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President's Letter

Darlene Cade Fraser

We are already deep into Winter 2021, but thanks to the forecast by our friendly 'Wiarion Willie' groundhog on February 2nd, we should be back into Spring weather very soon! Of course, between now and the entry of Spring, there are so many wonderful winter activities for us to enjoy. Most importantly, our recreational breaks that might include ice skating, snow shoeing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and just lovely walks through snowy trails, give us that very needed escape from our otherwise socially restrained COVID-restricted environments. When the snow is fresh on the ground, the temperature is crisp, and the sun is shining in a gorgeous blue sky, quite honestly, winter in Ontario is a beautiful thing! If you happen to capture one of those days on Crane Lake – simply precious!

There are still several months before we return to our summer cottage life, but your CLA Board remains actively engaged in several projects.

Our video production of the history of Crane Lake is in final edits. If you joined us at our virtual AGM last summer you were able to watch the spectacular 'trailer' of the video produced by Gary Mueller, a Board Director. We are very proud of this production and our hope is to have it ready for distribution by our 2021 AGM.

Another team of CLA directors is involved in

updating our lake map and legend. This is a significant task requiring hours of their time, but we are very excited for its release date in early summer 2022.

At the current date, the Board is cognizant of the fact that our 'regular' Regatta will likely not be possible. However, should there be a change in messaging from the Health agencies, the board will definitely be prepared! In the interim, the Board's regatta committee is enthusiastically developing alternative activities that will respect COVID social distancing but allow cottagers to participate with others in some exciting events! More on this inside this newsletter – so read on!

Until then, stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy the rest of the Winter! See you in the Spring!

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History Project Update

Gary Mueller

As the Crane Lake History Project that was filmed over the last two years moves into its final stages before its debut, some acknowledgements are in order. The project was made possible with the help of the people who agreed to be interviewed, their interviewers, the folks who submitted photographs (although we couldn't use them all), the director, the Cinematographer, the amazing Picture editor, Cole Duran, the board committee who kept us on track, the membership for its support and finally all those Crane Lakers we talked about who came before us who inspired our love of the Lake. Thank you each and everyone.

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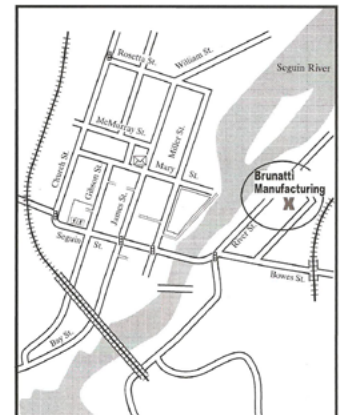
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Treasurer & Membership Report

Steven Neugebauer

Treasurer Report

As of December 31, 2020, our combined bank/savings balance was \$55,287. For 2020, income did not reach planned amounts, but expenses were generally lower than planned amounts.

The 2020 fund activity is summarized below:

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund
Income	\$8,699	\$5,300
Expense	\$8,875	\$1,315
Net Gain (Loss)	(\$176)	\$3,985
Balance on 01-Jan-2020	\$9,718	\$40,790
Balance at 31-Dec-2020	\$9,542	\$44,774

Our financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 will be available at the 2021 Annual General Meeting in July, as well as an update to our financial position at that time.

Membership Report

It's that time of year again! It's time to send in your association dues for 2021.

For the 113 Crane Lake Association members that supported us for 2020, I hope you will continue to support us for 2021! For the 111 cottages that are not members, including those whose membership has lapsed over the years, I hope you will (re-)join the membership in 2021.

The association membership dues for 2021 remain at \$100. The benefits of membership in the Crane Lake Association include:

- Winter, Spring and Fall Newsletters highlighting upcoming events and current issues
- Entitlement to vote at the Annual General Meeting
- Participation in the Crane Lake Regatta
- Maintenance and renewal of our fire pumps, fire boat, defibrillators and other fire protection and life-saving equipment
- Representation in matters of mutual interest pertaining to the Crane Lake community.

Dues may be paid by Interac e-Transfer to Steven Neugebauer – CLA.Steve1@gmail.com, or forward your cheque payable to the Crane Lake Association, to the Membership Secretary:

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Please include your CLA account number on your e-Transfer/cheque; and please do not send cash by mail. We hope that all Crane Lake property owners will join us for the 2021 AGM in July. At this time, we expect the meeting will be held virtually; but if it is held in-person you would be able to pay your dues at the AGM.

Councilor's Corner

Ian Mead

Here it is February 2021 and we're still, after about 10 months, being controlled by this pandemic. The good news is there is light ahead with the amazing creation of multiple vaccines in record breaking time. Unfortunately, at this time, we're #26 in the world on getting people vaccinated. Let's hope for a more normal summer and get this behind us.

