



Shoreline News

Spring 2015

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

by Anthony Genovese

Here we are, once again, celebrating the arrival of spring. This year will be like no other, just like the ones before.

No matter how many times I experience this seasonal transition, I can't help counting down the days until summer, usually starting the moment the ice breaks.

Those once dormant maple trees have already risen to produce a sweet syrup for my breakfast pancakes, and those pesky insects are sure to regenerate their way back into our eco-system. I'll take the good with the bad.

As much as I miss my winter skating rink, I'm thrilled to see the reappearance of that parking space on the lake ready for my boat.

I have a long list of tasks that will need my attention before I can settle back into the dream of ownership, but I'm a cottager, and soon I will relax again.

On behalf of the SLCA, I would like to express our sincerest appreciation to our members and sponsors for their support, and extend a big welcome to those who have recently found their way into this treasured oasis.

The memories we create and share over the next few months will be with us forever.

Cheers to a great 2015!



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Family Day - February 14, 2015

by Donna Cochrane



I thought I should get this done before the snow is off the lake. As I am typing Mike, Don, Gord & Ken, whoops forgot Diane, are taking fish huts off the ice. Back to family day, held on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th/2015, we had a gathering of 80 people this year. The sun was shining and we had a great time. We had lots of fun playing the games this year, slap shot, hockey putt, and fish darts. There were also a lot of skaters and hockey players. The fire was going to keep everyone warm and toasty. This event is possible because of the help we get and the donations we receive from so many great families on the lake and businesses that help with the food, prizes, and just general helping on the day. This year we had some fish caught with the biggest splake caught by Ed Quinlan, 19 1/2". Here is a list of some of the other fish caught - Jessica Brown - 10 1/2" splake, Ash Finch - 15" splake, Connor Cattanni - 8 1/2" perch, and Candice Diaz - 8 1/4" perch. Our game winners were: Darts - Melanie Gillison, Kyle Sobotka, Zach Gillison and Hailey Cochrane; Slap shot - Dave Anderson, Jenny Cochrane, Taylor Cochrane; Hockey Putt - Melanie Gillison, Kevin

Cochrane, Matthew Fowler & Laura Anderson. Thanks to all who played the games. Our lucky winner of the Toronto Maple Leaf tickets, which were donated & drawn by Jim & Pat Riches, was Steven Brown, who will be at the game on March 19th. Have fun Steve! There were lots of goodie bags and treats for the kids, which were donated by Cathy Wilson & Ken Deboo, Christine & Terry Kostiw. Again I can't say enough about how lucky we are to have such willing and generous families on the lake who made bake goods and donated time, gifts and money to help make this a fun day for everyone. Family day is about getting together with your friends and neighbours and having some good fun (prizes, French fries, hot dogs, hot chocolate added extra fun to the day). We were lucky this year and had both of our sons, Steven and Kevin and their families join us for a week of fun. To us that is what this is about, making memories on the lake. Cathy Wilson took some great pictures of family day and I will post some of them on facebook. To everyone who helped a big Thank You! Thanks again for a great day!

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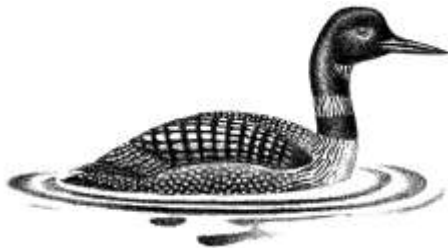
Shoreline Projects and Permits

by Don Mills

In the fall I stopped at the Crowe Valley Conservation office in Marmora and spoke with Sharlene Richardson, Regulations Officer. I was looking for information on the permit process involved in completing shoreline projects and how the Conservation Authority (CA), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) all fit in. Sharlene sent me the following:

“When considering a project along a shoreline property there are a number of things to take into consideration and one of them is trying to determine who you need permission from. Aside from the Township there are several environmental agencies that could require a permit prior to work commencing. They are the Conservation Authority (CA), Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). There are a couple of “rules” to determine what jurisdiction a project may fall under and consequently who a landowner may need to apply for a permit from. If the project is on the land and within 30m of the shoreline (e.g. a dwelling, shed, landscaping) then only the CA needs to be notified and we can discuss the permit process. If the project is in the water and affects the shoreline (e.g. a boathouse, a dock) then all three agencies need to be contacted. If the project is entirely within the water (e.g. a crib dock, floating dock) then only the MNR and DFO need to be contacted, the CA does not have jurisdiction over the water, unless it is along the shoreline.

