

SHORELINE NEWS

Steenburg Lake Community Association

Fall 1991

Limerick Township - Hastings County

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOV. 1991

An important election in the Limerick Township will occur on November 12th (The advance poll is Saturday Nov. 2nd) and you are urged to make every attempt to exercise your right to express your preference for the council makeup. Included with this newsletter are several articles that appeared in the Bancroft Times over the summer addressing this crucial election. The editorial makes the best case for the cottager vote.

I have also included the new proxy voting form and the step by step procedure for utilizing it. This form is a duplex form so you will have to make a copy after you have completed it. Do not complete the proxy form until after October 11th. The town clerk retains one copy and your proxy voter deposits the other copy in the polling box. The advance poll on Saturday, Nov. 2nd is probably your best bet to vote in person or have your proxy form validated and deposited. The advance poll is at the municipal offices and the hours are 10:00 am - 8:00 pm.

There are three poll locations for election day, Nov. 12th:
Poll 1A (A - L) Vote at the St. Ola Orange Hall
Poll 1B (M - Z) Vote at the Municipal Office
Poll 2 (A - Z) Vote at the Limerick Community Centre

Your Poll location is identified on your "Voter Identification Notice" which you should have received in the mail. If you are unsure as to whether or not you are on the voting list, check at Trudy's, there is a list there. If you are not on that list and feel you are a qualified voter, go to the municipal office to get validated. A sample "Voter Identification Notice" is included with the newsletter.

The newsletter had to go to press on October 9th, therefore the names of the candidates for either town council are not included. Candidates do not have to declare themselves until October 11th. Every attempt will be made to include an insert with that information on it.

During the term of the present Limerick Council a number of very worthwhile projects have been initiated, the most important as far as our lake is concerned is the Lake Capacity Study. The Technical Report was to be available by Sept. 30th. A mailing problem has pushed this completion date out to the 3rd week of October, therefore the results of the study cannot be shared with you as of this date. The basic concern with this delay is that implementation of the recommendations could be left in

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the hands of a different council which might not look favorably upon those recommendations. This could very well happen with a radical change in the council makeup.

The questionnaires that have been received to date identify your main concern as continued development around the lake and within its drainage basin. The recommendations of the study incorporated into the revised Limerick Town Plan is the most positive way to make sure that no further development does occur around Steenburg Lake, an already overdeveloped lake. For this reason if no other, is why your vote is so very important in this election.

If this newsletter reaches you in time there is scheduled in Limerick Township on Saturday, October 19th from 3 pm - 5 pm at the Limerick Community Centre an "All Candidates" meeting. At this meeting questions can be directed to the candidates to determine just where they stand on issues that are of concern to cottagers.

It Has Been A Dry Summer

There is a general feeling that the Crowe Valley Authority over-reacted to the extremely high water levels of the lakes in April and brought the levels down rapidly in anticipation of the Spring rains that never came. The net result, a very low lake level which is about 12" below the normal level that is revealed by the lines on the rocks around the lake. The lake is the lowest that I have ever seen it and this resulted in a number of new buoys being added to mark rocks that never were a problem before.

Now we wonder what will happen over the next three seasons that might bring the lake back up. If the loss of 1 foot of water in the lake level is correct, it is going to take 222,866,899 US gallons of water to bring the lake back to its normal level. That is a lot of water.

Many local wells went dry quite early this year. I talked with quite a few at the water faucet by the Bancroft Post Office and listened to their tale of woe. We who draw water from the lake for most of our uses can consider ourselves quite lucky.

A Dry Summer continued.....

On the other hand you did not have to allow for rainy days this past summer. The weather was really great and the outdoor activities were the rule of the day. What is worse than a cottage full of grandchildren with a run of rainy days. I don't even like to think about it.....

At the directors meeting over the labor day weekend it was agreed that a letter to the Crowe Valley Authority was in order, stating the problems that went with what we think was premature lowering of the lake level.

EUGENE HARRISON (1923 -91)

It was a shock to all who knew Gene to have lost him so suddenly on August 28th. Gene and Ruth are permanent residents on the lake down at Maple Landing. Their home is the little white house on the point by the little creek. Gene was a very involved individual. He kept the Maple Landing road open all winter, was an enthusiastic snowmobiler, loved to fish and faithfully pulled water samples from the lake as part of the MNR "Self Help" programme as well as for the Limerick Township Lake Capacity Study. He devoted many hours to the Shrine organisation in Belleville and was honored by over 100 fellow Shriners at his memorial service in Belleville. Gene will be missed greatly. Gene's picture appeared in the July issue of the newsletter accepting the Steenburg Lake award from the MNR for 10 years participation in their "Self Help" programme.

Directors Get Off To A good Start

The annual meeting rounded out the needed directors to carry on the coming years activities. The directors met over the Labor Day weekend and a number of good thoughts came out of the meeting as well as the opportunity for the 5 committees to get together and resolve areas of responsibility. Accompanying this newsletter is the organizational structure for 91 - 93 and the general areas that each group is responsible for. If you feel there are areas that are not covered please call the lead director for that area and discuss it with him/her.

