



Crane Lake Regatta

August 4th, 2018

9:45am Registration - Swim/Paddle Races

2:30pm - Sailing Regatta

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President's Letter

Darlene Cade Fraser

Canada recently celebrated her 151st birthday with record breaking hot temperatures – and Crane Lake responded in style with gorgeous warm water and sunny blue skies! Welcome to Summer – and we are most definitely ready for it!

Many of you already subscribe to the **Cottage Life magazine** I'm sure, but if you don't, you might want to find the most recent edition – **Summer 2018**. A feature article is focused on our very own swimmers from Crane Lake and the wonderful success of their 'around the lake' swim! The article is titled '**In It for the Long Crawl**' and it describes their perimeter swim of 45km following the shoreline of Crane Lake. The story includes great photos and describes the commitment and passion of these 10 individuals who accomplished this amazing swim, and their new appreciation of the shoreline and the vistas from water level. **Congratulations to those that finished in 2017 - Monica Gemeinhardt, Tory McMahon, Judy Smith, Ardith Easton and all the other swimmers** that are still participating, and their loyal supporters who spotted them throughout the journey! This is a great incentive to the rest of us to 'get out and swim' and enjoy the pristine waters of Crane Lake! The Crane Lake Association Board is very excited about its new project! Our board members, Gary Mueller, a professional TV producer, along with Monica Gemeinhardt and Carolyn Ferreira will work over the next 12 months to collect stories from you,

your families and past owners on Crane Lake to create a multi-media product that will be available to all members of the CLA! Because the end result of this project truly depends on each of us to tell our stories, this is a strong reminder to take some time as soon as possible and send your stories/pictures/historical details to garymeuller@gmail.com – or just email Gary to let him know what you have to offer if you're unsure how to send it to him.

Throughout the summer, it is the responsibility of everyone to preach and practice boating and swimming safety on Crane Lake. In the heat of this summer, we are especially attracted to water activities, and the clean water of Crane Lake should be enjoyed fully! But we must not lose sight of the opportunity for serious injury to others if we do not respect the rules of water play and boating activities. It must be on top of everyone's mind to ensure safe boating practice, and swimmers must be aware of boating activity, and be sure to make boaters aware of your presence while you are enjoying a swim in the lake.

Don't forget to VOTE on October 22nd, 2018 in our municipal elections. The voting method in The Archipelago is vote by telephone or internet only. You may vote by telephone from anywhere in North America and by internet from anywhere in the world during the election time frame. Visit <http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/elections> for more information!

Please read on! There are excellent articles for your reading pleasure on the following pages!

All the best for a safe & fun summer on Crane Lake!

Events on the Lake

Lots to do on Crane Lake this summer!

JULY 21st - EXPLORE OUR SHORES EVENT - PADDLE ON CRANE LAKE - 10AM - 12PM

Join us for a guided paddle on Crane Lake! Our friends from the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve (GBBR) will be hosting their Explore Our Shores Event. **Meet at the Crane Lake Resort with your boats at 10am** and we'll set out on our paddle! While we paddle, learn about the State of the Bay, water quality, fish communities, coastal wetlands, food webs, climate change, and the importance of how each of us contributes to citizen science! All ages welcome!

Please bring your canoe, kayak, or SUP for the paddle! We will gather at the Crane Lake Resort, near the Fire Boat. If the weather changes, visit www.gbbr.ca for cancellation notices.

AUGUST 4th - CRANE LAKE REGATTA & BBQ - 9:45AM REGISTRATION, 10:30AM START

Returning to last year's format, the Annual Crane Lake Regatta will be at the Beach of the Crane Lake Resort on August 4th. **Registration begins at 9:45am with the first races starting promptly at 10:30.** The races include Front Crawl, Back Crawl, Canoe and Kayak races, run in the following categories: Under 7 Non-Swimmers, Under 7 Swimmers, Age 8-10, Age 11-13, Age 14-17, Age 18-25, and the ever popular Age 25+. The annual **Team Fire Pump Relay** will kick off after the races, with teams of three competing to assemble and shoot the fire pump in the shortest time possible!

Bring your bathing suits, sunscreen, a racing attitude, and some cash as we **fire up the BBQ at 11:30.** We also ask for your help to bring any extra canoes and kayaks, life jackets and paddles to share so we can run as many racers as possible!

