



Annual General Meeting

July 14th, 9:30am

Regatta Weekend

August 4th - 5th

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President's Letter

Darlene Cade Fraser

The deep cold of January, the rains of February, the ice storms in April – no wonder we are all pumped for summer to arrive! It's not long now until the forests come alive, the waters warm up, and, as if we never left, we jump right back into our favourite routines of enjoying a cold refreshment on the dock with friends, and listening to the call of the loon bringing a comforting calm to the night! Crane Lake – here we come!!

If you are on our Councillor's email list, you are aware that earlier this Spring, Mike and Sue Steele announced they would not be able to provide gas on Crane Lake this summer, or in the future due to certain circumstances related to the Resort's development. Following the recent approval of the Adjustment to the Official Plan of the Township of the Archipelago to accommodate Ned's condominium development project, Ned's intention was to proceed immediately with the necessary construction which would include removing the gas pump and storage tank from the Resort property. However, good news arrived earlier this week! Ned has given Mike and Sue permission to sell gas using his existing gas pump this spring! While this is a welcome development, we are aware that the pump is in a fragile state due to age, leaving our community extremely vulnerable to no gas at all on the lake if, or when, the pump breaks down! As

a result, several parties are involved in ongoing discussions regarding the urgency for the timing of the installation of a new gas pump and storage tank on the severed portion of land that is designated under the OPA to operate as a marina. There is much effort by many individuals who are working to find a solution that avoids any interruption in gas service at the marina this summer and for years to come for the property owners on Crane Lake. Through Ian's email and the Association's e-blasts and newsletters, we will keep you apprised of the success of those efforts!

Your Board of Directors is already engaged in a new project that we are excited to commence this summer. There is so much personal history embedded within the families of Crane Lake, past and present, that we are now focused on gathering those stories and memoirs that have made the Crane Lake community what it is today. We will develop a comprehensive, and hopefully entertaining product for all CLA members. This project is likely to take more than a year because there is so much to tell! So, start now walking down your own memory lane and making a list of some of the narration and memories that have impacted your own life on Crane Lake. You will hear from us as to how you can help! It's going to be fun!

Please mark your calendars today to **SAVE THE DATE, Saturday July 14th, 2018 for our 2018 AGM!** This year the Board has decided to follow the same format as last year, and Ned has graciously offered

the Resort Meeting Hall once again! The AGM will start at 9:30a.m. with the business meeting. Then, around 10:45, after a coffee (and cookies!) break, we will introduce our guest speakers. We are delighted to confirm that we have two excellent speakers this year – and we think you will agree that their presentations will be of great interest to you!

- The OPP will be represented at our AGM to discuss the various areas of safety, boating, and security. There is little doubt they will include some great stories from their years of providing protection to us!
- Mr. Rick Esselment, President of ESSE Canada (www.Essecanada.com) was a guest speaker at the FOCA AGM a few months ago. He is a bright, down-to-earth speaker and his expertise and knowledge regarding septic tanks in cottage country is exceptional. You won't want to miss the chance to listen to, and chat with, one of the industry leading experts. From Rick's website: "We are dedicated to managing, protecting and restoring local water resources for our communities. We are technicians, operators, project managers, technical experts and environmentalists."

The delivery and sale of our 'Preserving Paradise' Guide books will continue when the weather warms up and our directors set out in their boats to meet and greet you at your cottages throughout the summer! Until then, enjoy Spring and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Crane Lake History - Your Help Needed!

Monica Gemeinhardt



Hello Fellow Members of Crane Lake Association,

At recent Board meetings, we have been devising a plan to capture some of the earlier life on Crane Lake. Carolyn Ferreira, Gary Mueller and Monica Gemeinhardt have formed an ad hoc committee to get the project off the ground.

We would like to start by asking for any old photos or film clips that depict early times on the lake. Please consider sharing some of your treasured memorabilia for the project. Gary Mueller (garymueller@gmail.com) has offered to receive and compile these photos or films.

Why not take a day and walk down memory lane in search of gems to scan or copy, and send them to Gary? We would very much appreciate each and every submission.

Happy hunting!

Councillor's Corner

Ian Mead

Election 2018

This is election year for both the province and municipalities. I have decided to run for another term as your Councillor. Next term, we will have a new Reeve and I assume a few more new Councillors. I think it is important to have a slow transition in Council and we are right in the middle of a couple of very important projects such as the OPA review followed by a Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw update. I feel these projects need as much continuity as possible to come to a successful end-of-job.