The directors are looking to the questionnaires to provide direction from the members as to the areas that are important. For those that have not yet returned a questionnaire, one is included with this newsletter and on the reverse side is room for you to provide your entry concerning the revision of our letter head, design for a "T" shirt, and the mast head for the Shoreline News. It would be nice if the artwork could be common to all three items. It is not necessary for you to come up with the art work, just the concept.

Update On Marina Purchase

Legal advice concerning the proposed corporation for purchase of the marina does not allow for 200 share holders. The highest allowable number of shareholders would be 40. In order to raise the \$100,000 that would be required would raise the price per share to \$2,500. All those that indicated an interest to participate at the \$500 level will be contacted as to their interest at the \$2,500 level.

Trash On The South Road

On Tuesday, August 20th, 7 new green plastic garbage bags were found discarded behind lot #101. It can only be hoped that this was not done by a cottager but rather by renters or visitors. A check of the contents revealed no information that would indicate the guilty party. The contents indicated trash from a party such as pop cans, juice packs, styrofoam plates and cups. The act revealed a wanton disregard for neighbors and the environment. If you have guests or let your young adults have the cottage for a weekend, impress upon them that we do have a dump and let them know what the hours are and how to get to it. Hopefully this was a one time incident.

Cottage Turnovers

As of the end of August the following cottages are up for sale: #46 - Marina (Wilson), #89 - Thrasher, #90 - Papizzo, #104 - Middleton, #109 - Balson, #131 - Wells, #167 - Davies, #171 - Starkiewicz, #187 - Vorich, #191 - Benard, #148 - Fitzgibbon

While some leave new ones arrive. Let us welcome our new neighbors:

- #136 - Jane Ann Haggarty from Brighton
- #129 - Sandra & Bill Dapore from Belleville
- #141 - Steve & Kathy Vanner from Belleville
- #30B - Loy Rosati & Barb Rockwell from Islington

Waste Disposal Survey

This survey is into its 3rd year and there are still 25 members who have not responded with a completed survey form. If you are one of those, a survey form is included with this newsletter in the hopes that you will complete it and mail it back using the enclosed address label. Below is a summary of what type of systems there are around the lake. Little by little the septic systems are being upgraded or new ones installed. The picture is very encouraging as was the clarity of the water this past summer.

STEENBURG LAKE WASTE DISPOSAL SURVEY SUMMARY

Systems Surveyed: 138 (9/91)

'Types and number in use

Septic	Privies*	Holding Tank	Chemical	Other
110	12	10	1	5

System upgrades under consideration :23

'Routing of Kitchen Waste

Septic	Dry Well	Lch Fld.	Sand Bed	Hold Tank	None	Other
95	22	3	7	6	2	2

Septic systems installed prior to EPA (1974) : 28

* Privies used on a regular basis, not as back up
71% response level from cottagers not including empty lots

Shoreline News Delivery

The "Shoreline " Newsletter comes out 4 times a season. The spring and fall issues are mailed directly to your home. The July and August issues are hand delivered to member cottages. The same problem persists for cottage deliveries in the past, where should your newsletter be left. The person we contracted with this year for delivery found that to be a problem. Screen doors locked or no screen door at all and no obvious protected location for the newsletter to be placed. After delivery it could be weeks before you get back to the cottage and in the interim your newsletter could be destroyed by the elements or blown away. Put it on your list of things to do to find a location at your cottage that is fairly obvious to the letter carrier as a repository for your newsletter.

S.L.C.A. Questionnaires

At the annual meeting a number of issues arose which needed a more representative viewpoint of cottagers than the few that were at the meeting. Thus the questionnaire that was put together to secure a broader viewpoint was included with your August newsletter. To date 20 completed questionnaires have been returned, not an overwhelming response to put it mildly. If you have not returned one, a blank questionnaire is included with your newsletter and this will continue until we have at least an 85% response from members. Save us the follow-up and complete the one included and be done with it.

The spring newsletter will contain a summary of responses and a presentation will be made to the two councils reviewing with them what the cottagers view as important. Collectively, the responses will reflect the desires and opinions of the cottagers around Steenburg Lake.

Recording your Catch

Included in the July newsletter were some forms for the fishermen to keep a record by day of the hours fished and the number of fish and species caught. Hopefully some of you that fished recorded your efforts.

It would be appreciated if those of you that participated in this would mail your completed forms to: Eugene Tracy, R.R.#1, Corbyville, Ont. K0K 1V0.

Eugene will compile this information into fish caught per hour by day and month and the results compared to the MNR's figure. The forms will be included in July 92's newsletter and hopefully more of you will participate. It will be interesting over time to see how Steenburg stacks up to the province figure.

Just Some Reminders

Fire Permits are required for burning between April 1st and October 31st except for warmth or cooking.

ATV operation - Youths under 16 years of age are required to be accompanied by an adult when operating an ATV. Also, legislation requires helmets to be worn at all times. There have been several near mishaps between ATV's and cars or pedestrians. As the roads get better the speeds seem to go up.

Reminders continued.....

Snowmobile Operators - All snowmobile operators must be licensed to drive so why not get your 12 year olds and older to sign up early for a snowmobile license course before the snow flies.

