

Steenburg Lake

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LIMERICK UNDERTAKES LAKE CAPACITY STUDY

The study of the 16 lakes in the township started on June 4th with the sampling of 12 of the 16 lakes. Eugene Harrison is covering Steenburg Lake. The Interim By-Law passed by the council was effective May 11, 1990 and extends until March 1991. Water samples will be taken monthly through October and sent to the MNR's laboratory in Kingston for analysis.

The study is being done in 3 phases:

- 1- Water sampling
- 2- Analysis
- 3- Compiling of a technical report including recommendations and amendments to the township's official plan.

The Technical report will be prepared by Landmark Planning Associates of Peterborough in conjunction with Phil Niblett, Environmental Associates.

The study will run around \$35,000 dollars in total. Funding of the final phase is still under negotiation between Limerick Township, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Hastings County. The township is providing \$10,000. The Ministry of the Environment is funding the analysis portion of the study. The expenses associated with gathering water samples and initiation of the study is where outside support may be needed. The Limerick Waterways Rate Payers Association has committed to assist and the topic will be covered at our annual meeting on August 5th.

Three samples are taken at each of several locations in each lake and are analyzed for: Chemicals, water clarity, and bacteria.

COMPARING LAKE CANVASSES

The results of the 1989 canvass were compared to a 1977 numerical listing of the lake residents. The following information resulted from that comparison:

- 69 cottages have changed hands in 13 years.
- 6 new cottages were constructed.
- 9 new building lots are available around the lake.
- 5 old building lots are still uncottaged.
- 206 cottages surround the lake (including marina)

PAVING OF STEENBURG LAKE ROAD

Blasting, bulldozing, all in preparation for the paving of 3.5 kilometers south and 1 kilometer north of route 62. The blasting is required for ditching on each side of the road for run off. The project will continue next year taking the paving to Murphy's Corners. Expect certain inconveniences during this work.

ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING SUNDAY - AUGUST 5TH

LIMERICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Centre will be open at 6:00 with dinner being served at 7:00PM. Cost of the supper is \$8.00 (12 and under \$4.00).

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Tickets must be purchased in advance from either Marion Duggan or Peg Moffatt. Association members get priority on purchase of tickets.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY

ROCK BASS DERBY

Register by 10:00 AM with either John Savage or Wayne Hadley. Derby runs through Sunday 4:00. Call in your total to either John or Wayne. This is a cottage to cottage competition with all members encouraged to participate. The prize is a portable gas char cooker, a real dandy prize, so get out there and get as many of those little red eyed so and so's as you can.

SAILING RACES

3 classes will be run as follows:

Windsurfers - 2:00PM

Sunfish - 2:30PM

Sailboats - 3:00PM

The starting line will be in front of the marina with a tri buoy course marked by hot pink bouys. Let's pull for a good stiff breeze, lots of participants and lots of spectators. Awards will be presented at the annual dinner on Sunday evening.

SUNDAY

CANOE RACES

There will be 3 races, juniors, adults and seniors. It will be a two way course. Start in front of the marina, cross the line, turn around and come back over the starting line.

Juniors (up to 15) - Start at 2:00 PM

Adult 16 - 39) --- Start at 2:30PM

Seniors (40 - up) --- Start at 3:00 PM

Awards will be presented at the annual dinner on Sunday evening.

ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

Starts at 6:00PM at the Limerick Centre - Meet old friends, enjoy good food, lots of door prizes, awards and finally a business meeting. Lots to talk about, your ideas and thoughts are needed.

Unconfirmed Agenda for Annual Meeting
Old Business

Council responses to SLCA's development policy statement
Lake Stocking
Psy moth spray program

New Business

Waste disposal - recycling program
BACA participation by SLCA
Financial report
Minutes of 1989 meeting
Funding support for Lake Capacity Study
Waste Disposal Survey
Self Help program
Bacteria testing
Bulletins Boards
Boat Launch site
Crowe Valley Presidents Association

TELEPHONE SERVICE UPGRADE

Bell Canada is in the process of putting in a larger cable and a sub station (by the Public Beach). The net result of this will be expanded capability for private and semi-private lines in the area. According to Bell all should be operational by the end of September. If the line crosses your property you will be contacted by Bell Canada.

COTTAGE SECURITY

Several cottage break-ins occurred in early Spring along the South Road. The thief was apprehended primarily because the owner was able to identify the stolen items. This was very important in being able to bring charges. There was another break-in in June on the Steenburg Lake Road with an extensive list of stolen items.

Last year it was mentioned that the association has for its members use an electric marking pencil. Tina Lloyd has the pencil and all that is required is that you leave a \$20.00 deposit when you take the pencil. Marking with your initials in an obscure location is a very positive step should you have to prove that an item is yours. In addition to that it would be wise to make a list of all items in your cottage that have a serial number on them. Should you get a call from the OPP you can then supply them with a copy of the list.

A cottage is such a vulnerable thing. It is unattended so much of the time as are your neighbors cottages. It is not possible to take everything home each time you leave but certainly high value items like VCR's, cameras, binoculars, and CD players should not be left early in the season or after Labor Day in September. It really is up to you as to what you do about your own cottage security, but clearly you should think about it.

OWNERSHIP CHANGES

Robert Trotter of Apsley has sold out his interests in both the Marina property and the lodge property. Mr. Wilson is now sole owner of the Marina and the severed lots behind it. Mr. Wilson suffered a stroke on June 4th and as of this date I have no word of his condition. I did hear that his ability to talk was affected by the stroke.