The CA process is fairly straightforward. There is an application form and drawings are submitted with this to support the project. Staff reviews the application and make a decision to approve or recommend to deny the proposal. If the project is recommended for denial there is a hearing process that the landowner has access to. A fee is required for the permit and the fee is dependent on the type of project proposed.



If the application requires work in the water there are two conditions in our permit which explicitly state that any and all permits required from the MNR and DFO must be obtained prior to work commencing.

The DFO permit process was changed last year in the winter. Prior to that DFO reviewed applications for work in water at various offices across Ontario. As of November 2013 landowners must go through an online self-assessment procedure to determine whether a permit is required or not. The process can seem confusing but CA staff are **more** than happy to help people through it to some degree. Essentially a landowner can locate their project among a list provided on the self-assessment and if they can meet the requirements listed and complete the mitigation measures (e.g. silt fencing) then they do not need to apply for a permit. If they cannot meet the requirements then they can apply to DFO for project review. DFO will assess the project and issue a permit or recommend changes as they see fit. There is no fee for the DFO permit. The website for the self-assessment is here: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>

The MNR recently made some changes to their policies and changed which projects require a permit. The following activities no longer require a permit from the MNR:

- Maintenance dredging;
- Relocation of rocks and/or boulders for boating and swimming access;
- Mechanical removal of native aquatic vegetation for swimming or boating access;
- Mechanically removing invasive aquatic vegetation;
- Construction of buildings for mineral exploration and development;
- Maintenance, repair or replacement of existing control structures.



I would highly recommend confirming with the MNR before proceeding with any of these projects though. There may be some restrictions in terms of area/depth, type of machinery used that we are not aware of. If a project does not fall into any of the categories listed here than most likely a permit from MNR is required. They are working toward being able to apply for permits online through the Ontario.ca website but as of the time of writing this was not functioning yet.

The CVCA works in tandem with our provincial and federal partners and regularly sends applications for their review either on their own or in conjunction with our own permit review. We are always available for any questions landowners may have regarding projects they are considering and are more than happy to help people navigate the permits necessary as best we can. It is important to note however that while we will certainly try to help landowners with inquiries to the MNR and DFO permit process we can only do this to a limited degree as ultimately it is not our jurisdiction to make decisions on specific issues.”

The Conservation Authority has a “Frequently Asked Questions” brochure which is specific to their Regulations Program and it is available on their website (www.crovevalley.com) and at the office. In February 2015 their fee schedule was updated and is on their website along with an updated application form. If you are planning or considering a shoreline project and not sure about the application process contact Sharlene or Lou Young. They are available at the Crowe Valley Conservation office (613-472-3137) or through e-mail (sharlene.richardson@crowevalley.com).

Memories of Bass Lake (cont.)

by Richard McCarthy

CHAPTER 14 - Names of the islands

I remember thinking as a young boy how different the lake would be with all different people living in the individual cottages and homes around the lake. I had a hard time trying to imagine not having our great neighbours living around us, and looking forward to seeing them every spring at the beginning of another great summer. Thankfully, a lot of us leave our lake residences to our children, and there is a certain "continuity" in the ownership of our lake properties. I've lived in North York, Scarborough, and several locations in Peterborough, but feel that my real home is Steenburg Lake.

As the years have gone by, names have changed with the residents of the lake. I can remember when roads were being named in the Maple Landing area, that the Township preferred not to give names of families to roads, so that the names wouldn't have to be changed as the years went by. Most of the islands on Steenburg Lake had family names attached to them when I was young, back in the '50s. I was initially surprised when the lake committee gave them names like "Little Bob" and "Big Bob". Someone explained to me that these were names that had been found on older maps of the lake, and did have some significance.