Hats Off To The Canvassers

The association wishes to thank all the canvassers who did just a super job with the annual visitations. All but one canvasser has volunteered for next year so Anita Waddell needs someone to cover cottages #123 - #136. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and add that personal touch of finding out how the members feel about things. If you are interested please contact Anita at 5 Charles Tupper Dr., West Hill, Ont., M1C 2A8 or telephone 416-284-8098 or 613-474-5486. There is also a need for a follow up canvasser for the last 3 weeks of August to revisit approximately a dozen cottagers who somehow get missed by their regular canvasser.

To date there are 157 paid members with one that has already paid for 1992. That makes 83% of the cottagers around the lake, members of S.L.C.A. Non-members no longer receive the newsletters as there is an expense involved in their distribution and it did not seem fair to have members pay for non-member expenses.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE

Wood Burning Stove - Has heated four bedroom cottage. Takes 30" wood. Good condition, includes pipes. Asking \$100. Cottage #27, 474-264

Fiber Glass boat shell - 13 1/2 'Scott' full shell, \$50.00 or best offer. Contact Ken Waddell at 474-5486 or 416-284-8098

Snowmobiles (two)

71 Ski-doo 440 TNT

72 Ski-doo 292 TNT

Both used last winter - very good condition - well maintained. Asking \$500 for each. Contact Ken Waddell at cottage #103. Telephone 474-5486 or 416-284-8098

Wanted:

Small Outboard up to 10 to 15HP.

Small single sail boat.

Call Tom Little at Cottage #15 474 - 5653

Send in your classified items anytime over the winter to:

Thomas Hughes

6 Highview Trail

Pittsford, NY 14534 USA

They will be included in the spring issue.

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 1991 - 93

OFFICERS:

<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Ron Rampton (#157)	Thomas O. Hughes (#30) newsletter publication	Colin Gaddas (#143)

DIRECTORS:
* = Lead Director

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Social</u>	<u>Municipal Affairs</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>Environment</u>
* Anita Waddell (#103)	* Rich McCarthy (83) Marion Duggan (165) Charlie Quinn (26) Tricia Neub (177) Peggy Moffatt (192)	* Tom Quinn (26) Tom Little (15)	* Griff Lloyd (19) Rick Burke (97) Gene Tracy (23) Gary Goodfellow (175)	* Bob Boyce (159) Fred Neub (177)

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Organize annual canvass	Annual dinner	Interface w/local councils	Water quality monitoring	Water level in lake
Maintain updated list of cottagers	Secure door prizes	Attend OMB hearings	The fishery	Spraying programs
Distribute & mail newsletters	Youth activities	Revue town plans	Shoreline maintenance	Water safety
Account for due receipts to treasurer	Regattas	Get-out the vote awareness of issues	Buoy markers	Boat launch
	Canoe races	By-law requests	Maple programme	
	Association Bulletin Board		Association well	

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Steenburg Lake Community Association

STEENBURG LAKE
HASTINGS COUNTY
ONTARIO · CANADA

Financial Statement 1990 - 91 September 1991

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Transfer of funds from 1990	\$5,484.52	\$9,085.43	\$3,600.91
Stationary, Trophies, prize	441.67		
Photocopies	15.95		
F.O.C.A. membership 1991	200.00		
F.O.C.A. mtg. attendance	60.00		
B.A.C.A. membership 1991	75.00		
CROWE Valley Pres. Assoc.	10.00		
Shoreline News Delivery(July & Aug.)	80.00		
Rock marker buoys (in and out)	200.00		
Additional letters for signs	15.00		
Executive meeting supplies	30.35		
Memberships (154 @ \$20.00)		3,080.00	
1 prepaid 1992 membership		20.00	
Donation to Assoc.		10.00	
Annual Mtg. & Dinner			
Limerick Hall rental	107.00		
Purchase of Beer,wine & glasses	275.37		
Sale of beer,wine & returns		366.17	
Sale of dinner tickets(91@8,15@4)		788.00	
Cost of dinner & services	788.00		
Guest tickets for Reeves	16.00		
Interest on Accounts		119.42	
Totals	\$2,314.34	\$4,383.59	\$2,069.25
Current Balance			\$5,670.16

Respectfully submitted by Colin Gaddas, Treasurer S.L.C.A.



Voter Identification Notice 1991
Avis d'identification des électeurs 1991

Municipal Elections Act, Section 23
Article 23 de la Loi sur les élections municipales

QUINN THOMAS JAMES P
QUINN CHARLENE ANNE XX 29
1248 BARNWOOD SQ
PICKERING ONT
L1X 1C7

Property Identifier / Identification de propriété 1251 000 010 20000 0000		
Ward / Quartier 00	Poll / Bureau de vote 001	VC4 90562
Municipality / Municipalité LIMERICK TOWNSHIP		
Persons listed are qualified as electors in respect of: Les personnes dont le nom est inscrit sur la présente liste ont la qualité d'électeurs à l'égard de : CON 2 PT LOT 27		

EXAMPLE

This notice shows the names of all persons who appear on the Preliminary List of Electors as eligible electors for the municipal and school board elections to be held on November 12th this year.

This information is based on the response to the 1991 Municipal Enumeration Form.

If the information is correct and complete, please retain this Notice for your records. If the information is incorrect, or there are additional eligible electors at the location shown above, please print the necessary changes on this Notice.

