

News & Views 2010

SUMMER UPDATE

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The 18th Annual Mo Park Children's Rock Bass & Sunfish

Fishing Derby - 2010 Winners

Under 5 Years Old

1. Ethan Watkins
1. Kiran Watkins
3. Andrew Neveu
4. Ryan Lloyd

5&6 Years Old

1. Devyn Dark
2. Katey Brand
2. Jacksyn Brand
4. Markie Cromwell

7&8 Years Old

1. Matthew Bray
2. Owen Gilpin
3. Landon Bowen
4. Meridith Purcell

9&10 Years Old

1. Taylor Merritt
2. Alyssa Perzylo
3. Justin Perzylo
4. Liam Knox

11 &12 Years Old

1. Brandon Campbell
2. Daniel Perzylo
3. Gavin Mercier
4. Devon Arbuckle

13 to 15 Years Old

1. Courtney Dark
2. Brandon Tiomarco
3. Cameron Knox
3. Ryder Hicks

Major Door Prize Winners

- Katlin Doherty, Liam Knox
 Andrew Dewar-Walton, Conner Dark
 Justin McGrath, Ethan Coyle

Many thanks to the Derby Committee:

Tom, and Gemma Coyle, Jodi and Tony Pappas, Kari and Brett Crawford, Donna Peneycad, Harvey Holmeshaw, Betty Legacy, Verree, and Shar Mercier, Lori and Rich McGrath, Helen Saunders, Ron and Jan Haney, Kathy Winnett, Stepanie Neveau, Alf Doherty, Lexi Wright, Allyson Chilvers, and the many Face Painters!!!

Alfie Peneycad, Derby Chairperson

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 Cake Septic Pumping

Many private donations from association members!

Shadow Lakes Association Inc. Annual Family Membership

- 2010 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$20.00
 2010 & 2011 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$40.00
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2010 Municipal Election – Make Sure Your Voice Is Heard –Phil Taylor

October 25 is the date for municipal elections across Ontario and this year, as in 2006, property owners on the Shadow Lakes will once again be able to cast their vote using a mail in ballot.

September 10 is the cut-off date for candidates to declare their intention to run in the City of Kawartha Lakes. At the time of writing the candidates for mayor are Andy Letham, a former business owner and manager of the Lindsay fairgrounds and Ric McGee, incumbent mayor, resident of Shadow Lake, and director of the Shadow Lakes Association.

At the ward level the single declared candidate at this time is Emmett Yeo, local businessman, resident of Ward 2 and incumbent councilor since 2006.

Ward 2 encompasses all of the Shadow Lakes system from Coboconk to Norland and as a result the seasonal and permanent residents of the Shadow lakes make up the largest definable group of voters in the ward.

Considering the many issues that are common to us all such as high property taxes, land use planning (quarries, trailer parks, etc.) , and environmental protection , to name a few, our strength in numbers affords us the opportunity to influence and have a decisive effect on who represents us at the City of Kawartha Lakes council.

The key to having maximum influence is directly related to the rate of voter participation. Prior to the use of the mail-in ballot the voter participation rate of seasonal residents was less than 3 %. In the 2006 election, due to the mail-in ballot, the participation rate was in the 50% range. As a result, and particularly in light of the issues, we strongly urge our members to, once again, exercise your democratic right by using the mail-in ballot to ensure your voices are heard.

To help you make informed choices the association is preparing a list of pertinent questions for each of the candidates. We will compile a single document with the answers from each of the candidates and mail it to your home address (according to association records) to be received on

approximately the same day you receive your mail in ballot forms from the municipality.

Let’s make the 2010 election the one in which we achieve the highest voter participation rate ever and as a result make sure the voices of the residents of Shadow Lake are heard loud and clear and that we are well represented for the next four years at City of K.L. council.

Ed note: If you have moved in the last 4 years or are new to the association, please make sure we have your home address for the election issue mailing.

Support Our Local Businesses –Ian Forster

It has been good to see the level of activity in Downtown Coboconk increase this summer, not only on the weekends but also during the week. The weather has been great, but there has also been an effort made by our local businesses to provide the goods and services that people want and need.