Ribbon of Life and the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review

In a previous Councillor's Corner message, I mentioned that the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw is up for review and I wanted to take that opportunity to have the front yard set-back changed from 25 feet to 50 feet or more. This would bring us more in line with all the other municipalities in our region. I also want to have staff craft a bylaw to provide rules that will focus on maintaining a healthy ribbon of life.

I brought this initiative forward at the 2019 AGMs for Crane and Blackstone and asked for a show of support which was given, followed by letters of support to staff and Council from both the Associations.

So that's a bit of background and in a perfect world, we should have been able to put that together in 2020. It's important to know that these types of projects, that aren't on the day-to-day schedule, get farmed out to consultants. We have been using a very competent consultant for years. In fact he used to be the TOA planner many years ago. Well, unfortunately he has become gravely ill and that, combined with this Covid mess, has effectively put us behind one whole year.

We now have a new consultant who used to be the chief planner for Muskoka Lakes. We met him on a Zoom call when he presented a sample "site alteration" bylaw. Actually it was the current Muskoka Lakes bylaw that he was greatly involved in. Now, I don't think we want to go as far as Muskoka Lakes at this point, so he has gone back to make some adjustments. Anyway, the key message here is that I think we're in good hands and I/we look forward to having him fine tune a bylaw that will be fair and most importantly protect the environment and water quality.

Hopefully we'll be able to bring this forward this year although it unfortunately doesn't look like we'll be having any in-person meetings any time soon. Stay tuned and stay healthy.

High Speed Internet in the TOA

As I'm sure you are all aware, the need for high speed, unlimited and inexpensive internet access has become essential, especially with this Covid issue. As such, this has put the pressure on Governments to address the lack of available adequate internet in rural Canada where the TOA resides. As a result, the Feds and the Province are, as usual, throwing money at it in the form of grants. How do we get some of this money to help us bring/facilitate high speed, unlimited internet at a reasonable cost to the TOA ratepayers?

Let me tell you what we are doing in the TOA.

Back, prior to 2015, the TOA was renting space on an MNRF tower to provide high speed internet connection for our office and Public Works yard. In 2015, the tower was declared surplus by the MNRF and the TOA worked hard to acquire it. We acquired it in 2019.

In the summer of 2020, with Covid accentuating the need for high speed internet, our Reeve got together with Seguin's Mayor to team up on a project to bring quality, affordable internet to the whole of TOA and Seguin. They then brought in WPS SMART which is an organization that is working to bring quality internet to the west Parry Sound region. Then we arranged to partner with Vianet out of Sudbury. Vianet is a key player in this arena aside from the biggies like Bell. We then arranged to have Vianet install a huge fiber cable to our tower that we now call "The Smart Tower". This fiber is large enough to serve the TOA and other municipalities in

the region. A portion of it has already been rented out to Carling Township to serve one of their subdivisions. It is important to note that everything we have done so far, tower acquisition included, has been funded by grants from the Feds or Province and that's what we hope to do going forward. In the fall of 2020, it was clear that we needed to form a committee to assist the Reeve and staff with the decisions going forward. I was fortunate enough to be asked to join so now the "Connectivity Committee" is made up of 2 Councillors, the Reeve, our CAO and 1 staff. To complement the team and bring in some much needed experience in this area, we have contracted with a consultant as well. It is important to note that the whole system will be 5G capable and the speed/capacity goal is 50 megabytes down and 10 megabytes up. This will allow a decent lifespan of any connection and allow excellent streaming especially for our kids/grandkids to get their online education which looks like it will be more the rule rather than the exception going forward.

In the meantime, there is a small company (ISP) down in the Healy Lake neighbourhood who is also buying a fiber connection off of our Smart Tower and selling high speed internet to local cottagers. He has plans to expand into Crane, Blackstone and Woods Bay and we are trying to help him as best we can however, Vianet may very well be the company that delivers the solution to Crane and Blackstone – time will tell. As I write this, we are considering a project with Vianet that would solve the problem for Crane and Blackstone and be a stepping stone for all of the South Archipelago. Vianet will apply for funding for this with the Feds and Province. There are many other organizations that are vying for this money and it will take a few months to see who wins.

So, I think it would be overly ambitious to say that affordable, unlimited high speed internet will be available in 2021 to most in the TOA but it is quite possible that it will be available to most in 2022. I apologize if my message here is a bit all over the map but there are a lot of balls in the air and new ideas daily.

I can't believe how much time this is consuming but that's ok especially in these Covid times. My life is now controlled by Zoom.

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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2021 Regatta Update

Oliver Woodburn

The 2021 Regatta is CANCELLED!

As your CLA Board met virtually in January to plan for our 2021 activities we were under the second Ontario government Emergency Order to try to deal with the on-going COVID-19 ordeal. From that vantage point we are quite sure that a Regatta on the beach at the Crane Lake resort will once again not be a safe or feasible possibility.

