

Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

Fall 2002 Supplement

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

The Bay Lake Quality of Life Committee would like to hear from you!

Let us know your concerns regarding water quality, noise, congestion, light pollution or anything that affects your enjoyment of the lake. Please send your comments to:

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or mail to:

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ATTN: Quality of Life Committee

CLARIFICATION FROM M.O.E.

The Lake Steward Report in the Fall Newsletter contained information on shoreline changes and requirements for new docks. This information was also given out at the AGM. After reading our newsletter the MNR contacted us to supply us with some very detailed information.

The **Lake Steward Report**, states that: The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has advised all lakefront property owners not to make shoreline changes without MOE approval. Requests should be sent to the MOE with a photo of the existing shoreline and a description of the proposed changes. These changes include

placing sand at the shoreline and placement of new docks. MOE is now fining residents for changes made without permission and in some cases they are making residents restore changed shorelines to the original state with a fine.

Linda Martin, Area Technician from MNR Bracebridge writes:

For your information, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is responsible for review of proposed shoreline works and if approved, works are authorized under the Public Lands Act. Most shoreline works require review by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

You may be interested to know that DFO does not permit placing sand on a shoreline below the high water mark.

Concerning dock approvals, a work permit is only required for docks supported by cribs that occupy more than 160 square feet of the lakebed, i.e. 2 -10' X 10' cribs. Where the proponent is proposing cribs less than 160 square feet, i.e. 3 - 4' X 4' cribs, MNR approval is not required, however DFO review would be necessary.

LOCAL UPDATE

For those cottagers who have not been around for a few weeks:

Bay Lake Road has been resurfaced as of October 7th from Hwy 592 to Maple Drive.

On the evening of October 5th there was a severe storm which caused a power outage for about 48 hours.

CORRESPONDENCE

Just a word of thanks to all our friends and neighbours at Bay Lake who have given so freely of their prayers, love and support since the tragic accidental drowning of "our" Annette in the lake.

Your kindness will not soon be forgotten. Nor will we forget the kindness, visits, dinners out, gifts of food etc.

When dad (Stan Healey) lost two toes last November we wished we had a photo of our neighbours lined up in the driveway and waving goodbye when we took him west in the motor home December 16th. It is the kind of caring that makes this, such a great place to come back to. You'll be glad to know that even after another 16 day stay in the hospital in April (with pneumonia and irregular heart) he is happy to be back home again and puttering around and visiting with old friends who drop by. He is truly amazing.

Thanks so much,
Ruth and Dan Healey and Keith