These are the names the islands were called in the last part of the 20th century:

- A** Little Bob Island - **Dewey's Island** - Right out in front of our family cottage where the Pollards are now.
- B** Big Bob Island - **Brooks Island** - Ralph Brooks was a bus driver & street car driver with the TTC, and it was always a thrill to meet him in Toronto during the year when boarding a bus or streetcar.
- C** Poplar Island - **Walsh's Island** - The Walsh family still have this beautiful island, and travel from the USA every year for a vacation.
- D** Birch Island - **Power's Island** - Doris Powers had her summer home on this island where Bill and Sharon Langman and Chris and Dave Langman now live.
- E** Crystal Island - **Batemans' Island** - John Bateman & Ann Bateman were friends when we were young. They lived in 563A where Judy and Don Leahy are now. Charles Bateman is still in 563B and Doug Bateman owned 563C where Kathy and Bob Henderson now reside.
- F** Picket Island - **Snake Island** - Where the Junior Bass Lake Association was going to build a dance floor.
- G** Limerick Island - **Wilson Island** - Clive Wilson, as I recall, was a minister at a local church.
- H** Loon Island - **Loon Island** - Loon Island is the only one that has retained the same name



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CHAPTER 15 - A memorable boat ride with the Johncox family

I've spoken before about the Johncox family that lived at #663 The Steenburg Lake Road North. Mr. Johncox had been such a good friend to me as a little guy, helping me fix up my wooden boat that the Yenovkians next door to them had given me. The Johncox's children were Bob and Betty. Judy, who is Bob's daughter and her husband Eric St. John are now the owners of the family treasure.

Mr. Johncox was a retired wood shop teacher when I knew him at the cottage. They were very good friends with the Rottmans who lived on the other side of the lake, somewhere around #718 or #720 on the South Road. The Johncoxes and the Rottmans built their cottages at the same time and in the same style, with cedar shake shingles for the siding on both the cottages and the boathouses. When you are out for a boat ride, you will be able to identify the similarity of the boathouses from the water.

One beautiful sunny day, a boat trip was planned to the Rottman's cottage, and Betty asked me if I would like to come along. The Johncox's boat had been built by Mr. Johncox, and was a very seaworthy plank structure. It was powered by a blue 16 HP Evinrude outboard motor and was probably the most distinctive boat on the lake at that time. Folding chairs were set up on the wooden floorboards of the boat, and Mrs. Johncox came down from the cottage with a scarf around her head, looking forward to the outing. After we had cast off and were under way, Mr. Johncox asked me if I would like to take the wheel and steer the boat for a while. Unfortunately, with my lack of experience driving a boat of that size, I hit some waves at the wrong angle, and Mrs. Johncox got sprayed with water. It was all fun and laughter at the time, but someone else took over the helm right away.

Years later, someone pointed out the old boat to me that had belonged to the Johncoxes, and I couldn't believe how small it looked, as it had seemed like such a large craft when I was a child.

CHAPTER 16 - Berry picking with my good friends

Betty Johncox and Doris Powers were taking the boat one day to Moore's Landing to pick berries, and invited me to come along. Moore's Landing was at around #620 to #624 on the South Road. The Moore family would have used the landing years ago to access the Moore Headland across the water. It was a glorious day picking berries. I'm sure I must have consumed half of the berries that I picked. All in all, it was a successful and happy outing.

CHAPTER 17 - Onion sandwiches

I was never an onion eater as a young guy. If there were egg sandwiches that had little pieces of onion in them, I wouldn't eat them. I just couldn't handle the "onion" taste.

The Johncoxes had long vines of purple Italian onions hanging on their back porch. One day when I was over there at around mid-day, they asked me to stay for lunch. Without knowing what they were going to have, I gladly accepted the invitation. Large onions were picked from the vines from the back porch and sliced into about 1/4 inch slabs and presented at the table on plates for us to make onion sandwiches. Backed into a corner, I had to watch as everyone made themselves an onion sandwich, and of course I had to copy what they were doing. I ate that sandwich with super mild onions in it, and couldn't believe how much I enjoyed it. I was so pleased with myself to be able to go home and announce that I'd had an onion sandwich for lunch.

CHAPTER 18 - My loss of a very special friend when she got married

One summer, I arrived at the lake to the news that Betty Johncox was engaged to be married. I was probably about 11 or 12 years old at the time. Betty had been such a good friend of mine, I remember feeling sad that I would be losing my special friend to someone else. Betty was marrying a man by the name of Bill Burton, and when I met him, I was shocked that he was so old, feeling that he was as old as Mr. Johncox. I got over my sadness of having to share my special friend, and the more I got to know Bill Burton, the more I realized what a wonderful man he was. Bill was retired when they got married. He had been a pilot during his working days, and had many interesting stories to tell. Although he was older in years, he was definitely "young at heart", and lots of fun to be with. Years later, Marilyn and I had the pleasure of visiting them at their home in Florida when we were down there on vacation.



