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## President's Letter

Darlene Cade Fraser

The summer of 2017 – the summer of the Big Wet! Crazy! Every weekend, any hope of sunshine would be crushed by heavy rains. And, to accompany the soaking, we were delivered cool temperatures. The Weather Network recorded temperatures in the Parry Sound area that confirmed only 3 days in each of June and August, and only a total of 5 in July, that exceeded 24 Celsius. Just nonsense! But – never to be defeated, cottage life on Crane Lake adapted, and out came the card games, the board games, and good books that were enjoyed curled up on the couch! Often, the wood stove or fireplace added to the ambiance, shedding the dampness, and keeping us warm and comfortable. Meanwhile, the 'liquid sunshine' outside was wonderful for our gardens, our forest and our wildlife. There is never a bad day on Crane Lake! Your Association's AGM was held at Crane Lake Resort, thanks again to Ned, on Saturday July 15th. This year your Board of Directors changed the format slightly and started the business component earlier, at 9:30a.m. The meeting was productive and concluded within an hour. Your new slate of Directors was approved, and it is a strong, bright and experienced group of twelve! With over 100 in attendance at the meeting, after a coffee break, we introduced our guest speaker, Peter Lillico, a lawyer specializing in Cottage Family Succession. Peter's presentation was very informative, offered practical advice

and we all enjoyed his terrific sense of humour. Since CLA is a member of FOCA, (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations), our costs related to Peter's visit were covered by FOCA. If you were unable to attend, you may wish to visit FOCA's website [www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca) where you will learn how to purchase Peter's DVD's regarding 'Keeping the Family in the Family Cottage', or to contact him directly. At the AGM, every paid-up Member of the CLA in attendance was given a binder called "Preserving Paradise, a Guide to Life on Crane Lake". This is a comprehensive resource guide, specific to our Crane Lake neighbourhood. It includes information on local emergency contact information and procedures, fire safety protocols, our water quality practices, waste management information, fishing and boating information, interesting historical details of our Crane Lake community, and a copy of our own Crane Lake-Lake Plan. The guide was designed, compiled and published by your Board of Directors - it was a project of passion! Over the balance of last summer, your Directors personally delivered, by boat, this Guide to as many of the paid-up members as possible that were not able to be at the AGM. We also visited cottages that are not current members. We are delighted with the overall response to this Guide, and very excited with the growth in membership we are enjoying as a result. We know there are several cottage properties that do not have this binder. Our delivery will resume again next summer – so keep your eyes open for a friendly visitor at your dock! Don't hesitate to contact us if

you are not currently a member of the CLA, or to arrange the delivery of your copy next summer, by emailing us at [contactus@cranelakeassociation.ca](mailto:contactus@cranelakeassociation.ca).

Membership in the CLA enables your Board to engage in activities that benefits all of our Crane Lake community. We continue to maintain our Fire Boat, localized fire pumps and A.E.D.'s, we monitor our water quality on a regular basis, remain engaged with organizations that advocate on our behalf for the interests of waterfront properties, provide our families with three Newsletters each year, and orchestrate an annual exciting swimming & canoeing Regatta and a Sailing Regatta! Please give serious consideration to membership and join us in our efforts to ensure our future generations will be able to enjoy Crane Lake as much as we do today!

This year your Board has decided to delve into the history of Crane Lake. There are already several personalized recounts by individuals with generations of family history on Crane Lake. We hope to build on these stories, and bring more to you over the next year. This is still in its infancy stage, and we will be reaching out to everyone

who might have tales to share about our community's history!

And finally, we learned this week that the Township of the Archipelago have approved the adoption of the amendment to their Official Plan, allowing the development of a Condominium with 18 units on the existing Crane Lake Resort property, and the severance of a parcel of land for independent marina use. The notice is included on the following page. This is just the first step in the approval process. The TOA must now proceed with a Planning Board session for the marina severance, and appropriate zoning by-laws have yet to be passed. At the same time, TOA require their amendment to be signed off by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs And Housing (MMAH). The process is comprehensive and complex, and definitely not over yet. We will keep you posted! We hope you will find a few quiet minutes to enjoy the articles in this issue of the CLA newsletter!