An increasing number of cottagers are becoming full-time residents on our lakes and with the great weather, it seems that the cottagers are also spending more time in paradise. There has been a prevalent attitude from some of our cottagers and residents, that local business has not been making enough of an effort to provide good service and merchandise and that therefore people are stocking up on groceries and other items in the city before they make the trek to the cottage. Although this provides some short term pleasure for people, it has the potential to cause long term damage to our local businesses. As more people move up here full-time and cottagers start to use their vacation homes more and more, there will be an increased need for our businesses to provide the goods and services that they will require. These businesses will not be around for our use if we do not support them now.

It is very difficult for these businesses to plan and stock up on inventory when there is no way to predict what the demand will be. They are all making a concerted effort to provide what people need and want but if no one comes in and purchases these goods then it is money down the drain. It is hard to predict staff levels on a day to day basis when the weather can play such a big role in how many people come in to your store or restaurant.

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This past winter, there was very little snow, so there were very few snowmobilers and skiers coming up here and this made for hard times for our merchants.

It is very important to support our local businesses so that we will always have them available when we need them and that we can ensure a vibrant Coboconk will continue to exist into the future. Please keep in mind that this is cottage country and there are special constraints that are put on business, up here. The service might not be quite as fast as a big store or restaurant in the City but the people are great and you can't beat the scenery. If a particular store doesn't have what you need, ask if they can get it for you.

Please support our local businesses as much as you can to ensure that they are here when we will all need them.

Shadow Lake Water Levels and the Trent Severn Waterway—*Dave Warren*

After 3 months of very low (2-3 cu m/sec water flows at the Norland dam,) resulting in prolonged (three months) low spring water levels, in the Shadow Lakes, the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) managers finally increased the amount of water flowing into our lakes in mid July. The level then rose to a more seasonal norm. Then Shadow went to a quite high lake level as the northern Gull River system reservoir lakes somewhat overfilled with seasonal rain and rose to close to their seasonal maximums. The TSW predictably reacted by increasing the Norland flow strongly and all of a sudden we had too much water. Then they got it right. Northern lake levels remain very high and the rest of the excess water must be drained through us by early October. We can therefore expect higher levels in Shadow through the remainder of the 2010 season.

Over the past couple of years we have noted that the TSW is generally reacting to whatever the current levels in the northern lakes happens to be. When reservoir levels are less than average, if it is not absolutely necessary for the Trent canal system, they slow the flow through us, sometimes substantially and our lake level goes way down. When the levels in the northern lakes are above average they raise the flow rate, sometimes excessively and our level can go way up. This leads to quite a variable water level in the Shadow Lakes. We badly need a more steady flow.

Our efforts to obtain this include:

1. We report water level and suggestions to the TSW re: Shadow Lake on a weekly basis.
2. We have asked the TSW to develop a more predictive system of average expected flow rate through Norland to the end of the season, so that flow rates might be confidently smoothed somewhat, even under low or excessively high early season water levels in the reservoir lakes.
3. We have requested a water level monitoring station on Shadow Lake which has been agreed to when we find an adequate location on the lake.

4. We are also seeking more active monitoring and appropriate dam adjustments earlier in the season.

We believe that with better tools the TSW can be expected to do a better job of smoothing the levels in the Shadow Lakes system and your association will continue working toward that end.

Miss the 2009 Annual General Meeting?—*Paul Bassett*

Approximately 120 people attended. President Phil Taylor chaired, welcomed everyone, introduced SLA's Directors and reviewed the agenda.

He presented Alan King with a gift for his 14 years of service as a director, most of them as SLA treasurer. Phil reminded everyone of the two vacancies on the Board.

Water Levels

Phil Taylor: The SLA is working hard at three levels: Mayor McGee (at the political level) was instrumental in having Ian appointed to the new water management committee (at the technical level); and the SLA Directors' standing committee (Phil Taylor, Ian Forester, and Dave Warren) are working (Dave on an almost daily basis) with the TSW's new management, including giving them a Shadow Lakes tour.

Ian Forster: The management of the system has been opened up to other interests, creating more opportunity for contention. A new water-level gauge has been installed in Norland and another will be put into Shadow Lake. This will aid correlating flow rates with lake levels. Another consultant's report, due on March 31, 2011, will address how the system should be managed. TSW has been starved for resources. Bottom line: We are trying to help rather than just screaming. What helps TSW helps us.

