

Steenburg Lake Community Association

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Spring Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Cottagers,

Welcome to the 1978 season. Those of you who enjoyed winter cottaging have an excellent head start.

Your executive had a quiet winter. A vigil was maintained on the development of the tent and trailer park through the correspondence with the various Provincial Ministries prescribing requirements and standards for such an operation. Until the camp opens to the public, there will be little further opportunity to assess the impact of the camp on the way of life around Steenburg Lake.

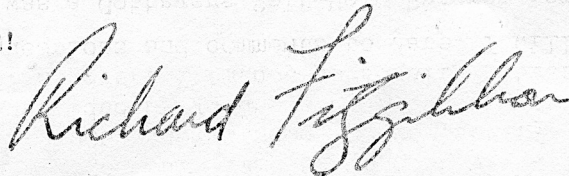
On your behalf I attended two meetings over the winter. The first was the annual meeting in Toronto in November 1977 of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association Inc. (FOCA). Your association is a fully paid member of FOCA. The meeting was used mainly to report on the numerous activities undertaken on behalf of all cottagers in Ontario. Most significant was the adopted proposal to establish a head office for FOCA staffed full time by both an Executive Director and an office secretary. This was accomplished in February 78. All of the remainder of FOCA's activities are provided by volunteers. FOCA is worthy of your support as its objectives are sound. However, I am not personally satisfied with their lack of response to my questions and comments to date. I will find out why over the summer.

The second meeting I attended was a Cottagers Self-Help Program Seminar in Kingston in March 78. The purpose of the seminar was to report on the enrichment status of seventy-nine lakes in the southeastern region of Ontario. Steenburg Lake has been officially sampled for the Self-Help Program for the past two years. The statistical results indicate that although visual water clarity has been retained in Steenburg Lake, evidence indicates a significant deterioration in water quality through algae growth. Before you get alarmed, consider that the results are influenced by year-to-year variations in climate, extent and regularity of sampling and analytical variability. Four or five years of data are required to ensure that a trend toward increasing enrichment may be developing.

This seminar served a dual purpose in that I enjoyed dinner with Jim Walter, President of the Limerick Waterways Ratepayers' Association and Dave Aitkens, a senior Manager of Technical Support from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss mutual concerns involving Limerick and Tudor Townships.

The foregoing was to let you know that your Association is alive and well. It was also intended to whet your appetite. Please ask questions and get involved either through your executive, on your membership renewal form or at the annual meeting in July!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



Richard Fitzgibbon

REMEMBER your executive welcomes your comments and suggestions. We look forward to seeing you at the July annual meeting. Watch for the signs!

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