The Regatta serves many purposes beyond just being a fun community event where we get to see our fellow cottagers and compete in various athletic activities. Over the past years our regatta has provided an opportunity for cottagers young and old to learn how to use the association's emergency fire pumps that are scattered around the lake. Fire prevention education and awareness are an important part of the purpose of the association and support our objective of protecting our natural environment.

The Crane Lake Fire boat and fire pumps (not to mention AEDs) are valuable assets and something that make our lake association unique amongst many others in cottage country. If you want to read more about that, check out the June/July 2020 edition of Cottage Life (page 68).

So, although there won't be a fire pump relay at a regatta this year, the CLA board is working on plans to engage cottagers with educational activities to support fire prevention education in a safe, physically distanced manner where required. Stay tuned to the Crane Lake Association Facebook page, newsletters and emails to learn more as we move into the late Spring and Summer.

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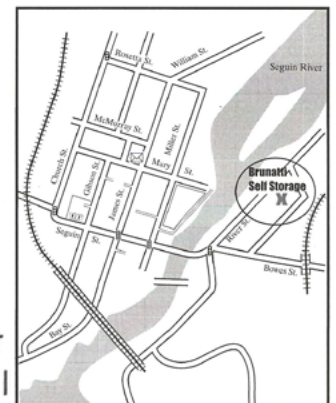
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Bruce Sanderson



For those of us who don't frequent our cottage in the winter months, very soon now (while observing Provincial and local guidelines for travel during the Covid-19 Pandemic), we will be pulling stuff out of our basements and garages, buying some provisions, and packing up the vehicle for the first trek north to once more participate in that annual pastime, Opening Weekend! Whenever that will be for you and your family, please practice good fire safety and don't forget the items you need to pack and the jobs that should be included on your checklist for when you arrive. I've prepared a short list that you can add to your own to ensure a safe opening weekend with peace of mind.

- Pack batteries: That includes batteries for flashlights and batteries for all your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as applicable. I also remove batteries at fall close-up from all devices like clocks, weather stations, etc., but not from smoke / CO detectors. Batteries function best at room temperature. Prolonged exposure to extreme cold temperatures can dramatically reduce battery life.
- Upon arrival at the lake:
 - Before the end of arrival day, put fresh batteries in all your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as applicable. Test all of your safety devices, including those that plug in to a wall outlet and those with permanent batteries. Thereafter, test these devices at least monthly.
 - Also at this time, check the expiry date on all your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. A typical lifespan for these devices

is 7-10 years from the date of manufacture, but some have a lower designed lifespan. The manufacturing date and or a "replace by" date will be clearly marked on the case. Purchase new units as needed and replace before or at expiry. Note that if your device does not have a visible manufacture date or "replace by" date it is reeeeeeeally old and should be replaced immediately!

- Check the pressure in all your fire extinguishers and give them a shake to loosen the dry powder chemical mixture inside. If you don't have fire extinguishers mounted in various locations in your cottage and outbuildings, it is strongly recommended that you have several of these on hand.

Please know that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are legally required in the Province of Ontario. These laws were enacted only after much loss of life and are designed to save you from a tragic fate. Some of the specifics of the requirements are below:

- All homes in Ontario must have properly operating Smoke / fire detectors on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. They are also required in all sleep cabins / bunkies. Always select locations for these alarms in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- All homes in Ontario must have properly operating Carbon Monoxide detectors adjacent to each sleeping area of the home if you have a fossil fuel burning appliance, fireplace or an attached garage. Fossil fuels include natural gas, propane, petroleum gasoline, kerosene, coal (or charcoal)

and of course wood.

- Note that Carbon Monoxide is also produced by running automobiles, snowmobiles, ATVs, snowblowers, etc. (any gas engine), which is why homes with attached garages require CO detectors. The CO can seep into the house through doorways and poorly insulated walls, etc. This is also why you should never operate a gas / propane generator indoors.
- Operation of a gas / propane stove or refrigerator requires proper ventilation in addition to the use of a CO detector.
- Fire extinguishers are not yet legally required in Ontario homes, but they are strongly recommended as an integral part of your cottage fire safety plan. Good practices are:
 - Have at least one fire extinguisher in your main cottage building (2 or more is best) and in each outbuilding including garages, bunkies, storage sheds and saunas.
 - Mount fire extinguishers on the wall beside exits from the building and one near cooking appliances. The theory is that as you are running out of the building, you can grab one near an exit and then turn around and try to extinguish the fire if it is manageable.
 - Mount them at waist height so they are accessible to all members of the family and ensure everyone is familiar with their operation.
 - I've found a good size for home use is the 3A/40BC type. I've purchased these in Costco for about \$40 plus tax.
- Fire extinguishers are legally required in any powered watercraft with an inboard engine or fixed (non-portable) fuel tank and any powered watercraft over 6 metres in length (minimum 5BC size/type).

