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President's Letter

Darlene Cade Fraser

WOW! There is simply no room for complaining this year!! Blue skies and plenty of warm sunshine allowed Crane Lake to be at her best this summer! Enjoying continued pristine quality conditions, complimented by beautiful warm water temperatures from early June until at least mid-September, it was the perfect summer for cottagers and water activity lovers alike. However, good 'ole Mother Nature always seems to have the last say. After suffering from a lack of rain for her forest and vegetation, she finally encouraged her hungry wildlife, and in particular the Bear families, to seek out food from their friendly human neighbours. This was a 'big' year for bear encounters and we are fortunate that we were kept aware of this frightening activity through our Councillors communicative email network. Thanks lan!

And now, while the weather remains remarkably gorgeous, it is always a difficult task for those that must face the fact that the cottage season is drawing to a close for another year. The forest has suddenly become a spectacular display

of colour as the evening temperatures start to fall and we were so fortunate this year to enjoy a beautiful Thanksgiving weekend!

The summer of 2016 was a busy one for the board of directors of the CLA. We are excited to welcome four additional directors to the Board following the 2016 AGM! It is a great team! Our efforts, on behalf of the members continue with frequent water quality testing and reporting, our relationship with the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve has strengthened, the Annual CLA Regatta was another big success, and a new Binder is being published and will be available in early summer 2017 to every member. This Binder, titled 'Preserving Paradise', contains critical resource information with respect to 'Life at Crane Lake'. We hope it will find a spot on your coffee table so that every family member and guest might find time to enjoy reading through it!

Of course, the summer of 2016 introduced to all of us, as you are all aware, a potential change to the zoning and use of the Crane Lake Resort property. The Owner of Crane Lake Resort, Ned McLennan, presented a proposal to the Township of the Archipelago to make changes to his resort property. A well attended Public Hearing at the Resort in

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mid-July allowed property owners on Crane Lake to respond to the Owner's Proposal as presented, and for the Owner, Mr. McLennan, and his Planner to respond to questions. The Township Councillors in attendance took notice of the concerns discussed. The Councillors were really impressed with the interest and concerns presented by the cottage/property owners, and they agreed to a second Public Hearing to allow the Resort Owner and his Planner the time to make amendments to their original proposal. The Second Public Hearing took place in mid-September in the TOA offices, with Mr. McLennan and his Planner presenting their proposed revisions to the original Proposal in response to the first Public Hearing. There were several Crane Lake property owners in attendance at the second Public Hearing providing further comments to the TOA. The Councillors are now at work determining their best and final approach to the Proposal. Once we have received notice from the Township regarding their decision, we will present the news to our members promptly.

This issue of the Newsletter contains several interesting articles and we hope you find a few minutes in your busy schedule to read through them.

As our lives become busy with the last few months of 2016, and the Christmas season sneaks up on us, on behalf of the directors of the Board for the CLA, we wish you all the best for a safe, healthy and happy winter season!

Councillor's Report

Ian Mead

Here it is, the end of September, and what a Summer it has been!

Crane Lake Resort

As you know, there is an application before Council to separate the Marina from the Resort through a land severance and also to allow the Resort cottages to become condominium ownership. In July we had a Public Meeting at the Resort and the attendance was remarkable. Council was very impressed with your participation and letting us and Ned McLennan know what your concerns were. As a result, changes were made to the application and a second Public Meeting was held at the TOA office on September 16th.

Now it is up to Staff and Council to take all the input and put together agreements to provide a win, win, win for

Ned, the marina and the lake in general. Thank you very much for your participation. You make our jobs much easier.

Bylaw Enforcement

You may or may not be aware that the TOA has contracted with a local company to provide bylaw enforcement for our township at a very reasonable price. This service started on the May long weekend and the company has been responding to calls as well as working closely with TOA staff to "tune" our bylaws to ensure they are enforceable. Later this year or early next year many of bylaws will get some tweaking.

If you have a need for bylaw enforcement, you can call 705-746-4243 x325 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Fireworks

The use of fireworks in the TOA has become a topic of discussion. Currently, fireworks are dealt with in our 'noise' bylaw. With our review of the bylaws, as mentioned above, the whole issue of fireworks will be looked at.

Currently, fireworks are permitted on 3 days a year - the Saturday of the Victoria Day weekend, July 1st and July 4th, unless of course there is a fire ban in effect at that time.

It is important to note that if a fire is caused by the use of fireworks, the person responsible will be held financially responsible if the MNR or Seguin Fire Department is called to deal with the fire - not cheap!

In recent discussions at Committee, the possibility of a complete prohibition of the use of fireworks in the TOA was suggested. As a result, I will be doing a survey through my email list to find out how you feel about fireworks. Stay tuned!