AUGUST 4th - SAILING REGATTA - 2:30PM START

After the Regatta, grab a burger or hot dog and run to your boats - the **Annual Sailing Regatta kicks off at 2:30pm!** The race will run in the centre part of the lake, starting from in front of the Crane Lake Resort if the winds cooperate! Racers, bring your boats to the Regatta - we will be putting a temporary mooring buoy in the water for you!

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EXPLORE OUR SHORES

Saturday July 21, 10am - 12pm

Crane Lake Resort

510 Blackstone Crane Lake Rd., Township of Archipelago

Learn about the Georgian Bay Biosphere's
2018 State of the Bay ecosystem health report
during a short talk and guided paddle.

Themes include:

- Water Quality
- Fish Communities
- Coastal Wetlands
- Food Webs
- Climate Change
- Citizen Science

Please bring a canoe or kayak for the paddling portion.

*In the event of inclement weather,
visit gbbr.ca for cancelation notices.*



For more information or to
volunteer contact:

info@gbbr.ca 705-774-0978

Concerns - Open Burning & Fireworks

Bruce Sanderson

I'm sure that almost everyone appreciates the beauty of the natural surroundings on Crane Lake. Most of us probably don't go about our time at the cottage constantly admiring the splendour, the calming effect of the vistas and the wonders of nature, however, whether consciously or subconsciously, every one of us is positively affected by it, both emotionally and spiritually. This fact underlines the importance of keeping the natural environment around Crane Lake pristine and unaffected, especially by the ravages of an accidental forest fire.

I don't think there is anyone who is not aware of the terrible tragedy of the Fort McMurray wildfires of 2016 that caused 88,000 people to be evacuated and over 2,400 homes destroyed. The fire laid waste to a large portion of the town and the surrounding wilderness, families were uprooted, the health of many individuals was affected, lives were changed forever, and the rebuilding process will take decades. But how many of you know that this disaster may have been started by an illegal campfire? What is known for sure is that the Fire Hazard rating in the area of the Fort McMurray wildfire was High / Extreme. Note that the current Fire rating in the Crane Lake area is High at the time of this writing and will likely stay that way and / or move to Extreme for the rest of the summer. Alberta Provincial Fire Investigators ruled that the Fort McMurray fire was caused by human activity after lightning was ruled out.

For those of you who still may not be aware, the Township of the Archipelago mandates, in their bylaws, times and conditions under which Open Burning and Fireworks are allowed. They take their lead from the MNRF, who set the Fire Danger Ratings for each area daily. The following paragraph explains

the Fire Danger Rating:

"The Fire Danger Rating is determined by the MNRF using the Fire Weather Index (FWI), an internationally used method for determining the risk of fires in open air. It uses factors such as the relative humidity, temperature, previous 24-hour rain amount, wind directions and wind speed in combination with the forest fuel type and loads to determine the risk of the forest to certain fire types. From this calculation the Forest Fire Danger Rating is made available by the [Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry](#)."

The above link has some interesting information.

Some quick facts:

- On July 3rd, 2018, 11 new fires were sparked in Ontario. 2 are in the Bancroft area, one near Kirkland Lake, 5 in the North Bay area and 3 around Sudbury.
- As of July 3rd, 2018, there were 29 active forest fires across Northeast Ontario. 16 of these are still not under control.
- As of July 3rd, 2018 there have been 404 Forest Fires in Ontario this fire season (starting April 1, 2018). Compare this to 117 as of the same time last year. The ten-year avg. year to date is 331 forest fires.

Something everyone needs to be aware of is: **"You are responsible for fires you light."**

"From April through October, people using outdoor fires must follow strict guidelines under the Forest Fires Prevention Act of Ontario to ensure their fires are properly managed.

Anyone who starts a fire outdoors must take all necessary steps to tend the fire, keep it under control, and make sure the fire is out before leaving the site. A person failing to burn safely could be fined and held responsible for the cost of putting out the

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fire. People living in municipalities should check with local fire officials for bylaws on outdoor fires.”