CHAPTER 19 - Boating tragedy, with loss of a special lady

You have heard me speak of the boats that Bruce Fitzgibbon made for the residents of Steenburg Lake, and about how great they were especially for the islanders. They were stable in the water, and had just the right amount of weight that you could stand up to start the engine, and still feel quite comfortable.

One day, late in the fall, probably around Thanksgiving, Doris Powers arrived at her dock which was up around the Fitzgibbons' to go over to her island. Doris had recently purchased a new aluminum boat. She stood in the back of her boat to start the engine, and didn't realize that she had left the motor in gear. Most outboard motors now won't allow the engine to start if it is not in neutral. As it was late in the fall and quite cold outside, Doris had a long scarf around her neck. When she pulled on the starter cord, the engine started with a lurch causing her to fall into the water over the stern of the boat. Her scarf became entangled in the propeller of the motor, and she was sucked underwater by the scarf. The entangled scarf then stalled the motor and held her under until she drowned.

I believe it was Bruce Fitzgibbon who discovered her there, and had to deal with the anguish of losing a very special "Lady of the Lake".

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Off Road Vehicle Regulations Review

by Pat Stallaert

In March of this year, the Ontario Government (MTO) began a review of off road vehicle (ORV) regulations in this province. Public and industry input has been requested. Among the many aspects they are considering is the possible expansion of rules to include categories such as two-up ATVs, SUVs and side-by-sides.

For those who see ATVs and similar machines as a curse and a holy terror on cottage country, this could be disturbing. But for the many of us who enjoy ORVs, this is welcome news. Ontario currently has the most restrictive regulations in the country, particularly as they apply to rural road-sides. The key to getting these opposing views to come to terms is common sense and mutual respect.

ORV operators need to use common sense, courtesy, good judgement and respect for those around them whether near cottage neighbourhoods, side roads or trails. Recognize that these machines can be loud and disturbing, particularly when used repeatedly at close range to others who wish to enjoy some country solitude. Speeding and reckless abandon are unacceptable! Safety care and control are a must at all times. Despite all the news in recent years of accidents, injuries and fatalities involving ATVs, they can be operated safely, by a competent and sober driver. Most accidents usually involve improper use or knowledge, or impairment due to drugs or alcohol.

Others should exercise caution when encountering these vehicles along trails and roadsides, and give them a wide berth.

For more information on current regulations and this review, visit:

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Watch Your Wake

by Don Mills

On a bright sunny day last July I decided to take out our boat and do a quick tour of the lake. I pulled away from our dock, brought the boat up to planing speed, and headed down my bay. I circled around at the end and started back. Looking ahead towards the Boat Launch I noticed that Donna and Mike were down by the water. I pulled closer to shore, slowed down a bit, blew the horn and waved. I then sped back up to planing speed and went on down the lake. What I didn't do was look back and see what damage I had done. The wake from my boat had hit the stern of Mike's fishing boat, splashed over the back, soaked the floor and seat, broke the back mooring line on the boat, and hit the dock so hard that it bent the connecting brackets between two sections of dock.

Numerous articles have been written by cottagers' associations describing the impact of boat wakes on land erosion, water quality degradation, dock and boat damage, and wildlife/fish habitat destruction. Most of us, with powerboats, are well aware of the rules and regulations for safe boating but we may not be as familiar with the impact of boat wake. Did you know that the law in Ontario states that power-boaters must slow down to 10 kilometres an hour within 30 metres of a shoreline? There is actually a fine which is enforced on some waterways. An exception to this speed limit is for boats pulling a water skier or wake boarder travelling perpendicular to shore to pull away from or to land at a docking area.

Although boats are different in terms of the size of wake they create, how you speed-up and slowdown is important. Operating your boat at displacement speed (see below) or less makes very little wake. The bow is down and moving very little water. As you increase speed beyond displacement speed the bow begins to rise and plows through the water. The wake from the bow begins to meet the wake from the stern and the combination results in a wave that increases in height and volume. This is also the speed at which you burn the most fuel. A message contained in a boating newsgroup describes it best:

"Semi-planing in a planing hull (runabouts, power cruisers), although commonly seen, is, just horrible, with the engine straining, the bow pointed up, and a large rolling wake which can be seen striking the shore and rolling other boats. Lots of fuel is used, with no additional forward speed."