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 -lan

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Those of you who follow my column know that this will be the last year of bacterial testing conducted by the Crane Lake Association. This was a decision made by a range of environmental scientists and this summer's test results serve to illustrate why. I generally only publish summary results for each of the 6 testing locations but today I want to show you the wide variability of this type of testing and how weather conditions can affect test results.

On July 2nd I headed out to take water samples. I try to schedule the tests about the same date each year so we can compare results year to year. It just happened that this year July 2nd followed a day of rain though only 2 inches in total fell. Still there was enough run-off to raise the total coliform bacteria counts through the roof. I recorded counts of over 2000 where 100 is our norm. Now coliform bacteria is found in all types of decaying vegetation but still it shows why controlling run-off from your property is so important. With that run-off is the chance for animal based bacteria such as E.coli to enter the water which can pose health risks. While overall this summer our E.coli numbers were well below our target value of 10 it is the wide fluctuations that are possible with this small sample size that makes this type of testing ineffective.

As we wrap up another summer on the lake I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Lake Steward. Gary Mueller has recently rejoined the CLA Board and has offered to take on the role starting next year and will be working with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Lake Partner Program. Gary has two young sons, Tyler and Gavin, and knows that engaging young people in monitoring the health of our lake will bode well for our future. Please welcome Gary (and his sons) to his new role.





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On a beautiful July 30th afternoon, the 2016 Crane Lake Regatta kicked off! With thanks to our hosts at the Crane Lake Resort, the beach was bursting with excited participants and spectators for the annual day of fun. We had a lot of great swimming and paddling, with some fierce heats! We congratulate all of our participants, especially our medal winners:

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Under 7 Non-Swimmer Boys	Justin N.		
Under 7 Swimmer Boys	Jonah B.	Paul N.	Evan W.
8-10 Girls	Abigail G.	Maeve T.	Nora H.
8-10 Boys	Andrew T.	Joshua B.	Tyler M.
11-13 Girls	Neva K.	Hannah V.	Elizabeth G.
11-13 Boys	Ben F.	Jake F.	Kyle H.
14-17 Girls	Kiyana F.	Nayla F.	Miranda S.
14-17 Boys	Kyle F.	Ethan S.	Ryerson N.
25+ Ladies	Karen R.	Tori	Carolyn N.
25+ Men	Bob N.	Jamie H.	Gordie S.
Fire Pump Relay	Team Mac Schneck Laurie, Ethan & Gordie	Team Notsu Emily, Eleanor, Hannah	Team On Fire Laurie, Tori, Max & James

A special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this day great! Whether you helped clean the beach in the morning, handled registration, or ran and judged the races, this day wouldn't happen without you! As always, we also thank those families who donated their canoes and kayaks to the cause.

A very special thank you to the Fire Safety Committee for demonstrating the Fire Pump and for running the Fire Pump Relay.

Finally, we want to thank Larry Schreiner for once again volunteering to take photos of the event! A selection of pictures are on the next page, with more available on our website and Facebook page.

See you next year!

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Staff at the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve have had another busy year with the continuation of signature programs and the introduction of several new initiatives. What's new you ask?

In 2016, the Kids in the Biosphere program was offered in Crane Lake, as well as several other areas with support from the Township of the Archipelago. This program offers free activity kits to registered families. Families complete of nature related activities to earn points, and at the end of the summer collect prizes from the GBBR office, 11 James Street Parry Sound.

In 2015, a documentary crew was on hand filming in eastern Georgian Bay for the TVO series Striking Balance. Narrated by Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy, Striking Balance is an 8x50 minute documentary series that goes coast to coast to create stunning picture of Canada's Biosphere Reserves. There will be a free special community screening at the Stockey Centre in Parry Sound on Friday September 30th at 7pm. If you can't make it to the free screening, each episode will be airing on TVO between October and November.

New trailhead signage has been developed at the 'Amazing Places' in the biosphere including the Georgian Nordic Ski & Canoe Club and the Waterfront Trail in Parry Sound. Check out <u>visitamazingplaces.ca</u> to find out if you have been to all 10!

The Eat Around the Sound workshop series is a continuing success! With many local residents and cottagers attending our seedling planting workshop and edible wilds hike. If you are around after labour day make

sure to register for the Sweet Honey Festival on September 17th and Fun with Fermentation on November 27th. Register at <u>gbbr.ca/food</u>

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Hi, Everyone,

Where did the summer go? Fall is just about here, but that is also a lovely time of the year. This has been a banner year for real estate sales throughout our area and it doesn't seem to be slowing down. I have serious Buyers looking to buy on both Blackstone Lake and Crane Lake. If you are contemplating selling or would like to know what your property is worth in the near future, then I would like to hear from you. As always, I offer private and discreet service with full access to the MLS system, several websites and exposure from our many ROYAL LePAGE offices throughout Canada, the U.S.A. and European affiliates.