This makes it the responsibility of every cottage owner on Crane Lake to ensure that their families, visitors and renters are aware of these bylaws and adhere to them. On Canada Day weekend 2018, with a “High” fire rating, there were several examples of people exhibiting a lack of knowledge about the bylaws for Campfires or setting off Fireworks. Based on the rating, there should have been **NO** open fires **or** Fireworks. Here are some actual examples that were reported to me from just last Saturday:

- **At least two open fires (in a firepit) after 6pm, while the fire rating is “High”** – BYLAW 2017-21 states that, except for cooking or warmth (those of us with a cottage cannot use this exception), open fires must only be set when the Fire Danger rating is LOW or MODERATE. This offence is liable for a fine of \$450, and if a fire gets out of control and requires professional support, the Township can charge the cottage owner with the costs of the firefighting crews, equipment, and investigation personnel.
- **An open fire (in a firepit) was observed burning for most of the day** – BYLAW 2017-21 states that open fires, when the fire rating allows them, can only be set between the hours of 6pm and 2am. This offence is liable for a fine of \$250 (or \$350 when the Fire Rating is HIGH or EXTREME), and if the fire gets out of control and requires professional support, the Township can charge the cottage owner with the costs of the firefighting crews, equipment and investigation personnel.
- **There were many cottagers setting off Fireworks while the fire rating is “High”** – BYLAW 2017-20 states that setting off Fireworks when the Fire Rating is “HIGH” is prohibited. This offence is liable for a fine of \$450, and if a fire is caused and it gets out of control and requires professional support, the Township can charge the cottage owner with the costs of the firefighting crews, equipment and investigation personnel.

It should also be noted that local bylaw enforcement issued one Notice of Violation (warning) to a cottager on Crane Lake this past Sunday evening. They had a campfire and were unaware of the Fire Ratings or Bylaws.

Detailed information on all topics related to Fire Safety is contained in the Crane Lake “Preserving Paradise” binder which is available free to all CLA members, or on the website of the Township of the Archipelago, at www.thearchipelago.on.ca. Please bookmark this link for the Fire Ratings: www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/fire-rating on your computer or smartphone for handy reference at any time. It gives the up to date Fire Rating and a handy chart which tells you what is allowed under each category. A general rule of thumb for Crane Lakers: if the Fire Rating is Low or Moderate, you are good to go with campfires or fireworks (only at the appropriate time). If the Fire Rating is High or Extreme, Don’t Do It!

I believe that most offences like in the above examples are due to a lack of knowledge. If you see someone contravening the bylaw and are comfortable approaching them to let them know of the infraction, you may do so. If you are not comfortable with this, you may call the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Gary Joice. You can reach him at 705-774-3630 or fire@vianet.ca. Gary’s function is to assist in educating property owners about the BYLAWS and to issue warnings or fines.

I know that everyone (including myself) would like to have campfires, as it’s a cottage tradition and a social event for family and friends. However, we must adhere to the local bylaws, for good reason. These laws exist to protect people, property and natural habitat from the ravages of forest fires. Destruction of forest cover would not only have a devastating effect on our enjoyment of Crane Lake, but also on our property values. The top 2 causes of forest fires are: #1 – Lightning strikes, and #2 – Accidents by People. Don’t be one of those people. Act responsibly for the sake of your own property and the properties of your fellow Crane Lake cottagers.

Enjoy your summer and be safe!

Bruce Sanderson, Chairman, Fire Safety Committee, Crane Lake Association

2017 Sailing Race Report

Steven Neugebauer



The 2017 race was held in the northern end of the lake. It was a beautiful day and the winds were moderate. We had 9 sailboats in the race – the most I've seen for at least 10 years! It was great to see so many different types of craft out showing off their mastery of the winds. As you can see from the times below, the race was too short – for similar wind conditions next time, we will need to have 7 or even 10 legs instead of 4.

The final stats on the race:

Place	Skipper	Vessel	Elapsed
1	John Collins	Laser	0:31:15
2	Klaus Faisst	Windsurfer	0:32:16
3	Bob & Paul Neugebauer	JY 15	0:37:00
4	Patrick Vibien	SunFish	0:37:30
5	Chuck Erion	Tanzer 16	0:37:31
6	Adam Shore	HobieCat	0:40:00
7	John & Kristin Huys	Hobie	0:42:50
8	Emily Vibien	Pico	0:45:45
9	Dylan Follett	Optimus	0:46:15

The sailors above from left to right: Chuck Erion, Patrick Vibien, Emily Vibien, Dylan Follett, Klaus Faisst, John Collins, Paul Neugebauer and Bob Neugebauer.

2018 Sailing Race – Calling All Sailors

This year the sailing race will be on Saturday, August 4th at 2:30pm (rain date on Sunday, August 5th at 2:00pm). The race will be in the central part of the lake. I hope to see everyone again this year, and more.