Where any correction is made or new information is added concerning an eligible elector, that elector must sign in the space provided to verify that the revised information is correct.

Please note that there are no French language trustees on your school board.

Le présent avis donne le nom de toutes les personnes figurant sur la liste électorale préliminaire à titre d'électeurs admissibles aux fins des élections municipales et scolaires, qui auront lieu cette année le 12 novembre.

Les renseignements indiqués sont fondés sur les réponses à l'Avis de recensement municipal de 1991.

Si les renseignements sont exacts et complets, veuillez garder le présent avis dans vos dossiers. Si les renseignements sont inexacts ou si d'autres électeurs admissibles résident à l'endroit indiqué ci-dessus, veuillez écrire en lettres moulées les changements nécessaires sur le présent avis.

Si des corrections sont apportées ou des renseignements ajoutés concernant un électeur admissible, l'électeur en question doit apposer sa signature dans l'espace prévu pour attester que les renseignements révisés sont exacts.

Prenez note qu'il n'y a aucun conseiller francophone à votre conseil scolaire.

Name of Elector Nom de l'électeur	For school board elections you are an elector for: Aux élections scolaires, vous pourrez voter pour :		Non-resident Elector Électeur non-résident	Occupancy Status Statut de l'occupant	I declare that I am a Canadian Citizen, that I will be at least 18 years of age on polling day and either reside in the municipality or I am an owner, tenant or spouse of owner or tenant on the property listed above. Je déclare que je suis citoyen(ne) canadien(ne), que j'aurai au moins 18 ans le jour du scrutin et que je réside dans la municipalité ou que je suis propriétaire ou locataire de la propriété indiquée ci-dessus ou bien encore le conjoint du propriétaire ou du locataire.
	Board le conseil	Trustees les conseillers scolaires			
QUINN THOMAS JAMES	Public public	English anglophones	X	Owner propriétaire	Signature
Correction					Date Telephone / Téléphone
QUINN CHARLENE ANNE	Public public	English anglophones	X	Owner propriétaire	Signature
Correction					Date Telephone / Téléphone
					Signature
Correction					Date Telephone / Téléphone
					Signature
Correction					Date Telephone / Téléphone
Additional Elector Autre électeur	<input type="checkbox"/> Public public <input type="checkbox"/> Separate séparé	<input type="checkbox"/> English anglophones <input type="checkbox"/> French francophones	yes oui <input type="checkbox"/> no non <input type="checkbox"/>	Check one: Cocher une seule case : <input type="checkbox"/> Owner propriétaire <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant locataire <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse conjoint <input type="checkbox"/> Resident résident	Signature
Correction					Date Telephone / Téléphone
Additional Elector Autre électeur	<input type="checkbox"/> Public public <input type="checkbox"/> Separate séparé	<input type="checkbox"/> English anglophones <input type="checkbox"/> French francophones	yes oui <input type="checkbox"/> no non <input type="checkbox"/>	Check one: Cocher une seule case : <input type="checkbox"/> Owner propriétaire <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant locataire <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse conjoint <input type="checkbox"/> Resident résident	Signature
Correction					Date Telephone / Téléphone

If you have changed any of the information shown on this notice, you may file the amended notice in person or by mail at the office of the Municipal Clerk during normal office hours between September 03 - October 11, 1991.

Si vous avez changé l'un ou l'autre des renseignements figurant sur le présent avis, vous pouvez déposer en personne ou poster l'avis modifié

In Person: / En personne :

LIMERICK MUNICIPAL OFFICES
ST OLA, ONT.

By Mail: / Par la poste :

LIMERICK MUNICIPAL OFFICES
R R 2
CLARENCE, ONTARIO

Municipal Elections May Not Be The Same Old Thing

By J.D. Wallace

As the up-coming municipal elections draw nearer, incumbent township councils are facing closer and closer scrutiny. This trend may be most evident in areas such as North Hastings where most communities have clearly visible sub-groups. In our case, the sub-groups are the permanent residents and the seasonal or "cottage" residents.

Both groups have a strong presence in the community but until recently, the seasonal residents have been pretty much non-entities, politically speaking. Of late however, a growing trend toward taking more active roles has begun to emerge and seasonal residents, usually through the vehicle of lake or cottager's associations are representative of this trend.

Frequently this activity is seen threatening by the permanent residents who may see a dichotomy between the interests of the two groups.

The Baptiste Lake Conservation Association is one group made up largely of residents of, or near the lake, many of whom are seasonal. Year-round Herschel Township residents have traditionally "carried" the vote but with the upsurge of interest from groups like Baptiste Lake Conservation Association, we may well see stronger, more broadly based issues as central to this fall's elections.

Although not without flaws, a participatory democracy can offer at least one great (potential) advantage. The old adage that "two heads are better than one" can be

applied here. The more people who express their concerns and press their issues, the more likely we are to see challenges from a greater number of angles. Improved perspective and divergent approaches can increase the potential to understand fully and resolve happily, some of the problems we all face. The noticeable lack of confidence

Canadians exhibit in higher levels of government highlights this greater interest in taking a more active part in directing more of our

own affairs and in so-doing, underscores the possible advantages of broader scope.