The Pike Lake Community Association, in 2013, published a newsletter which has been shared through the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA) with other members. That article outlines the various impacts that boat wakes have:

The larger the wake, the greater the potential for undesirable side effects

- Loons, & other birds that nest along the shore, choose locations that are protected from waves generated by the prevailing winds. However, boat wake, which can come from any direction, can & does drown the nests & the young, particularly in May & June.
- Inexperienced swimmers & young children are not usually in the water when wind-driven waves are high. However, they can be toppled by the size & energy of boat wake.
- Boat wake & prop wash can churn up sediments in shallow water which releases dormant nutrients that promote weed growth & algal blooms.
- Boat wake can cause erosion.
- Boat wake can cause docks & moored boats to rock severely & pull mooring hardware off the boat, the dock or both.

Shoreline erosion caused by wakes can be significant and the roots of vegetation, including trees, are exposed. Shoreline sediment as well as plants and trees that have lost support end up in the water.

The results of a study by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources were included in an Environment Canada publication in 2005. It showed that a 12.5 cm (5 inches) high wave when it reaches the shore does not cause significant shoreline damage. Waves this high are created by boats operating at speeds under 10 km/hr. A wave that is 25 cm (10 inches) high is four times more destructive than a 12.5 cm wave and a 62.5 cm (25 inches) wave 25 times more destructive. Runabouts and waterski boats produce about a 25 cm high wave at the stern of the boat when at planing speed.

When cruising the shoreline keep an eye on your boat's wake. Go slow enough to keep the bow down.

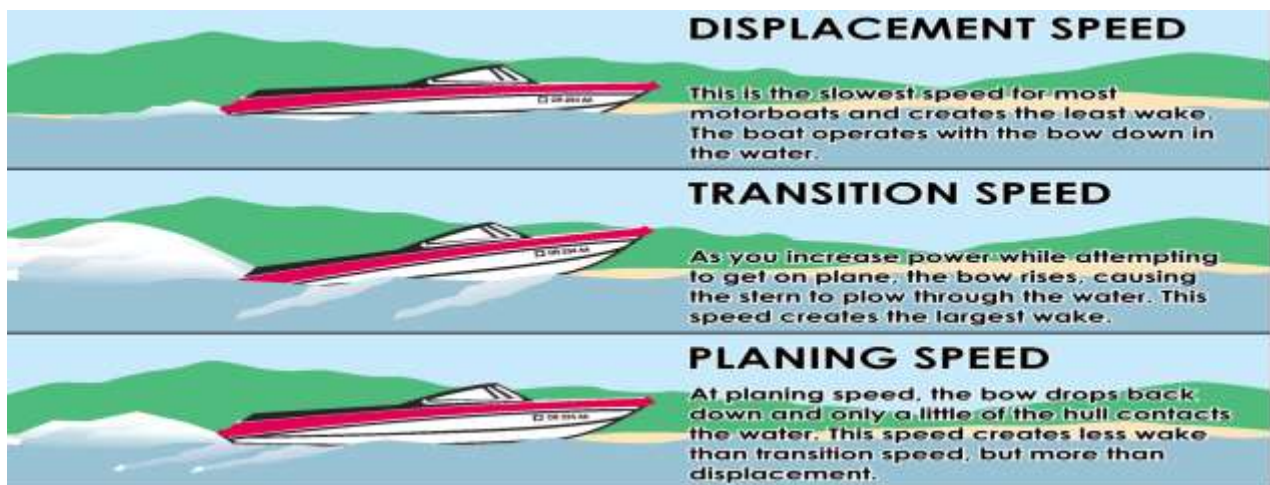
Ours is a comparatively small lake and the bays relatively narrow. It is common to encounter fishing boats, swimmers, canoes and kayaks when out on the water. Be aware of the size of wake your boat causes and give them the space to be safe.

Sources:

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Membership Report

by Marlene Pollard

I imagine everyone is looking forward to summer this year. It was sure a long and cold winter. I am happy to announce that all of the 2014 canvassers will be back this year and for this I am very grateful. Thank you everyone.

