

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2016



Our Mission :

To promote and maintain a healthy lake environment, and to encourage the responsible use of Bay Lake for the enjoyment and benefit of our community today and for the future

Wasn't That A Summer!!!

If you didn't have fun in and on the waters of our beautiful Bay Lake this summer, then you just weren't trying. The hot sunny days, warm evenings and cool nights seemed to go on and on. But as the days shorten and the fall shadows lengthen, let us look back at some of the things your BLPOA Executive has been doing on your behalf. Most importantly, our Water Testing Program continues to be a service of which we are very proud. Thank you to Judy Dunn and Bill Paterson who have diligently monitored the health of our lake for many years. Again this year, we were able to secure a \$1000.00 grant from Perry Township to help with water testing costs.

Last September we ended the "summer season" with our annual Corn Roast. Thank you to Wayne and Kathy Cook who have co-hosted this event along with the Association for several years. It is always a great evening of fun and friendship.

This year we obtained a licence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to stock fish in Bay Lake. This will breathe new life into the Fish Fund, to which people have been faithfully donating for many years. The licence allows us to stock up to 10 000 pickerel fingerlings per year for 3 years.

There is a new "lake depth" sign down at the boat ramp. If you haven't seen it, be sure to check it out when you take your boat out of the lake this fall. "Place Mat" style replicas of this map can be purchased from the Association.

We had another very successful Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction this year, on the May long weekend. Over 200 breakfasts were served! And nobody went away hungry. There were also some great bargains in the Silent Auction, which raised almost \$1400.00 in support of your Association. The Executive offers a sincere "thank you" to all those generous individuals who donated items to the auction. Congratulations to Rob Tilley, the luck winner of the 50-50 draw. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to meet old and new friends as we head into the summer season on Bay Lake.

This year, with each 2016-2017 membership, you received an Appreciation Plaque. We hope you will display this plaque proudly in recognition of your valuable support of the Association

Back in April, about eighteen hearty individuals set out on the roadways around Bay Lake for our annual Pitch-In Day clean up. Many bags of re-cycleables and garbage were collected. Thank you to Bill Paterson who has organized this event for many years.

Work has begun on our Bay Lake Signboard refurbishment project. We look forward to the completion of a new signboard which will stand proudly for years to come.

On Sunday, August 7, 2016 we held our 35th Annual General Meeting. A good turnout of the BLPOA Membership heard a history of water testing on Bay Lake, presented by Bill Paterson. There were reports by various Executive members and Randy Webber lead us through the election of a new Executive. Some thoughtful questions, concerns and issues were raised by members. The lucky door prize winners were Steve Vermeiren and Randy Webber. When our meeting concluded, Perry Township Mayor, Norm Hofstetter, spoke about township matters and answered various questions.

Your BLPOA Executive appreciates your support! And all of these accomplishments would not be possible without it. You can support your Association through your Membership, Volunteering, and Participation in our events and activities.

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Membership

Membership is open to all permanent and seasonal residents on the lake.

There is approximately 200 cottages on and around Bay Lake, and we have 75 members whom faithfully support us : that being only 39%.

The BLPOA work on your behalf to try to protect and preserve the health and well being of the lake and environment. A portion of your membership dues go towards water testing which we do often to monitor our water quality and detect any problematic issues.

We all have a vested interest in our lake, so I encourage everyone to become proactive, talk with your neighbours, and encourage them to support their INVESTMENT !!

PAY YOUR DUES : \$ 40:00 / year

Payment can be by cheque, mailed to
BLPOA PO Box 120

Novar ON P0A 1R0 OR

By Paypal through the website



Pet-owners Please Take Note!



We all love our furry friends, but it has recently become a problem for some of our neighbours that people aren't adhering to By-laws regarding keeping animals on a leash when off your own property.

One of our local residents has had some issues with their chicken coop being compromised by neighbouring dogs entering their property. This isn't fair to anyone! Please be respectful and obey the laws by keeping your animals on your own property and be responsible for your pet's sake and the rights of others!

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President's Message

I would like to introduce myself as the new President of the Bay Lake Property Owners Association. I have enjoyed our cottage/lake for the past 15 years and have been a member, volunteer and have served on the Executive in the past. I look forward to continuing my efforts with the new Executive to support the Association's goals in promoting and maintaining a healthy lake and environment.

Our 35th Annual General Meeting was held on August 7th and was very informative and well attended. We were pleased to see a number of new property owners attend and participate at this meeting. Welcome to the Lake! With the assistance of Randy Webber, the election of officers for the 2016/2017 was completed and the list of your new Executive is detailed below. The minutes of our meeting will be posted on the website following a review and approval by the Executive.

I'd like to thank last year's Executive for your dedication and hard work. You should be pleased with your accomplishments during that time. Thank you for your contribution.

Stepping down this year are Karen and Rick Oldfield, Bob Nimigeon and Glen Vey. I know that we can count on your continued support and advice....Thank you!

New to the Executive this year, we welcome back former Executive Members; Judy Dunn, Gaynor Moore and Paul Turner. We are fortunate and pleased to see experienced members returning, however, we welcome and encourage new members to join us. With new members, come new ideas! To join us please contact me at president@baylakeontario.ca.

We will continue to work with the BLPOA'S Mission Statement in mind

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I wish you all a very happy and safe fall. Come out and enjoy the Corn Roast, and the beautiful fall colours of Bay Lake!

Sherry Vey

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2016/2017 EXECUTIVE

SHERRY VEY - PRESIDENT

STEVE MORRIS - 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT

RICHARD FROUD - 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

MICHELLE FROUD - TREASURER

GAYNOR MOORE - SECRETARY

JUDY DUNN - ENVIRONMENT & WATER QUALITY

PAT NIMIGEON - MEMBERSHIP

VICTORIA DARLING-WADEL - NEWSLETTER EDITOR

JOHN MEYER - WEBSITE DATABASE

PAUL TURNER - MEMBER AT LARGE



We would love to hear from you! If you have any stories or photos

from your Bay Lake experiences, email them to:



info@muskokarealestatenorth.com and we would be happy to include them in our next newsletter!



Winter Landfill Information



**Sunday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Monday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday: Closed
Friday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Waste Management cards can be picked up from the Transfer Station Attendant; proof of residence is required by either driver's license or a utility bill. Each household is permitted to dispose of an allotted 5 bags of refuse per month. A charge of \$2.00 for each bag to be disposed of over and above the 5 bag

limit shall apply. A bag of refuse can be no larger than 26" by 36". Carry-over of bags from one month to another is not permitted (bags must be used within the allotted month on the disposal card).