Q&A:

1. What are the "competing interests"? The reservoir lakes' property owners want to stabilize their levels. If the TSW were to stop drawing water from them, the Shadow lakes would dry up.
2. Why do we have such radical water level changes? The level fell quickly in March because of a "drought" from March to May, forcing TSW shut off the flow from the reservoir lakes.
3. Do Shadow and Silver Lakes fluctuate the same way? Yes, but a little less fluctuation in Silver due to the pinch points at the rapids and narrows.
4. When will the gauge be put into Shadow Lakes? Currently we are looking for a spot, but ASAP.
5. What's become of the report from two years ago? It resulted in the advisory committee that Ian is on. The recommended funding to renovate the system has not happened.

Ian Forster: The other issue is the marker buoys. The extreme fluctuations have caused some to shift. The marker person is not on-call, and we are revisiting this need. New "slow" signs will be in shortly. When near shore please minimize wakes, especially given the increased number of wake boats.

The attendees gave Ian and Dave and Phil a round of applause for all their hard work.

Ward 2 Comments - Emmet Yeo (Councillor)

1. The ATV by-law is working well.
2. The power dam at Norland will be running soon.
3. Repaving Monck road is now finished.
4. Norland had a great 150th anniversary celebration.
5. Norland's 1st annual Demolition Derby is being held tomorrow.
6. Base-line road repaving was submitted as a priority but nothing was done. The City has repaired it, and has come up with a four year plan to repave it.
7. Please don't throw grass and weed cuttings into the lake.
8. First annual fresh water summit and boat parade was a tremendous success, and put Coboconk "on the map." Next year is the 100th anniversary of the TSW.



9. A 600 acre complex is going in on French Settlement road (west of Coby) that includes a solar farm, a biodiesel farm, a spa and a self sustaining condo complex.
10. The Laxton Landfill site will stay open. Emmet had to battle to reverse a decision to close it.
11. Speed limit on Base-line Road is 80kph, but unenforceable 60kph cautionary signs have been posted. Efforts are underway to make lower speeds enforceable.

City of Kawartha Lakes Comments and Update – Mayor Ric McGee

1. Internet access is undergoing service improvements. A new 100 MB/sec. "backbone" will make our service better than Toronto's, and won't have to be line-of-sight. Contracts will be signed in the next two months. Explornet, Bell, and other ISP providers will be able to use it.
2. Wastewater treatment: We have an expert in this area, and our intent is to create an international center of excellence for water quality in The City. This will give us an opportunity to advance the science, and make us an educational center for wastewater, which should bring private sector interests into the funding picture. It includes looking at fertilizer pollution, and a loan program to upgrade septic systems.
 - a. What about the Canada Goose problem? Ric has been lobbying the Federal Government to have them declared a risk to water quality. Suggestion: a large wooden swan has driven them away.
3. No wind turbine projects are planned. 24 turbines were approved but the Ontario Power Authority pulled their funding, and there was a strong lobby against them.

2010 Municipal Election – special newsletter – Phil Taylor

Phil noted that other candidates for the upcoming election were told they could not campaign at our annual meeting. As in previous elections, each candidate will be able to answer questions in a special September newsletter.

Kawartha Lakes Food Source – Eileen McCormack,

KLFS aids local agencies who provide food for about 2400 people, 40% being children. Summer is the lowest period for food donations, so please have consideration for the less fortunate right now. SLA could hold social events in which food or money is donated. KLFS is holding a golf tournament and other events in which volunteers are needed. Question from the floor: what foods are best to bring in? A list was read, including peanut butter, jam, canned meat, pasta. When the Coboconk Food Bank at the Civitan House is not open, one could bring food to the Lindsay office.

Norland dam hydro generation project – Scott Brown and Graham Vickery, Timber Run Hydropower Corporation

From their slide presentation: They are doing public consultations to the local communities to gauge interest and receive suggestions. The Green Energy Act created incentives to create a renewable energy industry. The Norland dam could generate power for up to 400 homes (500 kw, or 700 hp). A four years process selected Norland and obtained permissions to proceed. They still need to submit an environmental assessment, including fish habitats. Norland's dam dates from 1857, reconstructed in concrete in 1925. Norland's advantages: regulated water flows, close to the grid, regional support for hydropower, recently refurbished (2 years ago), underutilized, ability to integrate with new turbine technology.

