

To all Crane Lake Property Owners

October 15th, 2014

RE: BALLOT ENCLOSED | Professional Fire Protection for Crane Lake Property Owners YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

The Crane Lake Association (CLA) members have, for many years, arranged and maintained a Fire Boat and related firefighting equipment on behalf of the property owners of Crane Lake. Thanks to the hard work of many CLA fire committee members, the Crane Lake fire support has been provided by volunteers comprised of your neighbours, friends and perhaps even family members. Despite the remarkable efforts of these brave volunteers, the protection to our property and the safety of those in or near the fire, is limited to the availability of these volunteers to respond and their restricted knowledge on how to fight a fire or respond to a rescue call. But it has been our only option to date.

Crane Lake property owners now have the opportunity to significantly enhance the fire and rescue protective services for their properties. Seguin Township's Fire Department, in coordination with The Township of the Archipelago, has offered to provide complete provision of Fire Protection Services based on their available apparatus and personnel and utilizing the Crane Lake Association Fire Boat where applicable. The Fire Protection Agreement is attached for your immediate reference, along with an Information Flyer that provides additional details of this arrangement including the cost to each property owner for this added service. Please read these enclosed documents carefully.

After serious consideration of this opportunity to engage the Seguin Fire Department support, **The Crane** Lake Association Board of Directors fully endorses the initiative to have Professional Fire Protection for Crane Lake property owners. Safety, protection of property and preservation of our pristine surroundings are primary objectives for all Crane Lake property owners.

Your vote is important! There must be a minimum of <u>two-thirds (2/3) of all property owners</u> that vote **YES** to approve this initiative. Please know that if you do not respond, a 'NO' vote will be registered by the Township against your property. It is imperative that everyone votes! The Ballot is enclosed along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. We recommend you vote Yes - and mail your Ballot today!

Blackstone Lake property owners voted in early 2013 to retain Seguin Fire Department to protect their properties and have been in a Fire Protection Agreement now for two years. We may not have another chance to arrange professional Fire Protection on our lake. Please vote yes and return your ballot now!

Thank you.

Crane Lake Board

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