As far as we know the Marina is still up for sale. There is a cable across the launch ramp which does indicate that it is not available for launching this season. This condition has caused some concern around the lake as there is no other public launch available. The reason for the marina launch closure is unknown and one can but guess as to the intent behind it.

Mr. Trotter also sold out his interests in the lodge property to Mr. Henry. Several severance request were submitted against this property in the Fall of 1989 but the Township is not taking any action on them until the Lake Capacity Study is complete and the Official plan is prepared.

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS

Limerick Township Council meets the second Friday of each month at 6:30PM in the Township offices. The meetings are open to the public. Minutes of the meetings will be posted on the SLCA bulletin boards when they are in place.

Interested taxpayers in attendance at the meeting does have an impact on the council members for it shows an interest in the proceedings and what is going on in the township. It is not necessary to remain for the full agenda. Just a few lake residents showing up at each meeting is quite effective. Check your schedule and if at all possible attend one of the following meetings:
July 13th, August 10th, September 7th.

HOW TO KNOW YOU ARE GROWING OLDER

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.
The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals
You feel like the night before and you haven't been anywhere.
Your little black book contains only names ending in MD.
You get winded playing cards
You join a health club and don't go.
You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.
You look forward to dull evenings.
You need glasses to find your glasses.
You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.
Your knees buckle but your belt doesn't.
Your back goes out more than you do.
You sink your teeth in a steak and they stay there.

You wonder why more people don't use this size print.

Here I Am Again...Waste Disposal Survey

So far this season I have received 3 more responses, good but not fantastic. The orange box is in Trudy's window for your convenience and the form will continue to be published until we are at least at 50%.

Waste Disposal Survey

Name: _____

Cottage # _____

Type of system (check all you have)

Septic tank w/leach fields _____

Approx. installation date _____

Privy _____ Last time moved _____ Use: Prime _____

of feet from the lake _____ or backup _____

Chemical _____

Holding Tank _____

Other (describe) _____

Where does your kitchen waste go * ? _____

* This question relates to waste water, not garbage
Do you have any plans to upgrade your present system? _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

STEENBURG LAKE WASTE DISPOSAL SURVEY SUMMARY

Systems Surveyed: 57

'Types and number in use

Septic	Privies*	Holding Tank	Chemical	Other
50	'3	'3	'0	'1

System upgrades under consideration 6

'Routing of Kitchen Waste

Septic	Dry Well	Leach Fld.	Sand Bed	Hold Tank
43	8	2	3	1

Septic systems installed prior to EPA (1974) : 15

* Privies used on a regular basis, not as back up

Dates to Remember:

Sat. July 21st - Annual Family Beef B.B.Q. & dance
Limerick Community Centre

Sat. Aug. 4th - S.L.C.A. Rock Bass Fishing Derby
S.L.C.A. Sailboat races

Sunday Aug. 5th - S.L.C.A. canoe races
S.L.C.A. Annual dinner and meeting
Limerick Community Centre

BOAT LAUNCHING

Mr. Wilson has put the Marina up for sale and has blocked the boat launch. It is difficult to speculate as to whether or not the marina will ever operate as a marina again. The town allows launching before and after the cottage season at the Public Beach. This area is quite shallow and it is easy to get stuck in the process of launching. Other than those two sites there is no other open launch site on the lake.

The association could undertake this as a project if a majority of the members need and support a PRIVATE launch. Security would be included in the project. To get a feeling for this the following survey is being undertaken. The results will be available at the annual meeting. Please put them in the orange box at Trudy's

BOAT LAUNCH SURVEY

	yes	no
● Do you have a boat to launch?	_____	_____
● Do you have a location to launch other than the marina?	_____	_____
● Would you be in favor of a private Assoc. launch?	_____	_____
● How would you prefer to finance such a project?		
- A one time assessment	_____	_____
- Through dues with Assoc. taking on a loan	_____	_____
● How often during a season do you pull your boat in & out including your guests?	2 3 - 5 more	_____

Signed: _____

Member: _____

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SPLAKE STOCKING

After the article that appeared in the Bancroft Times concerning stocking in Steenburg Lake, a letter was sent to Adair Ireland-Smith, district manager in Bancroft requesting some specific information. Her response addresses the following points:

- 1st step was public notice for fish stocking in new waters. No negative responses received.
- 2nd step is a pre-stocking assessment to evaluate suitability for either splake or rainbow trout. Survey not to be done in 1990 due to other commitments
- 3rd step would be ordering the fish. Fish culture stations operate according to plan which requires that needs be submitted up to four years prior to receiving the fish.

Bottom line is that Steenburg will not see this happen for another 5 years. At least we have bass.

Classified:

FOR SALE

18 HP Evinrude outboard excellent condition, asking \$500
call 474 - 5532

3 rolls slated surfaced green roofing 18" wide, 47 1/2 lb.
58 sq. ft. per roll - all for \$45.00 call 474-5753

32 sq ft. of asphalt tiles - marbelized sand color, \$6.00
call 474 - 5753

Kitchen cupboard set- upper and lower (4plus 4 drawers)
stainless steel sink and faucet

Counter top

5 gallon hot water tank - electric

22" electric stove

Refrigerator

Kitchen table with 4 chairs

Vinyl armchair

Heavy duty manual winch

Rosemarie Baudo (#114) call 474 - 2267

OPP CAR DISPATCH

If you need an OPP car dispatched you now call 1-800-267-7444. All OPP cars are dispatched centrally out of Belleville. You may still call Madoc or Bancroft for information between 9 and 5, but if you need on site assistance you must call the 800 number. Hearing impaired use 1-800-267-7448.