On behalf of each of the directors on the CLA board, our warmest wishes to you for a great winter season, a beautiful Christmas and a very happy and healthy new year in 2018!

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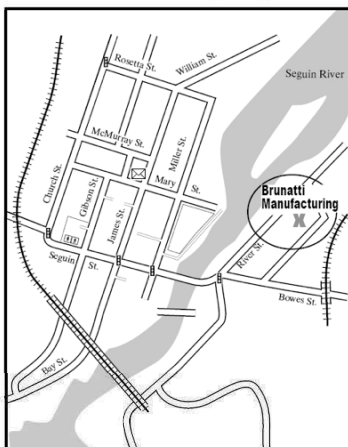
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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
 OF AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT  
 CONCERNING PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN  
 AMENDMENT No. 62 (CRANE LAKE RESORT)**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago passed By-law No. 17-51 to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 62 on the 20<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2017, under Section 17(22) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

**THE PURPOSE** of proposed **Official Plan Amendment No. 62** is to add a new paragraph to "Section 16 – Special Provisions" of the Official Plan with respect to the lands designated as part of Lot 21, Concession 9, being Parcel Nos. 3040 and 5717 PSSS, including Part 2 on Plan 42R-9780, in the geographic Township of Conger.

**THE EFFECT** of proposed **Official Plan Amendment No. 62**, would be to facilitate the conversion of the existing resort into a 18-unit standard, residential condominium and to allow the severance of the marina lands from the property located in the Crane Lake Neighbourhood.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision is made to the approval authority. The name and address of the approval authority to which such a request should be forwarded is:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
 Municipal Services Office - Northeastern Region  
 Attention: Mr. David Welwood, Planner  
 159 Cedar Street, Suite 401  
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**AND TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the land to which Official Plan Amendment No. 62 applies is also the subject of Condominium Application No. SB01-16, Consent Nos. B01-16, B02-16, and Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z02-16.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that Council received oral submissions during the hearing that were taken into consideration.


**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** including the Official Plan Amendment is available for inspection by the public at the Township office during normal office hours. Please direct any inquiries to the Planning Department.

**DATED** at the Township office this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2017.

Cale Henderson, MCIP, RPP  
 Manager of Development &  
 Environmental Services

# Shoreline Owner's Guide to Invasive Species


FOCA - Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations



FOCA is very concerned about the potential impacts of invasive species and the negative effects they may have on our quality of life in Ontario. We have already seen the impacts from the many existing and looming invasive species introductions, including forest pests like the Emerald Ash Borer, aquatics like the Zebra Mussel and Asian Carp and invasive plants such as Phragmites and Garlic Mustard. These invaders have proven to alter the environment, damage our economy, and negatively impact our communities. We feel each of us has a role to play to ensure the resources we enjoy today will be here for future generations. Long-term and meaningful conservation in Ontario can only be accomplished through the thousands of individual actions carried out by private landowners. Invasive species can take over lakes, forested areas, grasslands and cottage gardens. Invasive species can permanently alter the landscape by killing trees that provide valuable shade, reducing the abundance and variety of native fish and aquatic life, squeezing out desirable plants, and clogging up waterways. In addition to their direct impact on the landscape, invasive species also hurt the pocketbooks of cottage owners by damaging private property, reducing property values, affecting health and safety, and compromising the enjoyment of recreational activities such as boating, swimming, water sports, and fishing (Invasive Species Centre, 2014) - **Download your copy of the Guide here:** <https://foca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/>

## Crane Lake Celebrates the End of WWII

Darlene Gade Fraser



The timing of this Newsletter corresponds with that special day recognized recently on November 11th, when we pay tribute to the men and women of all backgrounds who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Remembrance Day allows us a necessary and very important moment within our busy lives to stop and respect all those who have defended and promoted Canadian values of freedom, democracy and human rights. We are stronger because of their service and safer because of their courage and sacrifice.

From somewhere deep in the archives of history of Crane Lake, we recently received an incredible letter discovered within personal belongings of someone whose family used to frequent Crane Lake. We have their permission to share this with you. The author is 'unknown'. The letter dates August 23rd 1945 – less than 10 days after the formal announcement ending the Second World War! It is this letter that has stimulated the Board to learn more about our past. We hope you will enjoy this letter written over seventy years ago about a celebratory event that took place on the shores of Crane Lake.