Baptiste Lake Conservation Association has formed a Municipal Election Committee dedicated in part to identifying and supporting candidates whom they feel will adequately represent them on the Herschel Council. Even if nothing else is to be gained (and there is much that could be), all the candidates will, like the incumbents, come under closer scrutiny and the electorate will quite rightly expect answers to some serious questions. But, by way of example, those who are bent on preserving our environment are not necessarily fundamental opponents to those who want to exploit the economic potential of that same environment. A careful, planned programme of development, that does not destroy means an on-going, long-term resource can be utilized without significant damage. It might not

always be an easy path but by making a resource out of differing viewpoints, the likelihood of success is greater.

Baptiste Lake Conservation Authority is currently drafting its fall newsletter which will identify some of the concerns the organization intends to address as election issues.

Further information on B.L.C.A.'s positions can be obtained by writing to them at Box 877, Bancroft, KOL 1C0.

Editorial

The summer is reaching its zenith. On its heels will follow this fall's municipal elections. The topic is timely nevertheless. Being at the height of the season also means that we're at the height of the tourist season. Tourists and summer residents are obviously the bulwark of our local economy. Even those not directly involved with services to holiday traffic, benefit quite specifically from the increased revenues it brings.

It is true of any large industry that prudent planning for maintainable prosperity must include ensuring a supply of raw materials. In our case, (our mainstay industry being what it is), our "raw materials" are the environment and what it represents. Tourists and seasonal residents come to our area for its splendor and its healthy, invigorating qualities. Happily for us, they bring and spend money here while they enjoy those qualities. Unfortunately, our "raw materials" are fragile and require very careful stewardship. Muskoka is an excellent example of an area that has not been careful enough. Large portions of it seem more like second-rate Florida "beach front" property than the pristine beauty that attracted tourism in the first place.

As our area becomes more prosperous, (and it is), we are drawing more people to us. Having seen the deterioration elsewhere, they will search slightly further afield and have already begun to do so. That is to our advantage. We are growing both in prosperity and population. However, such growth increases the strain on the environment which sustains it. Nitrogen and phosphorus content has risen in our lakes. Acid rain, more boating, increased sewage demands, the proliferation of unattractive commercial signs along the highway, all take their toll. This is only heightened by lakefront development. We could very quickly find ourselves in a similar situation to that of Muskoka which must watch more and more traffic seek literally "greener pastures".

All the residents of this area would do well to examine where their real interests lie and with the upcoming municipal elections, we should give very careful consideration to the candidates we field and support. We have the right to question these candidates thoroughly. We owe it to ourselves to ensure that our elected representatives are working for our interests and not the other way around.

Short-term profit from haphazard development will not ensure long-term profitability from tourism. Proper husbandry and sympathetic development will.

We have all the expertise we need - the M.N.R., the entrepreneurs, the environmentalists, the markets. Seen as a team, they together constitute a potentially unbeatable combination. See correctly as divergent interests, we scatter our energies at best and become self defeating at worst. Vote, and vote wisely.

Ballot voice is cottagers' due

Mark Bourrie offered a puzzling view of democracy in his July 17 article *Cottagers can vote early and often*.

He appears to reject the idea of property owners voting in municipal elections in their seasonal residence communities and mischievously compares this right to the fraudulent practices of Huey Long's supporters in the southern U.S.

Bourrie seems to have forgotten another famous U.S. maxim which was the guide and watchword of all the friends of liberty — "Taxation without representation is tyranny."

Ontario's more than 1 million seasonal residents care passionately about their seasonal communities, where most have lived with their families for generations. Their interest in participating in municipal elections is the same as any other significant and often majority stakeholder group in any community in Ontario — representation. For with better representation of our legitimate point of view comes better understanding and better communication — we're aware of issues as they develop, we're consulted early in the decision-making process, we're able to contribute ideas, to be part of the process and not blindsided by poor decisions after the fact. Our view may not prevail, but at least we'll have been part of the action — not seen as just negative troublemakers always criticizing.

Most rural councils recognize this sincere desire to contribute and welcome seasonal representation on councils.

In 1988, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs recognized the sacrifices that seasonal residents must make to travel more than 250 kilometres on average, to participate in November elections, and broadened the proxy privileges to encourage fuller participation (voter turnout in seasonal communities averages roughly half the Ontario average — only 20 per cent).

Some misunderstanding and difficulties occurred with proxies in the 1988 election and the current NDP government accepted some of our suggestions to overcome these concerns and those safeguards are in place for this election.

Seasonal residents already contribute much to their seasonal communities — support for local service businesses and the overwhelming share of the local tax base. More than 60 per cent of our municipal taxes support local school boards — a service that we are forbidden by law to use and cannot direct since we are not eligible to run for school trustee. Few services are provided for our isolated cottages ex-

cept the planning and environmental ones that we seek to contribute to by our representation on council. Surely this is reasonable, fair and desirable.

Increased elector participation this November will help, not hurt, rural councils. Permanent and seasonal councillors can then

join together to enhance the special character and quality of life that attracted us to those areas in the first place.