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FOCA Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations



The Crane Lake Association is a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), a non-profit organization representing waterfront cottage and road associations across Ontario. Visit www.foca.on.ca for more! The following is an update on their growing [Aquatic Invasive Species Program](#).

FOCA is very concerned about the potential impacts of introduced species and the effect they will have on our quality of life in Ontario. These invaders have proven to alter the environment, damage our economy, and negatively impact our communities.

FOCA worked to support the Ontario Government's commitments in its implementation of the Ontario Invasive Species Strategic Plan, and the Invasive Species Act. The scope of the program was to promote the provincial Best Management Practices with FOCA members across Ontario aimed at reducing the risk of spreading invasive species in the province (primarily through the movement of watercraft).

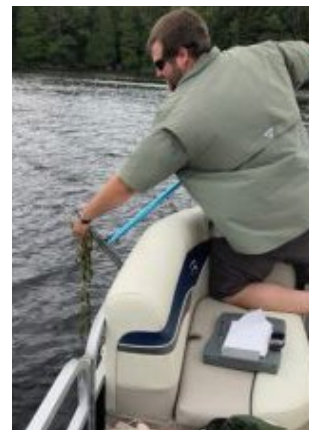
During the summer of 2017, FOCA worked with several Member Associations to run Pilot Projects aimed at addressing aquatic invasive species at the local level. The projects focused on education and outreach, and/or invasive species control, management and eradication. 26 FOCA Member Associations from 24 unique townships across Ontario were approved to participate in an Association Pilot Project in 2017.

FOCA is pleased to be running this program again in 2018. Please see below for ideas on the types of projects included as well as examples of Pilot Projects that were successfully completed in 2017.

Aquatic Invasive Species Identification

Many associations who participated in the 2017 Program were concerned that they may have an aquatic invasive species present on their lake and they did not have the expertise to confirm their suspicions. FOCA was able to provide these associations with expert advice and resources to assist in identification and next steps.

Example Pilot Project: The Eagle Lake Conservation Association was concerned about invasive stands of Phragmites on their lake. FOCA provided the association with an expert in aquatic invasive species identification that was able to confirm the presence of the invasive plant. The expert then generated a detailed report outlining what was found and next steps that should be taken in order to control and eradicate this invasive species. The report resulted in the Township taking more interest in the issue and correcting the viewpoint of some residents who had initially thought the vegetation was a native species.





Hi, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Tyler Slade and my family has been on Crane Lake since 1973. I reside all year round at 76 South Crane Lake, (across from Bass Island), at my family's cottage.

In 2012, while helping rebuild the family cottage, I had the opportunity to watch a man take down two huge trees. I was absolutely fascinated by this event. I knew then, that was what I wanted to do as a career! In 2013, I started working in Muskoka for a tree service company and learned everything I could about becoming an arborist. The more I did, the more I loved every aspect of arboriculture. I have worked full time for 5 years now in the Muskoka, Simcoe County and Parry Sound Districts. I also attended and graduated with Honours from Humber College and now, I have my own company.

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Sincerely

Tyler Slade

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Aquatic Invasive Species Education and Outreach

Some associations felt that they needed to educate their community about the potential impacts aquatic invasive species could have on their lake and what they should be doing to prevent their introduction/spread. As part of the 2017 Program, Pilot Project participants decided to hold invasive species seminars, distribute invasive species awareness t-shirts or put up signage warning boaters to Clean-Drain-Dry their boat before moving to different bodies of water.

Example Pilot Project: The Scugog Lake Stewards worked with FOCA to design an aquatic invasive species sign that is specific to their community. The association knew how busy their local boat launch was on any given weekend in the summer and therefore felt that they needed to be educating boaters before they launched their boat. The sign will educate boaters from the community and all over the Greater Toronto Area that visit the lake.



Aquatic Invasive Species Eradication

A few Pilot Project participants were already at the stage that they could go ahead with aquatic invasive species management and eradication. Prior to starting any eradication efforts it is important to do your due diligence to see if any permits/special permissions are required.



Example Pilot Project: The Honey Harbour Association used their funds to purchase a Stihl Underwater Cutter that was used to eradicate stands of invasive Phragmites. The association organized community cuts on both private and crown lands. The association held information sessions about invasive Phragmites and how to use the underwater cutter. At the end of the Pilot Project 66 sites had been cut with the help of over 104 volunteers.