If you have questions about any of this information, please don't hesitate to contact the Fire Safety Committee at firesafety@cranelakeassociation.ca. Also, if you are interested in joining the Fire Safety Committee and helping us maintain our equipment and / or educate fellow cottagers in fire safety, please use that address to reach us.

Have a great, safe and healthy summer!

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February 9, 2021 – Ontario, Canada

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) has learned that Hydro One's 150,000 Seasonal Class customers are being notified **this week** about changes to how they're classified by the utility, and impacts on monthly electricity bills. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has determined that Hydro One Networks' Seasonal Rate Class will be eliminated. Each existing Seasonal customer will be moved to one of Hydro One Networks' other three residential rate classes, as noted below.

As FOCA has communicated in the past, with this change almost 80,000 low-use customers will see their monthly bills increase by \$50+/month. FOCA has been an intervenor at the OEB for many years, and has been advocating against this significant bill impact.

The table below from Hydro One Networks shows examples of estimated total monthly bill changes for a seasonal customer after the transition into one of the other three Hydro One Networks residential classes, as well as bill impacts due to completing the ongoing transition to all-fixed electricity distribution rates. Note that the actual change to your bill will depend on your own monthly electricity consumption.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Monthly Consumption (kWh)	2022 Seasonal Status Quo Total Bill	2022 Change in Total Bill for Seasonal Class Moving to All-Fixed Rates		2022 Change in Total Bill due to Eliminating the Seasonal Class					
	\$/month	\$	%	Seasonal Customer Moving to Residential Low Density (R2) Class		Seasonal Customer Moving to Medium Density (R1) Class		Seasonal Customer Moving to Urban High Density (UR) Class	
				\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
50	54.06	6.28	12%	53.79	100%	-5.23	-10%	-24.02	-44%
350	100.20	-1.02	-1%	54.31	54%	-5.48	-5%	-24.62	-25%
1000	200.17	-16.86	-8%	55.44	28%	-6.03	-3%	-25.91	-13%

** To estimate your new total bill at one of the sample consumption levels in column A, begin with the total bill amount in column B, add (or subtract) the amount related to the transition to all-fixed rates in column C, and add (or subtract) the amount in one of columns E, G or I depending on the residential class into which you will be moved. For example, a seasonal customer moving to the low density (R2) class and consuming 1000 kWh monthly would see a new total bill of \$238.75 (200.17-16.86+55.44). (Source: Hydro One Networks)*

The OEB has yet to decide whether this change will take effect on January 1, 2022 or on a later date. Hydro One has proposed rate mitigation measures for customers who are expected to see a total bill increase of more than 10% as a result of moving to another rate class, which would involve phasing in the increase over a number of years.

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One Networks' proposed plan to implement this change. FOCA will participate as an intervenor and will once again be reminding the regulator about the hardship these changes will deliver to so many rural and northern families. However, the OEB has stated that it will not reconsider the decision to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class in this hearing.

To learn more about FOCA's perspectives on electricity rates and past media coverage, visit www.foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing, or contact our spokesperson listed below.

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Map Fundraising Offer

Monica Gemeinhardt

One of our Association members has presented the Crane Lake Association with a great fund raising opportunity. Bob Ferguson is offering to produce inlaid Crane Lake serving boards, pictured front and back below.



Bob had a maple tree from his Crane Lake property in McRobert's Bay fall down eight years ago. He helped saw the logs at a mill in Humphrey, built a shed and has been drying the maple planks there since. In his shop, he cuts, planes and sands to assemble very stable boards. The precise inlay cuts are made with a computer-assisted CNC machine. The lake and letters on the front of the board are then inlaid with walnut. Each board is unique in colour and grain. Bob has enough Crane Lake maple left to produce 25 boards.

The serving board, measuring 19x11.75x.75 inches, is ideal for charcuterie, and can be hung on the wall using a keyhole slot Bob has inserted. The basic board is as pictured. A custom Board would replace the words "Crane Lake" with the name of your choice, such as "The Smiths." The custom board will also include a "Google Point" in red Padauk wood indicating the location of that cottage. Any board includes a personalized dedication lasered on the back. The boards are mounted on non-slip silicone feet. Bob also makes a food-safe wax mixture for treating and maintaining the boards and will provide a jar with each board.

When Bob approached the Board with his board proposal, we were excited about the opportunity. We thank him for his generous and thoughtful offer. It dovetails with our map and legend update project. After Bob's costs are covered, all proceeds go to the Crane Lake Association and will be put towards printing costs of the oversized, updated wall maps that will be provided to members. Buyers of the board get a gorgeous map on a unique piece of Crane Lake maple! Deliveries are expected to the lake in the late Spring or early Summer.