GLEN BONHAM
President
Federation of Ontario
Cottagers' Associations
Scarborough

Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum Salicaria*), like many species of flora and fauna was introduced to North America about one hundred years ago. The beauty of the purple blooms in July and August ensured its popularity as an ornamental plant for suburban water gardens and ponds. More recently, the plant has spread into rural wetlands and is currently destroying about one million acres in North America each year.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has sent a letter to all municipalities across the province to alert them to this threat to our wetlands habitat and urge swift action. By the passing of municipal by-laws, this weed will be deemed "noxious" and the control officer will be empowered to act.

The battle to be waged will not be an easy one. Each plant produces 207 million seeds and spreads with singular rapidity, pushing aside all indigenous plants vital to the ecosystems of fish and wildlife.

Although the province continues to drag its feet on this one (behind many American jurisdictions), it has allowed local noxious weed status for the plant. Therefore, it is up to the local municipalities to enact the relevant by-laws and hopefully quickly. Some environmentalists claim it is a considerably larger threat to our lakes and wetlands than even the much-feared and publicized zebra mussel.

Rick Morgan, Executive Vice-President, warns "We have already lost 75% of the wetlands in Ontario since the turn of the century. We cannot afford to lose more."

Has your community acted against loosestrife?

For more information contact Matt Murphy, Communications Specialist (OFAH), P.O. Box 2800, Peterborough, Ont. Telephone (705)748-6324, Fax 705-748-9577.

O.F.A.H. Urges Action On Purple Loosestrife



PURPLE
LOOSESTRIFE
(*L. salicaria*)

by J. D. Wallace

The Pinch Runner

(Or how to deliver a proxy vote)

November 12 is election day in Ontario. More importantly for seasonal residents, Saturday, November 2 is the official Advance Poll Day. If you care about the future of your seasonal community, now is the time to pitch in and plan to support good candidates for the Municipal and District/County Councils and the School Board.

ALSO
WED. NOVEMBER 6TH

If travelling to your Township is impossible, you can still cast your ballot.

Get together with someone who is going to vote and ask them to deliver your **proxy vote**.

BOTH FROM
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

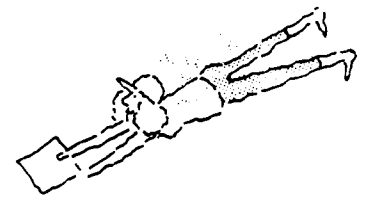


Here's the nine inning version of the game.

1 **Make sure you're on the voters list.** If you are a property owner, or the tenant or spouse (of either), you are eligible. If you are a voting age son or daughter of a property owner, you must be a "tenant" and have been resident in your area any time from September 10, 1991 to October 11, 1991. Of course, all voters must be at least 18 years old and be Canadian citizens.



4 **Complete the form after October 11.** The form isn't valid unless completed after nominations have closed. So make sure both copies are signed and dated after October 11. However, you can make arrangements before October 11 to get a proxy form and find your proxy voter.



7 **Certification must be in person.** So don't send your 12 year old in to do the job for you. The clerk will keep one copy of the form and give the other back to you so you can hand it in at the polling station that includes the name of the person who you're voting for. (Probably the same as your poll.)



2 **Find someone to vote your proxy.** A pinch runner may cast a vote for any number of immediate relatives on the voters list (grandparents, parents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, spouse). Each, though, must use a separate proxy form. Alternatively, your neighbour could act as a pinch runner for *one* non-related voter (you) but cannot then vote for his/her relatives.



5 **Signatures of both the proxy voter and the runner are required.** And they *must* be witnessed by a third party. So, plan to do it some time this fall when you know you're going to see your proxy voter.



8 **Bring along some personal identification.** You may be asked for it at the clerk's office, and an old baseball card won't do.

The pinch runner takes over here

6 **Stop by your Municipal Office before you vote.** If you're a runner you'll need to have your proxy(s) certified. After October 11, the clerk will be there during normal weekday office hours and on Saturday, November 2 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. It is essential that your proxy(s) be certified by the clerk in the municipality you will be voting in.



9 **Vote.** The more proxy forms you bring, the more votes you can cast. The more votes you cast, the better the chance of strong government in your seasonal community.



3 **Pick up a two-part proxy form.** They are available, beginning in early September at your local Municipal Office; some associations may also have a supply. Pick up enough proxy forms for all the eligible voters in your family.

Times to remember:

1. Proxy Certification at Township Office (see 6)
2. Polling Times and Advance Polling Times at all Polls: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

How to complete the two-part

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING PROXY

form:

1 If you can't get to the poll, fill in this section

If you are unable to personally cast your vote on November 12 or the Advance Polls on November 2 or 6, then complete this section with your own name and address.

Ward and Polling Number are on your VIN Card mailed in October.

2 Who is the person you have appointed?

Complete this section with the name and address of the appointed person on the voters list, who will be casting your vote for you. Check one box indicating their relationship to you.

For further information, see the "Pinch Runner" brochure attached!

3 This is your declaration to appoint a proxy (ask someone else to witness it)

Write your signature and date on the right-hand side of this section. Date must be October 12th or later to be valid.

Ask your witness, a friend or neighbour to print and sign their name on the left-hand side of this section, (this must be someone other than the appointed person that will be casting your vote for you). Be sure all signatures are clear on both copies of this form.