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Regards, Gary R. Jennings, Broker



Crane Lake Association

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On Friday July 19th 2016 a well attended Public Hearing at the Crane Lake Resort provided an opportunity for the Resort property owner, Mr. Ned McLennan, and his Planner, to present to the property owners on Crane Lake his Proposal for change to the use of his Resort property. The meeting's facilitator, Mr. Cale Henderson, Manager of Development & Environmental Services with the Township office, provided additional insight from the Township's point of view. Mr. Henderson encouraged those in attendance to ask questions and express concerns. The Councillors of the TOA were at the meeting as well and they learned first-hand about the apprehensions and worries of the property owners on Crane Lake regarding the Proposal.

With consideration of the expressed concerns from the first Public Hearing, Mr. McLennan revised his Proposal and resubmitted it to the TOA. It was then posted to their website for easy access by all interested stakeholders. Our Councillor, Ian Mead, distributed the revised Proposal, along with the information regarding the second Public Hearing, to those Crane Lake property owners that are on his email communication list. On Friday September 9th, the Second Public Hearing was held at the TOA offices in Parry Sound. A small group attended including approximately 8-10 Crane Lake property owners. A few various concerns were restated to the TOA by CL property owners. The TOA confirmed they had received approximately three letters from CL property owners between the date of the release of the revised proposal and by the date of the second Public hearing. It would appear that many of the more common issues were resolved by the revised Proposal.

Now it is in the hands of the Township of the Archipelago council to rule on the revised application. The Crane Lake Association has expressed to the TOA, on behalf of all property owners on Crane Lake, that certain critical components must be seriously taken into account as the Township reviews the Proposal. Particularly, the CLA draws attention to the ongoing protection of our environment and the protection of Crane Lake water quality. This includes, but is not limited to, concerns regarding: potential rental use of the units; septic system over loading; potential increased boat traffic and its impact on noise pollution and shoreline erosion; and the potential for future unwanted development on these lands if the property is severed as requested. With respect to these specific concerns, we do note the following:

- Mr. McLennan has stated that he intends to include a clause within the original Condo Declaration which prevents rental of the units. This is meant to discourage those purchasers interested only in an 'investment' opportunity for rental income gain.
- Government agencies (in particular the MOE) play a significant role in monitoring the safety of a commercial septic system. The TOA has confirmed the existing septic system was installed to meet all post-Walkerton requirements and is large -certainly very capable of managing the existing cottages and buildings on the premises. (In fact, the septic system, as installed, was initially designed to also accommodate the restaurant, kitchen and meeting hall.) If the Proposal is approved the Condo Corporation will be required to abide by the MOE septic regulatory controls.

• The CLA Lake Plan, filed with the TOA earlier this year, clearly states that the property owners of Crane Lake support fully the current Official Plan of the TOA which allows no severance of existing property on Crane Lake. This Proposal, by Mr. McLennan, specifically requires severance of the existing property to allow the operations of a Marina (docking, parking, etc) to continue to serve the needs of Crane Lake residents. This severance would allow the operations of the Marina to continue independently of the use of the balance of the property. It is common sense that a Marina operation must continue as it is a critical business service to the benefit of the property owners of Crane Lake. However, the TOA must consider carefully the impact should they agree to this severance. The Marina lands, if severed from the existing property, must be treated with particular attention by the TOA. They must ensure the continued viability of this property in order to retain the future operations of a Marina, while at the same time ensuring the continued environmental safety of Crane Lake. The TOA has reaffirmed that precedence from one decision does not hold weight as an argument for future requests for severance of land. Each application is considered independent of any prior applications.

Information will be posted to our website as the determination from the Township of the Archipelago is made public. This Association remains committed to its work on behalf of all stakeholders in the preservation and celebration of Crane Lake.



Crane Lake Perimeter Swim: The Third Year By: Monica Gemeinhardt

In 2014, a few people took up the challenge to swim the perimeter of the lake over the next ten years. We started in the north end of Crane lake, by the river and have proceeded in a counter-clockwise direction. Momentum has grown and there is more participation as years go by.

Our route this year (from Green's Bay through The Narrows, past The Cliffs, around McRobert's Bay, back through The Narrows, past the Resort, around Van Koughnett's Bay and then past Düssel's Island) was much more populated. Hence we were able to greet many curious cottagers along the way.

This summer Karin Doss-Reid provided the swimmers with big maps of Crane Lake, enabling each of us to record our individual swims. It is very motivating after a swim to mark off the progress. This year our original core group swam Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11am. Other folks swam when they could and joined the core swimmers when they were able. Twice we had ten people out for the swims.