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FOCA AGM and Lake Partner Program

Ross Fraser

The Crane Lake Association has long been an active member of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations. FOCA is a not-for-profit organization representing volunteer organizations and individual property owners throughout Ontario. With over 500 member Associations, FOCA acts as the provincial voice for waterfront property owners at various levels of government and in creation of programs and resources for the benefit of their members. For the CLA, FOCA has most recently been of assistance in supplying a model for the process of creating our Lake Plan for submission to the Township. Last year, they hosted a webinar by a lawyer who provided excellent guidance for Associations to move their AGMs virtual and provide members with important information while still meeting all legal obligations. In addition to these major initiatives, FOCA's volunteers and staff are always excellent in providing information and updates to us that assist in the day-to-day priorities of the Association.

Each year, FOCA hosts their Annual General Meeting and two seminars. The CLA has been sending members continuously to these sessions both to stay abreast of the changes at FOCA and the work they complete on our behalf, but also to connect with other Lake and Road Associations to share and learn about different initiatives and inventive methods of providing value to members. Continuing in the tradition of 2020, the 2021 Annual General Meeting and Spring Seminar was hosted virtually. Briefly, I wanted to share some interesting information from our partners at FOCA about their experience in financial response to the pandemic, and an update on the Lake Partner Program, as well as an overview of the program for those who may not be familiar.

The formal Business Meeting was conducted by

the President and Treasurer, and they reported on the updated finances of the organization. Like many organizations, FOCA took this opportunity to formally update their bylaws to allow for virtual meetings in the future. While the current emergency measures in Ontario allow organizations to conduct AGM-style meetings virtually during the ongoing pandemic, once resolved the bylaws of the organization must once again be followed. With member organizations geographically spread from Thunder Bay to Ottawa, this is an important update they foresee will allow more participation in their meetings moving forward. The CLA completed a bylaw review in 2012 and included similar language at that time.

In consideration of the pandemic and its impact on both government programming and the potential financial harm to their member Associations, FOCA had made prudent plans for reduced revenues in 2020, engaging with various government support programs. Thankfully, they have reported that while Associations throughout the province have seen modest reductions in membership, it tends to be caused by logistical issues, such as members not having access to their cottages due to travel restrictions or an inability to process or receive digital payments. All across Ontario, lake communities continued to support their Associations through renewed membership during these challenging times. This is a wonderful testament to the care that cottagers feel for their lakes and the work the Associations do to keep them beautiful, natural, and safe for future generations!

In an excellent update, FOCA has confirmed that the Lake Partner Program will be returning in 2021. The program funding agreement with the government had been up for renewal in 2020, but was put on

hold as legislators responded to the pandemic conditions. In addition, early responses to COVID-19 and a lack of access to cottage country as many people sheltered in place prevented many of the Lake Stewards from conducting their normal testing operations. We were delighted at the announcement that FOCA has secured a 5-year funding agreement for the Lake Partner Program with the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Lake Partner Program will return in 2021!

Lake Partner Program

The Lake Partner Program (LPP) is a volunteer-based water-quality monitoring program for Ontario's inland lakes. The OMECP coordinates this program from the Dorset Environmental Science Centre (DESC) with FOCA. Each year, over 600 volunteers monitor water quality in almost 550 inland lakes, using over 850 sampling locations. Volunteers collect water samples and return them to the DESC, who provides analysis of the samples through their DESC Water Chemistry Laboratory. Data collected are used by members of the public, partner agencies, government and academic researchers.

The LPP volunteers collect lake water samples and make monthly water clarity observations from May to October. Volunteers receive kits that contain the sampling bottles and equipment necessary to collect measurements and samples. The LPP volunteers collect data on four primary measurements:

- **Total Phosphorus:** An essential element for plant life, but when there is too much phosphorus in the water, it can lead to eutrophication and algal blooms. Phosphorus is naturally occurring, but is also contributed to by human activities, such as waste run-off from septic systems and removing natural vegetation barriers at the waterfront.
- **Water Clarity:** Water clarity is often an important indicator of water quality.
- **Calcium:** An essential element required by all living organisms, there has been an observed widespread decline of calcium in Ontario lakes as an after-effect of acid rain and forestry.
- **Chloride:** Increases in chloride levels have been tracked throughout the province due to the increased use of road salt.

Data gathered through the LPP is used for many purposes. Associations like the CLA use the data to maintain an understanding of water quality over a long time-span, allowing for a good overview rather than reaction to short-term outliers. LPP data is also used to contribute to environmental research and policy decisions. Recently, LPP data was even used in an Applied Economics article, "Water quality and cottage prices in Ontario", in which a study showed that cottage real estate prices increase by 6% for every meter increase in water clarity.