Conventional turbines kill 30% of the fish that enter them. New turbines developed in Canada and deployed in Europe have larger slower blades while not compromising generation efficiency. They are submerged, hinged for flood control, silent. The project will share revenues with The City – to be earmarked for Norland – and the TSW, and will improve adjacent parks. Norland's water treatment plant will have priority over water needs. Goal is to commence construction in 2011. No impact on flow during construction. Norland will be a hub for this technology.

Once in operation, someone local will be on-call in case of problems. The project is estimated to cost \$2.5 – 3M. The slide show will be available on the SLA website.

W.G. Jackett quarry proposal – Brian Jackett, G. Jackett Landscape Construction

The 83 acre site, with access off Otter Lane (400-500 m. west of #35), will be used only to obtain landscape stone that is at or near the surface. Various studies have been done. One still in process is dealing with noise, especially backup beepers. There will be no blasting, no crushing, no alteration to the water table, no highway visibility (other quarries in the area do have visibility from Shadow Lake). The company has had no complaints for over four generations of family ownership. It

will be done on the smallest scale possible (class B, 20,000 tons/yr. max).

Q&A:

1. No turning lane and trucks are slow. Answer: At most five truckloads a day.
2. What happens if the business is sold? Answer: a complete reapplication with all the approvals would have to be re-obtained, so the public would be involved in the approval process.
3. Will there be a berm and will the pneumatic hammers be used in off season? Yes and Yes.
4. Will the license allow for mining on a larger area than initially approved? No.

Old pits are being depleted and new ones are harder to do the studies and obtain licenses. The big operators can afford it but would go for large scale mining, are not local and don't care, so Brian's operation is the better alternative.

Property owners adjacent to proposed quarry – Tom Tennison

Tom met with Brian and discussed the problems such as noise from the current quarries. Adjacent landowners from the narrows up to the trailer park got notices of the plan. Lloyd Robertson, the councilor for the area is involved. Objectors must provide objective evidence of potential harm, Indian burial grounds for example. Tom introduced Paul Saunders, another adjacent property owner who took aerial photos to see the 11 quarries in the area (with 150 licensed quarries across in the entire City). Some are operated more conscientiously than others. There are effectively three quarries adjacent to the proposed one.

Paul asked us to consider the negative effects: noise, dust, heavy truck traffic, reduction of property values, loss of habitats. Tom asked for a SLA Director to volunteer to join our "adjacent landowners' committee" and possibly go to the planning committee under the auspices of the SLA. Alf Peneycad volunteered, but the SLA cannot support the landowners' position without passing a motion at a Board meeting.

Other Questions from the Floor

1. The noise from the cleanup due to recent storm damage on Silver Lake is aggravating. The person making the noise with a chipper apologized for the disruption, but unfortunately there is no other way to clean up the destruction of his trees.
2. If the new quarry is started and sold, what protection does anyone have? The information from Q&A #2 above was repeated.

Adjournment was moved at noon.

Minutes taken by Paul Bassett:

SLA-Directors Needed – Jackson Smith

We still need new directors to fill the void of those directors retiring this year.

You can help preserve the environment and surroundings on the beautiful Shadow Lakes System by becoming actively involved as a Director of the Shadow Lakes Association. Although a voluntary position, you will receive much satisfaction in providing input and assistance in many ways, including this newsletter, external relations, activities and special events, water quality and environmental issues. Our objective is to improve quality living at the cottage, both in the summer and year round.

All interested persons should contact me jacksonsmith@sympatico.ca or by telephone, 905-666-3334 (Whitby)
Or
Eveline Eilert eeilert@sutton.com 705-454-0787

Controlling Canada Geese – Don van Wyngaarden

I am fed up picking up goose poop from the yard so I decided to look for some solutions which I am happy to share with you below. Apparently now is the time to begin planning what you might do about this perennial problem. By the time our next newsletter arrives at your door, it is too late to act. It is my observation that the time to act is just as the ice melts, usually before Easter.