If there are any 50 year members coming up please let me know and we will recognize them at the AGM in August.

We lost one of our 50 year members this year. Betty Matthews passed away on Feb. 15, 2015. Her cottage was on the South Road. If there are any other members who have passed please let me know and I will indicate this in the fall newsletter.

I would like to remind everyone that we do have the PAY PAL service on our website www.steenburglake.com. There are quite a few members using this service and it is working out very well. If you choose to pay this way, your canvasser will still drop off your info kit this summer.

Hope to see you all at our summer events. If you have any questions please contact me at 613-474-2392 or pollard25@steenburglake.com




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Steenburg Lake and Zone 15

by Don Mills

Steenburg Lake is cut in half by the Tudor/ Cashel and Limerick Township line. For most of us this is of little consequence. For fishermen, this does however, cause some confusion. The reason is that if you follow the map, the Tudor Cashel side is in Fisheries Management Zone 18 and the Limerick side in Zone 15. The reason that confusion exists is that the opening and closing of bass season, and the rules affecting ice fishing huts, are different in the two Management Zones. For example, in Zone 18, bass season opens the 3rd Saturday in June and runs until December 15. In Zone 15 it opens the 4th Saturday in June and closes on November 30. Ice huts have to off the lakes the 15th of March in Zone 18 and March 31 in Zone 15. In general, the temperatures are colder in Zone 15 than 18 and the ice is thicker and stays longer in the winter. The water temperatures are colder in the spring and delays spawning.

Since we moved here I have always understood that the lake was in district 15. But, every year we have had bass fishermen on the lake the week before Zone 15 opening. Could they legally fish on one side of the lake but not the other? To try to clarify the issue I spoke with Shane Brownlee, our Conservation Officer from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Fisheries (MNR) in Bancroft.



Shane indicated that when a lake was divided by a township line the MNR follows the natural line of the body of water as the boundary. In the case of Steenburg Lake they have put the entire lake in Zone 15 and Zone 15 fishing regulations apply.

For the first time in the five winters that I have spent on the lake an ice fishing hut was not removed by the specified deadline and left abandoned down by the beach. The hut did not appear to be used very often and was not well-maintained. It apparently also did not have a registration number on it. MNR staff was on the lake several times during the winter but no one was ever at the hut when they were there. By the end of March the floor of the hut was frozen into the ice making removal very difficult. There was some warm weather in early April which also changed the ice condition to a degree that made it unsafe to even try to get it off. It was clear that the hut was going to go into the water, possibly sinking, creating a boating hazard, and making removal even more of a challenge. Fortunately, the inside of the hut was insulated with Styrofoam which would help it float. The hut did end up in the water and did float enough that the wind blew it to shore where it was removed successfully. MNR and Crimestoppers have issued a statement asking the public for any information that would identify the culprits.

After the episode there were some questions asked about the regulation of fish huts. In Ontario, ice fishing huts are supposed to have a registration number attached. The registration number used to be obtained through the MNR but is now available online through the Government of Ontario website. The registration number belongs to the person. So, if I decide to build a new hut for next winter, I take the number off my old hut and attach it to the new one. The process allows the MNR, when they check huts on the ice in the winter, to have access to the identity of the owner.

Hopefully, this will not happen again. It clearly demonstrated a total lack of respect for our lake and those of us who live or cottage on it.

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The Cottage Bookshelf

Reviewed by Pat Stallaert

Well, you can't say I didn't warn you... Last fall, we introduced this column with the intent to help members find some worthy reading material for those rainy days or buggy evenings up at the cottage. The hope was that readers might submit their own book reviews and recommendations, but it looks like yours truly will have to step up to the plate again...

For this installment of The Cottage Bookshelf, I would like to recommend a marvelous little book entitled "The Bad Luck Bank Robbers: The 1961 Havelock Bank Robbery", by Grace Parker (ISBN 0-9696298-2-6). I know some of you on the lake are already familiar with this book, and even more of you with the story. Indeed, as Richard McCarthy pointed out last fall in Chapter 10 of his *Memories of Bass Lake*, a few of you may even have a first-hand recollection of the events of that summer, but please bear with me while we revisit this subject once more for the rest of our members and friends.