Don Smith, Owner & Certified Welder



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The Crane Lake Association has been participating in the Lake Partner Program for many years thanks to the help and dedication of our volunteers! Steve Ridout has agreed to take over the responsibility for the 2021 season. We thank Gary Mueller for all of his efforts over the last several years in running LPP collection. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Lake Partner Program, visit FOCA's website at: <https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>.

Crane Lake Marina Update

Marcia Craig on behalf of N.D.McLennan Ltd.

Hello to all the Cottagers of Crane and Blackstone Lake,
Just wanted to give an update on the Marina. We are currently in the process of selling the Marina but the details are still being worked out. We want to assure everyone that the docks will still be available to rent for the water access cottages and gas will still be provided though we are not yet sure of hours or days of service. If you rent a dock during the summer and haven't yet reached out please email us at infocranelakemarina@gmail.com so we can put your name on our list.

Thanks and let's all hope for an early Spring.

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Crane Lake History Corner

Bruce Sanderson

This time in History Corner we have some AGM minutes from 1985. Acid Rain was a major concern for lakes across the northern U.S. and parts of Canada due to power plant smokestack emissions in the midwest U.S. No surprise then that it was a discussion topic on Crane Lake.

Thankfully, beefed up U.S. Clean Air regulations enacted in 1990 led to a dramatic reduction in levels of Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrogen Oxides in smokestack emissions in turn lowering Acid Rain levels by 65% compared to 1976.

Another seemingly perennial hot topic also discussed in the 1985 AGM was Boating Safety, including concerns about boat speed, erratic boating and towing a skier with no spotter. Wow, some things never change!

Enjoy this Crane Lake flashback :)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
1985

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING of the members of the Corporation of the Crane Lake Association, held on Saturday, July 27, 1985 at 2.00 p.m. in the dining room of Crane Lake House.

There were 61 members of the Corporation of the Crane Lake Association present, including the Executive and Board of Directors.

FORMALITIES:

Jack Davis, president, acted as chairman and Clare Sauer, secretary, acted as secretary of the meeting.

Jack Davis welcomed the members and introduced the Executive and Directors of the Association.

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING:

These minutes were read by the secretary. MOVED BY Joe Koran. SECONDED BY Hugh McMahon that the minutes be approved as read- CARRIED.

USED MOTOR:

Jack Davis reported that the existing outboard motor owned by the Association, but not being used, has not been serviced and is still available. This will be followed up by the Executive.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: (was read by Jack Davis)

Our auditor, Don Lasso stated that the books were in order and the financial report represented the true state of the Association's financial position.

THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS REPORT WAS MOVED BY: Neil Day, SECONDED BY: Norm Rotz - CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (was read by Jack Davis) (A copy of this report forms part of these minutes).

The acceptance of this report was MOVED BY Jean Wright and SECONDED BY: Mike Cox- CARRIED.

A request was made that a simple statement of assets and liabilities be included with the financial report at the next annual meeting.

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AUDITOR:

MOVED BY: Don Cade and SECONDED BY: Neil Day, that Don Lasso be asked to act as auditor for the Association for the coming year, and that an expression of thanks be extended to him for past services - CARRIED.

FIRE REPORT (by Joe Koran)

The fire equipment is in good condition, generally speaking. However, some work is required at the station located at John Wilson's cottage.

The revive units purchased in 1984 have been recalled and taken off the market by the manufacturer. We are trying to obtain a refund from the manufacturer but have had no success in efforts to contact the company up to this point.

SAILING REPORT (by Rob Rooks)

The Sailing Race will be held at 3.00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, August 4, 1985 and will start at the south end of the lake.

Rob paid tribute to Rudy Namat who passed away during the past year. Rudy was an avid sailor and eager participant in the sailing activities on the lake.

MOVED BY Rob Rooks that an appropriate plaque in honour of Rudy be purchased, with private contributions, in the name of the Crane Lake Association. SECONDED BY Mrs. Kydd, CARRIED.

MOVED BY Rob Rooks that, the annual sailing race be named "The Rudy Namat Challenge Race" effective this year. SECONDED BY Julius Nemeth, CARRIED.

BLACKSTONE HARBOUR PARK:

A revised proposal for the new park was received by our township. Mr. John Cox, the Reeve, has formally requested that a representative from our Association be appointed to sit on a committee being formed by the township to meet with the Ministry of Natural Resources to deal with the many issues relating to this proposal.

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Rob Rooks nominated Mike Cox for this position. Mrs. Jean Wright moved nominations closed. Seconded by Mrs. McMahon.

Mike Cox is the duly elected representative of the Crane Lake Association on this new committee.

Grant Walker from Lake Kapikog addressed the meeting and invited the sailors from Crane Lake to enter the 2nd. Annual Canham Challenge Cup Race, which is to be held on Lake Kapikog at 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, August 24, 1985.