4 To be filled out by the person you've appointed

Leave this section for now, and ask your appointed person to complete it when they are in front of the clerk at the clerk's office. Township/Municipal offices are open during normal office hours on weekdays or from 12:00 noon 'til 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 2 Advance Poll.

5 Poll clerk's acceptance of your proxy

This section is to be completed by the clerk at the clerk's office. Be sure to remind your appointed person to bring their proof of identity with them to the clerk's office.

FORM 24
Municipal Elections Act
R.S.O. 1990, c. 308, s. 67 (2)

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING PROXY

PERSON APPOINTING VOTING PROXY (Refer to your Voter Identification Notice)		PERSON APPOINTED AS VOTING PROXY	
Municipality		Municipality	
Ward No.	Polling Subdivision No.	Ward No.	Polling Subdivision No.
Surname of person appointing voting proxy		Surname of person appointed voting proxy	
First Name		Given Name	
Full address within this municipality		Full address within this municipality	
Apt. No.		Apt. No.	
Relationship of voting proxy to person appointing the voting proxy Check one only <input type="checkbox"/> Related (see subsection 67(1)) <input type="checkbox"/> Not related			

STATEMENT OF PERSON APPOINTING VOTING PROXY (Appointment must be made following confirmation day)

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector whose name is entered on the polling list for the said polling subdivision in this municipality, do hereby appoint the person named above as my voting proxy and, if related to the proxy, do attest to her/his relationship to me.

Name of voter (print) _____ Signature of person appointing the proxy _____
 Signature of witness _____ Date appointed _____

DECLARATION BY PERSON APPOINTED AS VOTING PROXY (to be completed in the presence of the clerk at the clerk's office - see subsection 67(5))

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector in the above municipality, affirm that I have been appointed to vote in good faith on behalf of the person named above who made the appointment and that I have not been previously appointed a voting proxy for any other non-related person.

Declared before me _____
 on the _____ of _____
 in the _____ of _____
 this _____ day of _____, 19 _____
 Signature of clerk or commissioner, etc. _____

CERTIFICATION BY CLERK

I hereby certify that the person named above as appointing the voting proxy is qualified to vote in the named polling subdivision and that the person so appointed is a duly qualified elector in this municipality and is authorized to vote on behalf of the said person appointing her/him.

Signature of clerk _____ Date of certification _____

NOTE: Clerk may require proof of identity of voting proxy before certifying proxy.

ORAL OATH OF VOTING PROXY AT THE POLL

I swear or solemnly affirm:
 That I am the person named as voting proxy in this appointment presented at the said poll; and
 That I am voting in good faith on behalf of the person named above who made the appointment.

TO BE PLACED IN BALLOT BOX AT CLOSE OF POLL

This form, once placed in the ballot box in the custody of the clerk, is not open to public inspection, except under the order of a judge. *Municipal Elections Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 308, s. 78(1) and s. 90(1).*

ORIGINAL — to be taken to the poll by proxy voter
 COPY — to be retained by clerk

PROXY HOTLINE

Proxy voting is very easy with a little advance planning. If however, we haven't answered your questions, phone the Clerk in your local Town or Township for further information.

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66(7) Ballot box - sealing - at close of advance poll

Forthwith after the close of the advance poll on each day it is held the deputy returning officer and any candidate or scrutineer present who desires to do so shall affix his seal to the ballot box in such a manner that it cannot be opened or any ballots be deposited in it without breaking the seals and the deputy returning officer shall forthwith deliver it, along with all other election documents used at the poll, personally to the clerk for safekeeping. R.S.O. 1980, c. 308, s. 66(6,7).

66(8) Ballot box - opening - on regular polling day

On the regular polling day for an election, after the close of polling, the deputy returning officer shall, in the presence of the poll clerk and such candidates for office at the election or their scrutineers as are present at the hour fixed for the closing of the poll, open the ballot boxes for the advance poll, count the votes and perform all other duties required of deputy returning officers by this Act. R.S.O. 1980, c. 308, s. 66(8); 1990, c. 28, s. 40(3).

PROXY VOTING**67(1) Any qualified person - may vote by proxy**

Any person whose name is entered in the polling list for a polling subdivision or who has obtained a certificate under section 33 may vote by proxy in the polling subdivision. 1988, c. 33, s. 6.

67(2) Proxy - appointment - persons eligible

Any person who is entitled to vote by proxy under subsection (1) may appoint in writing in the prescribed form as his voting proxy any other person who is eligible as an elector in the municipality. R.S.O. 1980, c. 308, s. 67(2).

Municipal World Form 1220, Form 24, Appointment of voting proxy; Municipal World Formule 1220F, Formule 24A, Nomination d'un mandataire.

67(3) Proxy - to act for one person only - exception

A voting proxy may only act as a voting proxy for,

- (a) one person who is not a relative; or
- (b) one or more persons who are relatives.

67(3a) Relative

In subsection (3), "relative" means the parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister or spouse of the voting proxy. 1990, c. 28, s. 41(1).

67(4) Proxy - appointment - time for (dates - noted below)

An appointment of a person as a voting proxy is not valid unless it is made after nomination day and does not remain in force after polling day. R.S.O. 1980, c. 308, s. 67(4).