Community Boat Wash Station

Community boat wash stations are a great solution to preventing the spread of invasive species. It provides boaters with the tools they need to easily clean their boat prior to entering the lake and before leaving.

Example Pilot Project: The Lake Wahnapiatae Home and Campers Association established a pilot program for boat hull washing and aquatic invasive species awareness at one of their local marinas. The association had access to a power washer and summer students through their partnership with the Wahnapiatae First Nation. The summer student approached boaters preparing to load or unload boats at the launch and provided information on the risk of aquatic invasive species and the importance of washing your boat before moving to a different body of water. FOCA provided the association with Aquatic Invasive Species t-shirts that were given as token gifts to encourage boaters to participate. The Pilot Project ran for three weeks and approximately 15 boats were washed.



The FOCA 2017, and 2018 Aquatic Invasive Species Program initiatives are supported through a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

Treasurer's Report

Steven Neugebauer



As of December 31, 2017, our combined bank/savings balance was \$40,789; that balance includes \$4,173 of 2017 expenses not paid until 2018. The fund activity is summarized below; these amounts are inclusive of all submitted 2017 expenses:

		Operating Fund		Capital Fund
Income	\$	9,067	\$	7,915
Expense		10,618		1,718
Net Gain (Loss)		(1,550)		6,197
Balance at 01-Jan-2017	\$	8,749	\$	23,221
Balance at 31-Dec-2017		7,198		29,418

As of June 28, 2018, our combined bank/savings balance was \$40,395. The fund activity is summarized below:

		Operating Fund		Capital Fund
Income	\$	4,286	\$	4,100
Expense		4,607		0
Net Gain (Loss)		(321)		4,100
Balance at 01-Jan-2018	\$	7,198	\$	29,418
Balance at 28-Jun-2018		6,877		33,518

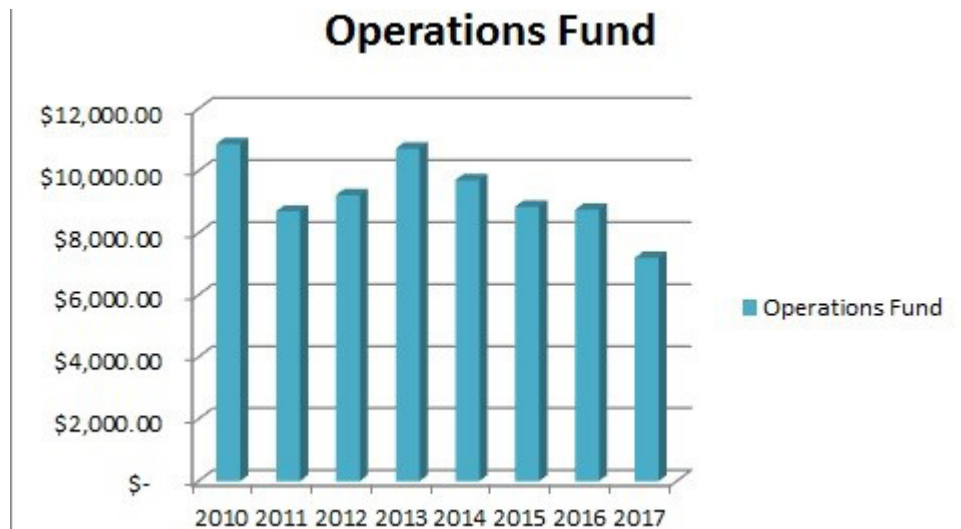
Based on our forecasted income and expenses, including reaching our target of 140 paid members; we expect to end 2018 with \$40,279 combined bank/savings balance. The forecasted fund activity from now to the end of the year:

		Operating Fund		Capital Fund
Income	\$	3,704	\$	2,900
Expense		5,508		1,212
Net Gain (Loss)		(1,804)		1,688
Balance at 28-Jun-2018	\$	6,877	\$	33,518
Balance at 31-Dec-2018		5,073		35,206