August 23, 1945

Dr. William Wishart conducted a sunset service at Crane Lake, Canada, last Sunday in connection with the international thanksgiving services to mark the close of World War II.

A service of prayer and thanksgiving was held at the Crane Lake cabin of Douglas Patterson of Lockport, New York. Visitors from the United States and Canada, on vacation at Crane and Blackstone lakes, as well as native inhabitants were present.

Motorboats of all sizes brought groups of people anxious to praise God and give thanks for the ending of this tragic war. Boats came from as far as eight miles.

As the hour arrived for the service, the audience gathered at the edge of the beautiful Crane Lake in front of the Patterson cabin, a picture beautiful and unique was present. The sun beginning to sink into the lake on the western horizon, a day of perfect Canadian weather drawing to a close and a group of people who were ready to give thanks to God out-of-doors.

Mr. Patterson, who had conceived the idea of this service, explained the occasion of the meeting and asked all to stand and join him in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". After which, with all eyes bent on the flags of two great nations, Great Britain and the United States, all sang "God Save the King" and "America" followed by this international song:

Two Empires by the sea,  
Two Nations great and free,  
One Anthem raise.

One race of ancient fame,  
One tongue, one faith we claim,  
One God whose glorious name  
We love and praise.

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Dr. Wishart's theme was one of gratitude, illustrated by prayers which he read and scripture readings, and the spirit of the peace-loving people of the world.

Dr. Wishart directed a prayer for the King of the English peoples, the President of the United States, and all the men who fought for peace.

The service closed with the singing of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and while the audience stood, a prayer of confession, followed by one of dedication, was read. The Minister then, with outstretched hands over a serious and thoughtful group of people, and as the sun sank below the western horizon into the sea, pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Patterson invited everyone to stay for a bonfire at the point and many did. Gradually the boats gathered their passengers and slipped away into the night, guided by the light of a rising moon and the millions of stars filling the dome of the sky.

History has been made on the shores of a little lake in northern Canada. No one present will ever forget the part they played in the celebrating of victory which we hope will establish peace and safety for all mankind.

# GBBR Biosphere Program Update

Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve  
Excerpts from the GBBR Newsletter



## **Kids in the Biosphere**

The Kids in the Biosphere program has wrapped up a fifth year of nature exploration for families on the Bay.

In 2018, we hope to double the number of registered families in the Kids in the Biosphere program! If you haven't participated in the fun yet, or if you can't wait to join again, don't miss 2018 Kids in the Biosphere. Your family will enjoy:

- Free Activity Kits - have fun learning about GBBR all summer!
- Online photo gallery to share neat findings
- A fun blog about local wildlife, events, and much more
- Great prizes, just for having fun in nature!

Over 100 families enjoyed Kids in the Biosphere in 2017. Prizes remain available at the GBBR office, 11 James Street, Parry Sound.

Discover the excitement: [gbb.ca/education/kids](http://gbb.ca/education/kids)

## **Striking Balance**

Striking Balance is a documentary series exploring eight of Canada's Biosphere Reserves, including our very own Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve. Each episode is 50 minutes in length and narrated by Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy.

DVD and Blu Ray copies can be purchased through the Georgian Bay Biosphere, contact [education@gbb.ca](mailto:education@gbb.ca) or call 705.774.0978.

Learn more at: [strikingbalance.ca](http://strikingbalance.ca)

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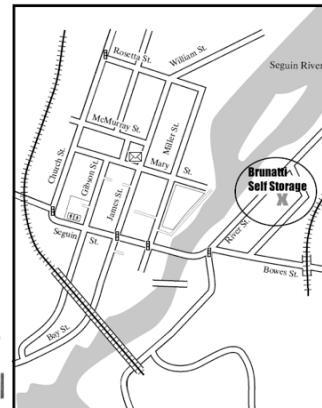
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# 2017 Regatta Results

Ross Fraser

High winds and choppy waters may have pushed back the event by a day, but the delay didn't deter dozens of families from coming together at the Crane Lake Resort beach to compete in the annual Crane Lake Regatta! With thanks to the squad of volunteers who spent a morning preparing the beach, we had a great day of BBQed hot dogs, swimming, canoeing, kayaking and, of course, the Fire Pump Relay! Congratulations to our winners below:

REGATTA RESULTS			
CATEGORY	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
7 & Under Non-Swimmer Boys	Justin Neugebauer		
7 & Under Swimmer Girls	Lexie Nicholson		
7 & Under Swimmer Boys	Paul Neugebauer		
8-10 Girls	Maeve Turner	Abigail Galvan	Maia Sophianopoulos
8-10 Boys	Nate Nicholson	Dylan Follett	Gavin Mueller
11-13 Girls	Elizabeth Galvan	Hannah Vibien	Alyssa Renger
11-13 Boys	Tyler Mueller		
Age 14-17 Girls	Eleanor Ellis		
25+ Ladies	Tori Russell	Carolyn Neugebauer	

FIRE PUMP RELAY RESULTS		
PLACE	TEAM NAME	TIME
1st	Team Nicholson - Jeff, Nate, Lexie	38:74
2nd	Team Hockey Chicks - Elizabeth, Maeve, Matteo	42:67
3rd	Loonie Letterios - Paige, Abby, John	45:56



# First Perimeter Swimmers Finish

Monica Gemeinhardt & The Perimeter Swimmers



Three swimmers (Tory McMahon, Judy Smith and Monica Gemeinhardt) completed the total perimeter swim of Crane Lake on August 4, 2017 with many other completions expected in future.

We had eleven (ranging in age from 6 year old Lexie to 68 years young Tory) in the water that day from three countries! Picture below. And, wow, did the weather cooperate. We had thunder before, and much thunder later but none during a rain-free swim in the north end, from Finger Point to the river that flows into Crane from Clear Lake.

There was a final celebratory swim on August 9 followed by a potluck picnic at the campsite in the north end that marked our start and finish point. McMahons created certificates of completion that were presented by Carolyn Ferreira representing the Crane Lake Association. It was gratifying to be interviewed and photographed for an article in Cottage Life magazine! Look for it next year. Attached is a photo of us swimming with the photographer.

We set a goal in 2014 to complete a perimeter swim, not knowing how it would unfold. What did we accomplish? We finished! Monica Gemeinhardt offered that we experienced Crane Lake's ribbon of life in an intimate way. We maintained our fitness levels and our friendships. We met new friends of like minds who also cherish our beloved lake. We have a new appreciation for the supports it take to achieve big goals, as we could not have done it without our coach boats that kept us safe. Our trio's perimeter swim took 30 hours, 38 swims of about 43.5 km of the actual 50.4 km lake perimeter,

allowing for bogs, weeds, docks, etc., over the past four years. Karen Doss-Reid provided us with maps of the lake so we could each record each swim along our journey.

Ardith Easton, who finished her perimeter swim later in the summer, noted that this was such a perfect project because of the nature of our lake - so many interesting fingers and bays with the high proportion of crown land with no cottages and no docks, allowing for quiet swims in those areas with no boat traffic. To see the shoreline at eye level gave a unique perspective - and the way the rock dropped off so severely close to shore was beautiful. We loved swimming over clouds of moss that looked like stars and seeing above the waterline moss cascading down the rock face like snow drifts.

Judy Smith observed that the consistent water level is a permanent marker on the granite rock that lines a lot of our shores. Last year it was really evident and when we first started out, we noted the yellow pine pollen had made its way into these lines and markings on the rocks, making them more visible. An interesting swim was by the dam, not too close to be swept over; it is unusual place on our lake, with lots of Crown land with submerged logs, lots of lily pads, shallow water and beautiful rocks, and driftwood. Crane Lake also features the cliffs which are an iconic site, especially when someone is jumping.

Tory McMahon loved wearing goggles as she felt she was enjoying the lake in multiple dimensions: the water surface, the shore, the sky and the lake bottom. The depth and topography of the land beneath the water is as varied as the one above it. She was also pleasantly

surprised at how little garbage she found (tin cans and golf balls being the main culprits) but it was disappointing to find any at all. She was amazed at how quickly most of us got over the yuck factor of swimming in shallow water, through weeds, over rotting trees and vegetation, casually sweeping aside water skeeters (not always successfully). We all swallowed a few bugs at one time or another! Her anxiety over the safety of the swimmers diminished as well as more of us began to wear bathing caps, keep closely together and she realized we had enough coach boats.