This delightful little book tells the story of a brazen daylight bank heist which took place in Havelock on the morning of August 31, 1961. Although the perpetrators seemed to have planned their caper very carefully, they just were not prepared for the ruggedness of North Hastings County in the early 1960s, or for the resourcefulness of its inhabitants.

The book covers the setting which included an otherwise quiet little rural town, and the TD bank which handled the regular payroll for the local mines in the area. It describes in detail how the bandits broke into the bank the night before the robbery, and waited for the staff to open in the morning. It then covers the actual robbery, and how these experienced criminals knew exactly what they were doing and what they were looking for.

One of the most exciting parts of the book traces the getaway as the bandits made their way through the rugged roads north of Havelock, and details all the mishaps and mistakes that lead them to be dubbed the Bad Luck Bank Robbers. A map helps to follow the bandits along their escape route which led them to our own Steenburg Lake. It then goes on to chronicle the largest OPP manhunt in Ontario's history to that day, and the brave efforts of local residents to help track and capture the suspects right around our lake and points nearby.

The book then reviews the gathering of evidence and the sensational trial of the suspects. It also has a conclusion and a special section on The Gut (now one of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority's conservation areas) which featured prominently in this bizarre tale. It is well illustrated with lots of historic pictures of the people and places it refers to. It's great reading about and seeing flashbacks to our beloved community, in a way that nearly takes you back in time.

With nearly a quarter of a million dollars in cash and negotiable notes stolen, it was the largest bank robbery in Ontario history to that day. The proceeds of the crime were never found, leading many to believe that the loot might still be stashed away somewhere along the getaway trail. Retracing the route the bandits took is an enjoyable outing and leads you to some of the most picturesque parts of the region. Who knows, maybe you might get lucky and find the long lost treasure.



This amusing little book is a quick and easy read for all ages. Like *The Trail of Broken Hearts*, reviewed last fall, this book is also available at The Old Hastings Gallery near Ormsby along with a plethora of other great cottage collectables and decorating treasures. *The Bad Luck Bank Robbers* is a definite must-have for your cottage bookshelf! Many thanks to Rick and Diane Burke for pointing it out to us.

As a last minute note... we just found out that the 4th Line Theatre group in Millbrooke Ontario, will be putting on a play this summer called "The Bad Luck Bank Robbers" (visit www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca for details). We've already reserved our tickets to this open air event. It will be interesting to see their rendition of this popular story. Maybe we'll see you there!

Review by Pat Stallaert

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Cottage Cookbook

by Melissa Stallaert

Well it's finally spring, and with it comes the age old question, what can I make for lunch or dinner that's reasonably quick and very tasty? Our family are big fans of things that you can make back home in the city where you have all your ingredients handy and clean-up is a lot easier. Not only does it free up your time for more fun things once at the cottage, but if you're lucky, you can freeze it, and save precious space in coolers that is normally required by ice packs. If you look through any cottage magazine, the most commonly found recipes are new twists on the time honoured hamburger. In keeping with that trend, here's one of our family favourites:

Hamburger Soup

Ingredients:

- ½ pound lean ground beef
- 2 cups chopped green pepper
- 1 tsp garlic
- ¾ tsp pepper
- 1 tsp hot chili pepper flakes
- 1 can of beef broth
- 1 can of diced tomatoes
- 1 can of tomato soup
- 1 ½ cups of cooked white rice

Directions:

In a Dutch oven, add ground beef and crumble. Add green pepper and cook until tender (about 8 to 10 minutes). Add pepper, garlic, chili pepper flakes, broth, tomato soup, diced tomato and bring to a boil. Let simmer for 45 minutes.

While the above ingredients are cooking, you can prepare the rice. In the last 10 minutes before the main ingredients finish cooking, stir in the rice.

As an added flair, your guests can sprinkle shredded cheese on top of their bowl. We like to call that cheeseburger soup! Enjoy!

Note:

Makes about 4 good sized bowls, but we usually double or triple the recipe to make a big batch. If you freeze or just keep in the fridge to another day, the rice tends to absorb more moisture. You can have it that way (eats more like a stew...), or add a bit of water to thin it down while reheating. Warms up easily in a microwave ☺

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Sorry, contest open to SLCA members only.

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Municipal Affairs Report

by Ken Deboo

Despite being a very long and cold winter, there have been quite a number of events on the municipal front.