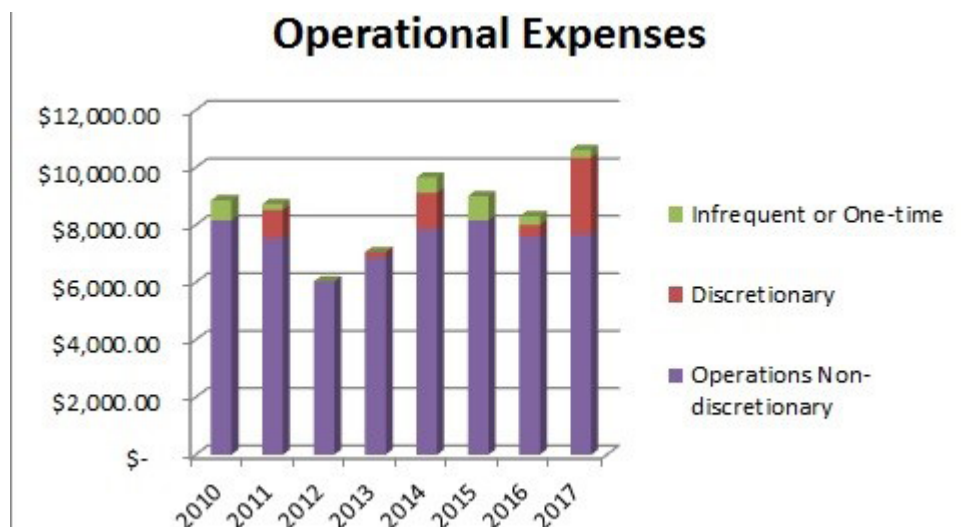
Our financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 as well as an update to our financial position are presented at the Annual Genreal Meeting.

Our Operating fund had a significant drop in 2017 as a result of discretionary expenses to produce the Crane Lake Guide. The drop could have been more, however it was offset by some increase in income resulting from increased membership's in good standing. To re-build the Operating fund we need to continue our membership drive in 2018.

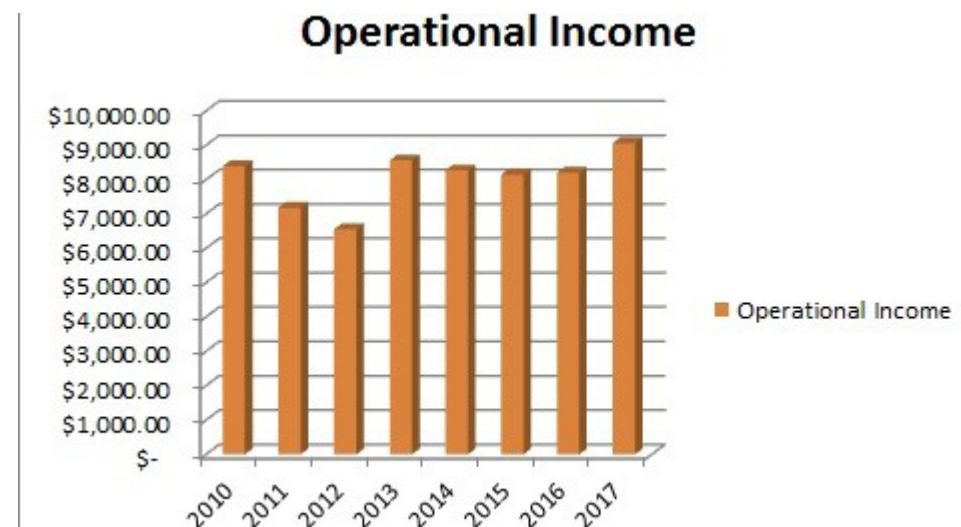
The following graph shows our Operating Fund history for the past 8 years. We did a \$5000 fund transfer in 2013 and reversed it in 2016; this graph/numbers assumes the transfers never happened:



The following graph shows our Operational Expense history for the same 8 years:



The following graph shows our Operational Income history for the same 8 years; Operational Income is inclusive of membership dues, advertising revenue, bank interest and other/donations:





Checklist for Sellers

I pride myself in obtaining top dollar as quickly as possible for my sellers. Here are some time-tested tips that will enable your property to be shown to its best advantage. A small investment in time and money can give your property the competitive edge. Remember, you don't get a second chance to make a good first impression.