ACID RAIN:

A request was received from the Coalition Against Acid Rain for a copy of our membership mailing list for the purpose of soliciting funds, etc.

MOVED BY Joe Koran that the Association not send a copy of the membership mailing list to the movement against acid rain. However, a tear off should be provided in the next Newsletter giving anyone who wishes to communicate and/or contribute to the movement an opportunity to do so. The movement's address to be included on the tear off, so all communication be on a direct basis.

SECONDED BY Keith Spence CARRIED.

MOVED BY Jean Wright that a contribution of \$75.00 be made by our Association to the Coalition Against Acid Rain. SECONDED BY Rob Rooks - CARRIED.

ELECTION:

Our incumbent councillor, Dave Harvey, visited the meeting and reported he would like to run for a second term on council.

ROADS:

Dave reported that efforts are being made to encourage the Township of Foley to improve the maintenance of the road in Foley Township which is primarily being used archipelago(Crane Lake) traffic.

WEST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT MUSEUM:

MOVED BY Hugh McMahon, the request for a donation to the proposed museum be handled in the Newsletter in the same way as the acid rain request. An article in support of the museum may also be included. SECONDED BY Jean Wright CARRIED.

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PARK PROPOSAL:

A very brief discussion on the subject was held.

POSITIVE:

Rob Rooks stated we ought not be so selfish and deny folk less fortunate than we who have cottages from using the areas away from Crane Lake for recreation.

NEGATIVE:

Dave Harvey stated that there would be an increase in the large boat traffic in the Georgian Bay islands of the Park and the township would lose control of the development in the area.

WATER SAFETY:

Great concern was expressed over:

- 1) High speed boats on Crane Lake (excess of 90 KM/hr.)
- 2) Water skiing with only 1 person in the boat
- 3) Reckless boat operation
- 4) Boating at night without proper lights.

SUGGESTIONS RE. ABOVE PROBLEMS:

Dave Harvey suggested that:

- 1) Gather a group of neighbours and approach the offenders privately. OR
- 2) Two unrelated witnesses report to the O.P.P. and be prepared to go to court !

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Don Cade acted as chairman for the elections.

There were 34 voting members present at this point of the meeting.

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1985-6 EXECUTIVE AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE

President	Jack Davis
Presiden elect	Mike Cox
Vice President	Rob Rooks
Treasurer	Patricia Koran
Secretary	Clare Sauer


Directors:	1	Rita Kunc
	2	Beverly Kettle
	3	Neil Day
	4	Darlene Fraser
	5	Brian Harris

Past President Ted Despardt.

MOVED BY Hugh McMahon that a vote of thanks be extended to Tony Nikentenks for the use of the facilities for our annual meeting.
SECONDED BY Rob Rooks CARRIED.

A motion that the meeting adjour was MOVED BY Rob Rooks SECONDED BY Don Cade CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,


Clarence M. Sauer
Secretary.

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Crane Lake Marina Update – March 2021

Dear Crane Lake Association Members,

As everyone is aware, the destiny of the Crane Lake Marina has been a prevalent topic of discussion for the past several years. So, it is exciting news that Ned McLellan has received an offer to purchase the marina lands! The offer is, however, conditional upon a required amendment to the current site-specific zoning by-law. To better understand the request for the amendment, the following is a recap of the background to the marina zoning situation.

In 2017, the Township of the Archipelago (TOA) adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 62 to facilitate the conversion of the commercial Crane Lake Resort to a residential condominium, and to enable the severance of the marina lands from the rest of the resort property. Concerns were raised at that time that the viability of the marina could be jeopardized if it turned into a residential property only. The TOA responded by applying a site-specific zoning – MC-3 – Marina Commercial Exception 3 - to the Crane Lake marina lands. This site-specific zoning restricted the establishment of any dwelling on the property. Over the next several years there was some indication (and hope) that Mike Steele would purchase the marina from Ned McLellan. Mike lived close by, and this restriction was not considered to be onerous.

The importance of a marina, including availability of a gas pump, was very evident in 2018 when, with the recently zoned residential condominium property, it became a legal requirement that the existing commercial old gas tank and pump be removed. With Mike still considering the purchase of the marina, the added cost to also purchase and install a new underground gas tank and pump on the severed marina land was overwhelming. The threat of no gas pump on Crane Lake resulted in a public community funding drive through a Go-Fund-Me campaign which raised sufficient funds for the purchase and installation of the new gas tank and pump to the benefit of the community. The community requested that the Crane Lake Association (CLA) manage the funds collected from the campaign which it did by setting up a stand-alone bank account, separate from the CLA operations. All invoices related to the purchase and installation of the gas tank and pump were provided to the CLA Treasurer who then provided the necessary funds to Mike Steele to pay the invoices accordingly. Leftover funds, as directed by the community, were used to build a store on the marina lands. It was a remarkable outpouring of community support to ensure Crane Lake continued to have an operating marina with a gas pump!