Tracey Beaulne's favourite swim was Green Bay and it was the first swim where her son, Nate, joined us and he loved it, as did she. Tracey has a very special memory of head down doing the front crawl only to sense something, stop and look up and there was a loon right in front of her! Many of us loved that Green Bay swim.

Ray Beaulne, her dad and driver of her coach boat, remembered "beaver bay" before you go to Beaver Lake. He was spotting that day and Kate Lissauer (our inspiration for the perimeter swim project) was head down skimming the shore line (Kate gets the award for not cutting corners!) and he saw a beaver on the attack swimming towards Kate. He started yelling "Beaver, Beaver, Beaver." It was at that point we all realized it was heading for Kate. Thankfully, she swam out of the beaver's path.

Tracey also recalled the attack of the dock spiders! We were about to start our swim as our boats dropped us off

on the raft in front of a cottage. Then about a million dock spiders (that's how many she remembers) crawled up from the weight of us on the raft. We could not jump off that raft fast enough.

Kate found a jaw bone skeleton in the lake and we "debated" about whether or not it was a dinosaur. Chris Reid, one of our coaches, enlightened us that it was from a deer. And so, with every swim we learned more of the lake.

It was fun to meet new people from all over the lake and form new relationships. In fact, the camaraderie was essential to achieving our goal; the lonely one-person make-up swims were not the same as experiencing the lake with someone else. It was an adventure arriving at strangers' docks and explaining what we were doing as we started and ended our swims, or chatting with people on their docks as we swam by. We were cheered on, told we had an admirable goal, and one little boy in Overflow Bay told us we could use his dock to take a rest if we wanted. Such a lovely community!

What's next? We plan to finish the perimeter swims with other swimmers, where possible. Some of us have swum the length of the lake before, so maybe we will do so again. Someone has suggested that we could "circumswim" each island of Crane Lake.

In any case, we will see you around the lake!



# FOCA Fall Seminar

Darlene Cade Fraser



On Saturday November 4th 3 representatives from your Board attended the Fall Seminar hosted by FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) at the Boulevard Club in Toronto. With over 125 representatives from Cottage Associations across Ontario, it was a great day of excellent presentations by guest speakers, and of learning what fellow Associations are accomplishing with their own communities. The Keynote speaker in the morning was actually 'The water Brothers', well known for their TVO show now in its 4th season. Alex and Tyler grew up at their family cottage in Georgian Bay and have become strong advocates for healthy water quality, not only locally in our fresh water system, but also globally. Their presentation introduced remarkable facts about today's water challenges from localized issues that are impacting our fish populations to the total removal of the availability for recreational use of our fresh water lakes, all due to human impact and climate change. Their stories certainly gave those at the meeting plenty to consider, and to share with their own neighbourhoods. The message is clear. If we each do our own part in

respecting and valuing the fresh water we currently enjoy, we may each make a difference in the long-term with the hope that our future generations will have the same enjoyment.

FOCA's President, Terry Rees, spoke to the efforts by their Organization to advocate on many fronts on behalf of waterfront property owners. They have developed a new invasive species guide, A Shoreline Owner's Guide to Invasive Species." Also, sizable signs are available to Associations for placement at boat water entry points that state clearly: STOP, Wash, clean and dry your Boat before entry. We will receive 3 for our own Crane Lake water entry docks with the full intent of helping to reduce the transfer of invasive species on the hull of boats as they move between different waterways.

The afternoon session was focused on volunteerism and Association events that engage volunteers. As a 'warm up', there was open discussion before lunch with the other Association representatives at each table and an opportunity to learn what others do in their own Associations. The panel session was focused on the involvement of volunteers in various not-for-profit organizations with Executive Director from Camp Kawartha, Chair of the Emerging Leaders for Biodiversity, and the Executive Director of Kawartha Land Trust on the Panel. They offered a broad spectrum of experience and insight into engaging volunteers.

It was a productive, informative Seminar and very glad we had the privilege of attending this full day event.

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