GBBR

As you know, the GBBR is basically our Environmental arm. Four years ago, a subcommittee (which I was a part of) was formed to decide what we needed to do to handle our environmental concerns. Out of that came the decision to enter into a 4 year Memorandum of Understanding with the GBBR and they would be our Environmental department.

In early 2017, I was asked to be the Chair of the Environment Committee and I gladly accepted. With GBBR's 4 year contract coming to an end in 2017, we set up a sub-committee again to sit down with the GBBR and establish the next 4 year plan. Over this past summer we met as a group once a month and then presented our plan to Council in September. The plan was approved by Council and now we have a new 4 year contract with GBBR. This is an amazing relationship and the GBBR bring us far more value and expertise than we could ever expect to afford if we did everything in-house. They are an organization of dedicated, well-educated environmentalists – we are so fortunate!

Are you on my E-mail List?

If you currently are not on my E-mail list and would like to be, just send me an E-mail at ianm@vianet.ca and ask me to add you.

Cheers

Ian

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Fire Safety Committee Tips

Bruce Sanderson



As we approach another summer at Crane lake, a reminder to include an important item in your checklist for opening your cottage this spring. Please make sure to put fresh batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and test their alarms to verify they are working properly before you lay your head down at the end of your first day on the lake. Also, check the expiry date on each of your alarms to see if any of them are past their life and need to be replaced. Everyone should be aware that having operational smoke and carbon monoxide alarms is required by law in the province of Ontario. Failure to do so can bring fines, but more importantly, properly installed and working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can save lives.

It is very unfortunate, but at least once every year, there is a report in the news of individuals or families losing their lives because their homes or cottages were not properly equipped with operational smoke or carbon monoxide detectors. If you have any questions whatsoever about the proper placement or testing of these devices, please feel free to contact myself or any other member of the Fire Safety Committee. We would be happy to drop by your cottage in the spring to assist you or answer any of your questions. My contact information is below.

Other items it would be good to add to your spring checklist are as follows:

- Check for proper storage of fuels / flammables
- Ensure woodpiles and lumber are stored a safe

distance from your cottage or bunkies

- Check the pressure in all your fire extinguishers, including the one in your boat. Remember that by law, all boats with a fixed fuel tank must have a fire extinguisher on board.
- If you don't already have them, consider equipping your cottage and outbuildings with fire extinguishers. Although not required by law, they are an excellent safety item.

Further to that last item, this past fall there was a recall announced in the news for some models of Kidde fire extinguishers. If you have fire extinguishers made by Kidde in your home, cottage, outbuildings, boats or vehicles, refer to the information on the Kidde website to see if any of your extinguishers are affected. The Kidde website indicates that the two types of extinguishers affected are plastic handle or plastic push button models. Refer to the link below for more identification information.

<http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product-alerts/>

Also, a reminder to make all your family members and cottage visitors aware of the location of our 6 Phillips Heartstart Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) on Crane Lake. In summer months, one is located on the Fireboat and the other 5 are located in the 5 portable fire pump boxes around the lake. Pump box locations are shown on your lake map. In the winter, all of our AED's are removed to

heated locations. One is currently in Brad Billings cottage (#32 Crane Lake) and one is with John Raftis (490 Blackstone Crane Lake Rd.). Both Brad and John are members of the Fire Safety Committee and are avid winter cottagers. All 6 of our AEDs will be back in their summer locations by the May 24 holiday weekend.

Lastly for now, the Township of the Archipelago has issued a Public Notice regarding EMS response onto the ice. Click on the following link and then select the bulletin posted February 14, 2018 entitled "Important Notice re Emergency Medical Response Onto Ice". <http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/local-news>
For winter enthusiasts in the Crane Lake area (Ward 5), this should not represent a change in procedures for winter response, as Seguin Fire Department automatically responds along with EMS into our area. However, in the event you operate a snowmobile across ice within other areas of the Township of the Archipelago or otherwise venture out onto the ice, please be aware of this change in Policy for the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Service:

Parry Sound District EMS are not properly equipped for responding onto ice, so if you have a medical emergency on the ice, it is required that the patient be transported to an area where the EMS can perform their services (e.g. A marked and open OFSC trail). Unless you are able to move the patient yourself, you must also contact emergency services with the proper equipment and knowledge (OPP, Fire Department). Please read the full bulletin for further information.

