore Inc was selected to provide satellite services to remote and terrain challenging locations. Through the Canada Building Fund, \$110 million will be contributed by the Federal and Provincial Governments with the balance of the estimated \$170 million cost being contributed by Bell and the municipalities of Eastern Ontario. For more information go to [www.eowc.org](http://www.eowc.org).

## [Around the Lake](#)



- Did you happen to see a dragon on the lake last month? Well you weren't seeing things. A number of Buck Lakers are involved in the Chestmate Dragonboat Team and they have been practicing on the lake over the last few weeks. The photo is by Cynthia MacIntyre and Janet Barr is an active member of the crew who passed along the information.
- Blue-green algae has been reported in the Rideau system on Dog Lake. If you were at the AGM in July, you will remember photos showing how devastating this algae can be. Visible algae blooms may produce toxins and using the water for cooking, drinking or bathing could be dangerous. Boiling the water with the algae only produces more toxins.
- Shoal Markers will be slowly retired to volunteers' cottages and garages over the next few weeks. We plan to leave the anchors and chains in the water and use a plastic bleach or water jug to mark the location for the winter. We will assess the durability of the red markers after a summer in the water and supply replacement materials and assistance in the spring as needed. Thanks again to all who encouraged and supported the effort this summer.

## [Coming Events](#)

- **Municipal Elections October 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** ... Electors may vote on-line, by phone or in person at the Township Hall in Sydenham. All electors should receive an information package by October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>...Heatwave** will perform their Motown Review at Zorba's (1474 Bath Road) in aid of CanAssist African Relief a Kingston based NGO. Advance tickets are available from Buck Lakers Gord McDiarmid at (613) 353-6912 and Barb Wilson at (613) 353-6836 or at Tara Natural Foods, Brian's Record Options and Renaissance in Kingston. Advance tickets are \$15 and \$20 at the door.
- **Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup>...The Frontenac Stewardship Council** presents a talk on **Elk in Ontario**. Admission is free and the talk begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Storrington Community Hall, 3910 Battersea Road.
- The **9th Annual Lake Links** will be held on **Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30-3:30 at the Perth Civitan Hall, Hwy 43 in Perth. Pre-register by contacting Centre for Sustainable Watersheds by phone: 613-272-5136 or email [info@watersheds.ca](mailto:info@watersheds.ca) (include your name, organization, and contact info).
- **Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>...Book Club with Attitude** presents **Movie Night on Buck Lake**. *Radiant City* is a thought-provoking movie that raises a number of issues relevant to us all. Meet at the home of Margaret Fisher, **1018 Kingfisher Lane near the 7000 block of the Perth Road at 7:00 p.m.** Contact Margaret at [mfisher@kingston.net](mailto:mfisher@kingston.net) for more information.

- **Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> is Spaghetti Night at Perth Road United Church Hall.** Regular and meatless sauces available from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.



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