Unexpectedly, at the end of August 2020, Mike Steele closed his business operations at Crane Lake Marina, deciding not to purchase the marina property. Ned continued the gas, parking and docking services as best as possible until Thanksgiving and the marina was placed for sale in the real estate market.

As we all know, for water access property owners on Crane Lake, the marina has always provided necessary docking and parking facilities. And, of course, there is no doubt that the availability of the gas

pump for all cottagers on the lake has become an integral part of cottage ownership. To the benefit of many, it is obvious that an operating marina on Crane Lake is critical.

The Offer to purchase the marina, which Ned would like to accept, is conditional upon an amendment to the site-specific zoning, requesting permission for the establishment of a dwelling as an accessory use to the Marina. The intent of the amendment is to allow the Buyer to run the marina while living on the property. To enable the sale to proceed, Ned's agent, John Jackson, prepared an application and submitted it to the TOA on Ned's behalf to request the existing zoning by-law be amended accordingly.

The CLA was invited by the TOA to submit a letter regarding this application for the zoning by-law amendment. To ensure the Association understood the situation at hand, the CLA Board reviewed the Preliminary Report prepared by Mr. Cale Henderson, Manager of Development & Environmental Studies for the TOA, which provided a review of the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law No. A2000-07, with specific references to Sections of the By-Law that relate directly to this application. With a quick turnaround required prior to the Public Hearing for this amendment, the Board held an urgent virtual meeting to which Councillor Ian Mead attended to answer questions from the Board. The facts we considered:

With respect to the application to allow the establishment of a single accessory dwelling on the marina lands:

- The standard TOA zoning for Marina Commercial properties allows for up to 2 accessory residences on the property
 - An Accessory residence is defined as:
 - Accessory – uses, buildings and structures accessory to a Main or Secondary Use (Marina)
 - Single detached dwelling or a dwelling unit in a commercial building
 - We were reminded that since 2017 Crane Lake Marina is subject to a site-specific zoning (MC-3) that prohibits the establishment of any accessory residence.
- Crane Lake Marina is currently the only marina in the TOA restricting an accessory dwelling
- With respect to Section 17 of the TOA's Official Plan - Section: Marina Policy, all commercially zoned lands and their docks are subject to site plan control. This control continues even if the proposed amendment is accepted.
- Should Council approve the requested amendment, the TOA has the power to design a site-specific zoning by-law amendment for the marina lands with specific restrictions related to the accessory dwelling to ensure the best result for the community, including suggested defined criteria:
 - Only one accessory dwelling
 - Total square footage of the dwelling
 - # of stories
 - Placement of the dwelling footprint
 - Distance from the shoreline
 - Septic / environmental requirements



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- The TOA confirmed that this application for a single accessory residence is well within the environmental controls already in place for this site
- The TOA confirmed that the Forested Area to the southeast of the operating area of the marina remains protected and will not be available for expansion or the placement of the accessory dwelling regardless of this amendment
- The application for this zoning amendment clearly identifies that the construction of the dwelling will be immediately adjacent to the existing marina commercial office building off the left side of the road as you enter the property. The dwelling has a footprint of 30' x 40'.

Based on the information above, and through the Board's careful consideration and discussions, the CLA wrote a letter of support for the approval of the proposed amendment to the TOA, referencing the need for continued site plan controls and adherence to all environmental regulations. An operating marina on Crane Lake is extremely important. We are reasonably confident that all appropriate restraints and controls will be put in place by the TOA should they decide to approve the application. And we believe it is not unreasonable to consider that an Owner-operator residing on the marina premises could be beneficial to the viability of the marina.

On March 12th, 2021, a virtual Public Hearing was conducted by the TOA via Zoom, after sending out Notices to a geographical area ten times greater than is required by the Ontario Planning Act. Five CLA Board members attended. Cale Henderson gave an exemplary presentation of the facts at hand. The Council heard from those in attendance that wished to comment on the application. The Council also received several letters from area residents that the TOA will take into consideration as they finalize their decision. It was made known that the purchase date for the marina is set for mid-April 2021 – with the Buyer hoping to establish themselves early in the Spring to be ready to help cottagers as they arrive for the 2021 summer season. The TOA is working diligently to respond to the application as soon as reasonably possible.

Your CLA Board is continuing to monitor this situation and diligently act under our mandate to represent the best interests of our Association members. Please feel free to contact the CLA Board at contactus@cranelakeassociation.ca if you have any questions regarding this matter. Questions regarding the proposed zoning by-law amendment itself should be directed to Mr. Cale Henderson at the TOA Planning Department – chenderson@thechipelago.on.ca

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Board of Directors