- Repair and, if necessary, paint exterior, including soffits and eavestroughs
- Repair torn screens and replace broken or cracked windows
- Ensure the door bell works and door hardware is in good condition
- Repair any broken or squeaky steps
- Store surplus furniture
- Clear overcrowded closets which suggest inadequate storage space
- Clean out garage or carport to show off its full size
- Repair doors that stick or squeak
- Repair any faucets or toilets that run
- Repair or replace loose tiles on floors or walls
- Caulk in bathrooms where needed
- Repair all plaster cracks
- Touch up chipped paint
- Repair any stains that are a result of old water leaks
- Keep your lawn, hedges and shrubs trimmed and edged
- Clear driveway, walkways and steps of toys, tools, snow or leaves
- Remove clutter from entrance foyer to give a spacious appearance
- Clean bathrooms and kitchens to a sparkling shine
- Place fresh linens in the bathrooms
- Tidy up bedrooms for a spacious appearance
- Set dining room table for two, complete with best china
- Place fresh flowers in the home especially if there is a garden
- During showings:
 - Turn on all lights
 - Have a fire burning in the fireplace
 - Have soft background music playing
 - Allow privacy whenever possible

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Membership Report

Steven Neugebauer

Membership Report

As of June 28, 2018, 77 memberships of the Crane Lake Association have paid their dues for 2018! Thank you to those members who continue to support the Crane Lake Association.

For those of you who have not yet sent in your 2018 dues, I hope you will join the membership in 2018. The association dues for 2018 are \$100. The benefits of membership in the Crane Lake Association include:

- High-quality fire-fighting and life-saving equipment
- Winter, Summer and Fall Newsletters highlighting upcoming events and current issues
- Entitlement to vote at the Annual General Meeting and any Special Meetings that could arise
- Participation in the Crane Lake Regatta
- Representation in matters of mutual interest pertaining to the Crane Lake community.

If applicable, please forward your cheque payable to the Crane Lake Association, to the Membership Secretary: Steven Neugebauer, 32 Arden Crescent, Scarborough, ON, M1L 3R5, Canada.

Smoke Detector Recall Notice

Bruce Sanderson



In March of this year, Kidde announced a recall of 2 models of Smoke Detectors (PI2010 and PI9010). These models are dual-sensor types which use a combination of Ionization and photoelectric sensors to quickly detect both fast burning and smouldering fires.

Model PI2010 is a hardwired model (connected to AC power in your home) and PI9010 is battery operated. The affected units have date codes between September 2016 and October 2017 and are identifiable by a yellow cap that is visible through the opening on the side of the alarm. Complete information on how to identify affected alarms is available at the following government of Canada link:

<http://healthykanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2018/66226r-eng.php>

If you determine you have one of these alarms, you should immediately contact Kidde to request a free replacement smoke alarm. Remove and discard the affected smoke alarm ONLY after you receive and install the replacement alarm.

Report on Waterfront Property Owners & Rural Economic Development

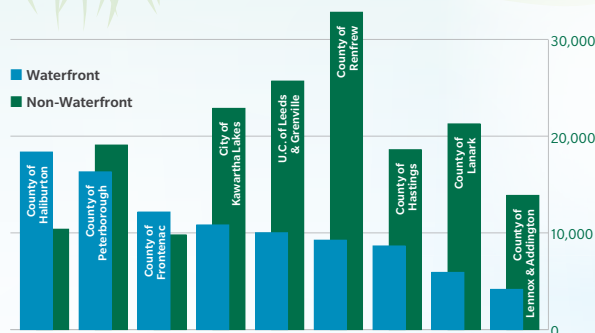
In 2017, FOCA conducted a survey and interviews with **Waterfront Property Owners (WPO)** to investigate their potential to work from their cottages or in their rural communities. WPO represent a significant number of residential property owners in the study area, focussed on eastern Ontario (as defined by the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus). FOCA believes rural economies can be enhanced by attracting and supporting WPO to play an increasing role in the economic development of their rural communities.



View the complete report online at:
<https://foca.on.ca/wpo2018>



How many WPO are out there?



There are approximately
100,000
 waterfront properties
 in the study area.



This represents
35%
 of the total residences.

How many already do some work from their waterfront community?



What motivates them to work there?



"As I transition from my current career to my next I can see more of a need to work remotely anywhere in Canada. Ideally, I would like to see that remote location be our waterfront property."



Who was surveyed?

407 WPO

from 9 Ontario counties
 participated in the study.

How long have they owned their property?

67% said
 over 15 years

Over 15 years

Under 15 years

What do WPO see as barriers to working from the cottage?



gaps in technology
 ~ Internet/
 cell service



municipal services
 (garbage pick up,
 winter road access)



lack of local professional networks/peer
 motivators/communication about local
 economic development opportunities

*Read the Report, for first-hand accounts
 of WPO who have made the move!*

What WPO can bring to their rural communities:



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