After nomination day - First date, Saturday, October 12, - last date in force - Polling day - Tuesday, November 12, 1991 (s. 11(1)). See subsections 35(1) and 11(1). See also ss. 69(1) where an emergency is declared by the clerk.

67(5) Proxy - application - office of Clerk (dates - noted below)

A person who has been appointed a voting proxy shall complete an application in the prescribed form, including a statutory declaration that the person is the person appointed as voting proxy, and shall appear before the clerk in person for this purpose at the clerk's office,

- (a) during normal office hours; or
- (b) during the period from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on the Saturday of the advance poll held under section 66. 1990, c. 28, s. 41(2).

Saturday of the advance poll held under section 66 - Saturday, November 2, 1991.

67(6) Proxy - evidence - oath may be required - certificate issued

Where an application is completed under subsection (5) and the clerk is satisfied that the person who appointed the voting proxy is qualified to appoint a voting proxy under this Act and the voting proxy is qualified to be a voting proxy under this Act, the clerk shall give a certificate in the prescribed form across the face of the appointment of the voting proxy to that effect. 1990, c. 28, s. 41(3).

67(7) Proxy - one only - per person - per election

Not more than one voting proxy may be appointed on behalf of any person at any election.

67(8) Proxy - oath - required - before voting

A ballot shall not be delivered to a person who claims to vote as a voting proxy unless he produces his appointment as a voting proxy to the deputy returning officer with the certificate of the clerk thereon as provided in subsection (6) and takes the prescribed oath.

67(9) Proxy - certificate - filed with Clerk

Where a voting proxy has voted, the deputy returning officer shall file the appointment of the voting proxy and the certificate of his appointment given by the clerk with the election papers and return them to the clerk in the envelope provided for that purpose.

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING PROXY

PERSON APPOINTING VOTING PROXY (Refer to your Voter Identification Notice)

PERSON APPOINTED AS VOTING PROXY

Municipality	
Ward No.	Polling Subdivision No.
Surname of person appointing voting proxy	Given Names
Full address within this municipality	Apt. No.

Municipality	
Ward No.	Polling Subdivision No.
Surname of person appointed voting proxy	Given Names
Full address within this municipality	Apt. No.
Relationship of voting proxy to person appointing the voting proxy Check one only <input type="checkbox"/> Related (see subsection 67(3a)) <input type="checkbox"/> Not related	

STATEMENT OF PERSON APPOINTING VOTING PROXY (appointment must be made following nomination day)

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector whose name is entered on the polling list for the said polling subdivision in this municipality, do hereby appoint the person named above as my voting proxy and, if related to the proxy, do attest to her/his relationship to me.

 Name of witness (print)

 Signature of witness

 Signature of person appointing the proxy

 Date appointed

DECLARATION BY PERSON APPOINTED AS VOTING PROXY (to be completed in the presence of the clerk at the clerk's office — see subsection 67(5))

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector in the above municipality, affirm that I have been appointed to vote in good faith on behalf of the person named above who made the appointment and that I have not been previously appointed a voting proxy for any other non-related person.

Declared before me
 at the of
 in the of
 this day of 19.....

 Signature of clerk or commissioner, etc.

 Signature of person appointed as voting proxy

CERTIFICATION BY CLERK

I hereby certify that the person named above as appointing the voting proxy is qualified to vote in the named polling subdivision and that the person so appointed is a duly qualified elector in this municipality and is authorized to vote on behalf of the said person appointing her/him.

 Signature of clerk

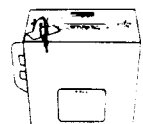
 Date of certification

NOTE: Clerk may require proof of identity of voting proxy before certifying proxy.

ORAL OATH OF VOTING PROXY AT THE POLL

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SHORELINE NEWS ELECTION INSERT

**Remember the advance polls are November 2nd and 6th, Election day
November 12th**

Limerick Township.

As of Friday, Oct 11th this is all we know concerning who is running for council:

Wes Moffatt - Reeve (unopposed as of this date) * CLIVE WILSON - REEVE

Al Hill - Council *

Rita Evans - Council *

Trudy Heersink - Council

The All Candidates meeting that the newsletter stated was October 19th is as far as known not to be held on that date and in fact there may not be one at all. Check by phone with Tom Little to determine if there is to be one and when. If there is one the cottagers should make an effort to have a good representation at the meeting.

If we cottagers do not make a showing at this election to support the existing council we have no one to blame but ourselves if events go contrary to our expectations.

Tudor/Cashel Township

The following are the candidates for Reeve and council:

Ken Burkett - Reeve (unopposed) *

Glen Cooney - Deputy *

3 of the following to be elected for council:

Wanda Donaldson *

Raymond Henley *

Michael Tardman

Paul Whittaker

Stead Covert

No All Candidate meeting is planned.

There are three poll locations on election day for Tudor/Cashel.

Poll 1 (A-C) Doris Carroll's residence, Millbridge

Poll 2 (M-Z) Tudor-Cashel Municipal Office

Poll 3 (A-Z) Steve White's residence, Cantara

*** = Presently on council**

If you require more information call either:

Tom Quinn, Pickering 416-869-4372

Tom Little, Oshawa 416-576-5220