Further information on topics in this article can be found in your "Preserving Paradise" binder that was created by the Crane Lake Association Board members, with additional input from many Crane Lakers past and present. If you don't already have your copy of Preserving Paradise, (free to paid CLA members), please contact a CLA board member for more information or send an e-mail through our website at www.cranelakeassociation.ca. If you have any suggestions or ideas for improving the Fire Safety information sections of the Preserving Paradise binder, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water again!

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Press Release – New Municipal Website Launched

The Township of The Archipelago is pleased to announce that it launched a new redesigned website at the start of the new year.

The new website retains the address of www.thearchipelago.on.ca. It has been designed to be responsive for easy viewing on any type of device including smart phones and tablets. The layout and design presents a more user-friendly and accessible site for residents, businesses and visitors to navigate and find the information they are seeking. Expanded departmental content and a new search feature (A to Z list of services) provides users with the ability to find quick and easy access to information.

In addition to its look and easy navigation, staff are excited to highlight a number of new key features that allow stakeholders to engage with the organization:

1. Residents can now submit an ***E-Service Request*** to Township staff for such things as making general inquiries to Township departments, reporting road conditions or to submit by-law complaints or questions.
2. Community organizations can submit upcoming notices and events to be posted on the website and shown on the ***Community Events Calendar***.
3. Residents can receive Township newsletters and announcements digitally (by email) and are encouraged to register for ***E-News*** to benefit from periodic publications on variety of interests.
4. ***Social Media feeds*** (Twitter and Facebook) are a convenient way to see what we are saying on a regular basis and are available for viewing on the website without having to have an associated account.
5. A new evolving ***Community*** section is focused on identifying many of the services both residents and visitors may be interested in within the Township and the surrounding communities.

The Township has utilized a solution by All-Net Municipal Solutions, a Canadian company specializing in a full range of municipal products and services. We welcome your feedback on the new website. Please feel free to forward any comments or suggestions to info@thearchipelago.on.ca

Please note updates to the website will continue over the next several months as the Township looks to build upon the design of the site and integrate more solutions to better serve its residents and stakeholders.

GBBR - Kids in the Biosphere

Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve



Do you spend most of your time outside in the summer?

Do you often find mud on your knees and sticks in your hair?

Do you want to know more about the nature around us?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the *Kids in the Biosphere* program is right for you!

To celebrate six years of outdoor adventure in the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, the Kids in the Biosphere program is EXPANDING! This summer it will be available to across the entire Township of the Archipelago.

How does the Kids in the Biosphere program work?

Simply register online at <https://bit.ly/2GuTSKa> to receive a free Activity Kit, a reusable bag containing outdoor games, crafts, materials, a nature notebook and a Kids in the Biosphere Activity Booklet. After you register, GBBR will be in touch by email with details on where to pick up your Activity Kit.

If you wish to track your progress, you can use the Summer Scorecard included in the Activity Kit. At the end of the summer, or your stay in the Biosphere, bring your Scorecard to the Biosphere office (11 James Street, Parry Sound) or to one of the program volunteers near you to receive a prize and be entered to win one of three grand prizes!

We also offer a *Kids in the Biosphere* blog where you'll find weekly information on nature's happenings, fascinating facts, and answers to your questions by our local nature nuts. Plus, Biosphere staff will be on location at events throughout The Archipelago with crafts, games, and even our species at risk friends!

For more information or to volunteer with the program contact Delaina at kids@gbbr.ca. Visit www.gbbr.ca to find information about other programs, subscribe to *Biosphere News*, or to become a *Biosphere Member*.

Thank you for your support – see you outdoors!

Georgian Bay Biosphere & the Township of the Archipelago present...

KIDS IN THE BIOSPHERE

Free Nature Activities for Families

Join today, it's easy!

1. Register at <https://bit.ly/2GuTSKa> or email kids@gbbr.ca
2. Receive an activity kit full of crafts, games, and much more!
3. Enjoy fun, outdoor activities all summer long.
4. Collect your prize!

There's more! Send GBBR your nature questions and discoveries.

Plus visit gbbr.ca to find other great activities.

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