The Canada Goose is a migratory bird, protected under Canadian law by the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*. The Canadian Wildlife Service, part of Environment Canada, manages wildlife matters that are the responsibility of the federal government, including protection and management of migratory birds. It is illegal to disturb, damage or destroy the nest or eggs of Canada Geese. **However, special permits may be obtained from the Canadian Wildlife Service to use acceptable deterrent techniques.**

"Timing is everything". Take the time to identify potential nesting and rearing sites and to prepare to discourage the birds as soon as they arrive in late winter. Monitor potential sites for newly arriving birds and act immediately. The birds are extremely reluctant to move on once they have begun moulting their flight feathers, in early June.

In the long term, attractive nesting and rearing habitat will continue to draw geese each year. Habitat modification may be necessary, along with seasonal deterrence, to discourage the geese more effectively over time.

Discourage nesting with "scare techniques". Disturb the birds as soon as they arrive to deter them from settling on the property. Short-term techniques include noisemakers, strobe lights, recorded distress calls, and the use of trained dogs. Combine techniques (e.g. noise and light) and vary the sequence continuously or the birds will quickly adapt to the disturbance.

Obtain a permit to discharge a firearm. A permit from the Canadian Wildlife Service is required for this technique. Where by-laws allow, permits may be issued authorizing the use of a firearm as a noisemaker to disturb the geese. The applicant must demonstrate that other techniques were tried without success.

Obtain a permit to sterilize the eggs. A permit from the Canadian Wildlife Service is required for this technique. If the birds have nested, use this technique within 10 days after the last egg is laid. Sterilize the eggs by coating them with non-toxic vegetable or mineral oil. Or addle (shake) the eggs to destroy the developing embryo. The goose will continue to incubate her eggs beyond the normal hatching date and will not re-nest.

If geese successfully establish a nest, do not destroy it. It is illegal to do so, and the geese will very likely rebuild another one nearby.

To request a permit, contact the Permits Officer at (905) 336-4464.

The entire pamphlet can be viewed at the following link, <http://www.on.ec.gc.ca/wildlife/brochures/pdf/geesesshorelines-e.pdf>

The Coboconk Food Bank—Paul Tomlinson

Times are difficult. Our local Coboconk Food Bank is in desperate need of non-perishable food items and financial contributions.

The Coboconk Food Bank has its greatest demand when summer is over and seasonal jobs come to an end. The

Lake Hazard Markers

The markers will be removed from the lakes by our contractor Mike Janke (454-1131), following the Thanksgiving weekend.

**Many thanks once again to all those who contributed to our newsletter.
Have a Safe and Happy Summer/Autumn!
Put on that life jacket!**

Don van Wyngaarden, Editor 705-454-3319
Don@planningforyourwealth.ca

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Shadow Lakes Association Inc.

Extreme Water Level Alert

I am a member of the Shadow Lakes Association and would like to be notified, if you can, at the e-mail address below in case of extreme high water occurring on the Shadow Lakes System.

I understand that this is a volunteer courtesy service for members only and that there is no extra charge involved. I acknowledge that the association provides the information gratuitously and without any warranty or representation as to the accuracy and timeliness of the information. As a condition of receiving the information I agree not to seek any remedy whatsoever from the Association, any members or officers of the Association or against anyone who may seek such remedy against the Association, its members or officers.

Name: _____

Email address _____

Green 911#: _____ Signature _____

population in the Coboconk area obviously swells when cottagers come to relax, play and access their cottage properties.

The Coboconk Lions Club wants to assist our local Food Bank. With the help of our seasonal residents, we can try to fill the empty shelves in the Coby Food Bank. Members of the Lions Club and other volunteers are willing to pick up any non-perishable food items you might have left in your cottage cupboards during the Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day weekends. What a wonderful gesture to make during Thanksgiving.

We can make this work in a number of ways:
You can drop off the non-perishable items at the Food Bank, located in the Civitan clubhouse next to the Kawatha Garage, on highway 35

- on Labour Day Weekend, Saturday, September 4th (10:00 – 2:00)
- on Thanksgiving Weekend, Saturday, October 9th, (10:00 – 2:00) OR
- you can make a financial contribution; cheques made payable to the Coboconk Food Bank, and mailed to Box 316, Coboconk, K0M 1K0

Thanks for helping the Lions Club serve the Coboconk and Norland communities.

Ed note: I just got off the phone with Ted Swift at 454-0540. He has graciously offered his assistance to make arrangements to have your non-perishable food items picked up should you want to donate your pantry cleanout prior to fall closing of the cottage.