We experienced a lovely, sunny end to our fantastic summer of perimeter swimming. Seven of us swam from near the Duck Marsh opposite the Resort to the Glass Cottage on September 5, 2016. We were feted by Carolyn and John Ferreira who gave us a lovely reception following our last celebratory swim of the season. Thank you, Ferreiras, for the terrific hospitality!

My records to date for my swims over the past three years are below:

In 2016, 17 swims, 14 hours & 21 kilometers; In 2015, 11 swims, 7 hours & 10.5 kilometers; In 2014, 4 swims, 3.5 hours & 5 kilometers. Totals: 32 swims, 24.5 hours and 36.5 kilometers, approximately.

The kilometers (based on my swimming about a kilometer in 40 minutes) may be under-estimates. We know Chris Reid rode his bike around the perimeter of Crane Lake in the winter and recorded a distance of 68 kilometers. I think we are way beyond half the lake so either I am swimming faster than in a pool or we are not skirting the shore as closely as Chris did. Hey, or maybe I am getting faster!

One of our swimmers related that her physiotherapist may start to swim the perimeter of her cottage lake. We wonder if other cottagers on other lakes would rise to a challenge? In any case, we have accomplished a lot and enjoyed our project. We predict that our core group will finish next year, weather permitting.

Many thanks to our dedicated drivers of support boats for making it happen and keeping us safe. I am hoping to see Kate Lissauer (who suggested the perimeter project) in the lake with us next year.

Thanks for the inspiration, Kate.

Until next season,

Monica Gemeinhardt | Monica.gem@hotmail.com



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John D. Rogers

1941 - 2016

By: Eric Piirto

Crane Lake lost a very significant member of its community this August with the passing of John Rogers. Not only was John instrumental in the creation of the Aga Ming Property Owner's Association, a launch and docking facility serving many of the cottages in the northern half of the lake, he was also very involved in the outfitting of the modern day Crane Lake fire boat.

In the 1990's given there was no fire protection provided by the Township of the Archipelago the Crane Lake fire committee embarked on an ambitious project to build a new fire boat, the previous one being a simple wooden boat. A pontoon boat was determined to be the best style of boat as it provided easy access and storage for all of the equipment required to fight fires from the water. John was a very successful business man in Mississauga and he used his considerable influence to obtain from Peel Region the fire hoses, nozzles, other firefighting

equipment plus the very impressive light bar, all at no charge to the Crane Lake Association. John also negotiated an extremely favourable price for an outboard motor from Gordon Bay Marina. As if this was not enough, John offered the services of his urban planning company to recreate the Crane Lake Cottagers Map in an expanded format complete with the locations of the portable fire pumps. This was an invaluable tool for the fire committee as responding to fires from the water requires a detailed knowledge of the shoreline and each cottage's location. No doubt most of you have a copy of this map in your cottage; many mounted as wall hangings.

John embodied a great spirit of civic mindedness and he will be sorely missed. It is this type of individual contribution for the benefit of the whole that makes Crane Lake the unique community we hold so dear. Rest in peace, John.

Love Your Lake Report

Love Your Lake is a packaged shoreline evaluation and stewardship program used throughout Canada. The program was developed by Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation to be delivered by existing, local organizations such as the GBBR. Lakes are assessed on a property-to-property basis from a boat and each shoreline landowner receives access to an individualized property report. The reports have information about the state of the shoreline on the property as well as suggested voluntary actions for improvement. These are simple suggestions to help protect and enhance shorelines and lake health.

The results of the 2015 Love Your Lake surveys on Crane Lake are available. Visit www.loveyourlake.ca to download your report with your Survey Code. If you did not receive your Survey Code, email info@loveyourlake.ca and they will assist.

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The GBBR is very active in our area and has partnered with the Crane Lake Association on multiple occasions. Most recently, they held an activity day for kids during our Annual General Meeting!

Visit <u>www.gbbr.ca</u> to learn more about the GBBR and their work in our area.

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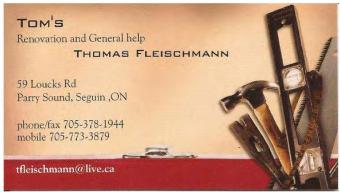
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Communications Update

By: Ross Fraser

This year, the Crane Lake Association website went through a series of changes, prompted by some technical difficulties with the previous platform. We hope you will all take a moment to visit our website at www.cranelakeassociation.ca to check out the new look! Updates include a more news & event style layout, allowing easier access to news items that are pertinent to the lake, and better photo sharing tools - which we hope you enjoy as you scroll through the 2016 Regatta images. You will also find these on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CraneLakeAssociation.

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Thank you all for the fantastic summer! We'll see you on the lake in 2017!

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