Limerick Dump/Landfill: Limerick Township still has not made a decision as to what they are doing with the Dump. The Limerick council has yet to decide as to returning the existing transfer station back into a dump, or leave it as a transfer station. There are pros and cons to both situations and the council is still trying to weigh out which is best for the community, both economically and environmentally.

The clear garbage bag policy will start July 1/ 2015. There will be a grace period for those who forget to use the clear bags, until Jan.1/ 2016. After Jan 1/2016, there may be a financial penalty for not using clear bags.

Hazardous Waste: Neither the Tudor or Limerick dump/transfer station accepts hazardous waste. As a result, hazardous waste disposal days have been co-ordinated with Faraday Township. Dates for Hazardous waste disposal are May 16, June 12, July 4, Aug.8, and Sept. 5.

Hazardous waste will be accepted on the above dates at the Faraday Public Works yard, #29860 Hwy #28, just south/west of Bancroft.

Highway Upgrade: Limerick has received a grant from the Ontario Gov't. to upgrade Hwy #620 from Hwy #62 west to Old Hastings Rd at Ormsby. Possible date of start could be around the end of June, or early July, and is supposed to be finished by fall. Limerick did apply for a similar grant to re-pave the North Steenburg Rd, but were not successful in obtaining it. The Limerick Roads Superintendent said that they will re-apply next year.

Copper Mine: It has come to light that a mining exploration company has filed papers to survey and prospect for copper and possibly open a copper mine near Two Mile Lake in the north-eastern area of Limerick Township. Not much information out yet on this issue, and it may be some time, if at all, before mining will actually commence.

Logging: Limerick Reeve, Sharon Carson, attended a meeting in Kingston recently, that was also attended by the government Minister responsible for logging and forestry in Ontario. Reeve Carson brought up the subject to the Minister, about the amount of logging that is going on in our community, and that the local communities are not being fairly compensated by the logging companies. The townships are not being compensated for all of the wear and tear that the logging trucks are causing to township roads, and that the loggers are paying quite substantially less of a portion of taxes on their properties than that of the local residents.

The major logging company, which is based in the US, has invoked "NAFTA" in order to get the taxes reduced on the lands that they are logging. They are currently only paying approx. 25% of the real taxes on their land, because of NAFTA. The logs are cut and loaded onto trucks by non-local workers, and are hauled to manufacturing plants outside of the County and therefore very little or no money is being brought back into the neighbouring communities. Tudor township has had to refund the logging company a substantial amount of tax money because of rulings by the MNR and NAFTA.

Fee Increase: Both Tudor and Limerick building permit fees have been increased as of January 1/2015. It will now cost you more to build that shed or garage. The townships have a list of fees for any project you may have in mind. The building inspector, Ken Buxton, is in his Tudor office at the Tudor Municipal office, on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at Limerick municipal office on Friday morning, if you have any questions about your project.

Student Employment: Both Tudor and Limerick Townships will be hiring 1 or 2 students this year. If interested in submitting your name for employment, visit the Township offices.

Limerick Calendar: Limerick has a calendar of events posted on their web-site. This calendar is very useful if you are planning to attend any one of a number of events hosted by Limerick. The calendar includes dates and times for suppers, yoga-size classes, library, and council meetings, etc. No word yet if Limerick will be hosting swim lessons at the Steenburg beach again this year.

Shoreline purchases: Numerous shoreline purchases have been applied for in the last few months in both Tudor and Limerick. If you are planning on building on your property or selling your cottage in the near future, it may be to your advantage to purchase your shoreline allowance. The purchase process does take some time to go through, possibly a year or longer, depending on your individual situation.

OPP: Tudor and Limerick are encouraging residents to use the OPP "self-reporting" forms for minor crimes such as winter break-ins/vandalism or petty thefts, etc. You will be issued an investigation # for insurance, but the OPP will not attend your property immediately. It goes without saying that if there is an emergency, by all means, contact them, but to help keep costs to the township down, any minor crimes can be reported by using the "Self Reporting" forms.

The OPP has recently increased their fees to the townships by a substantial amount over the last year, and we can help keep costs and therefore taxes down, by using these forms. The "Self Reporting" forms can be found on the township web-sites.

Rally: The Rally of the Tall Pines is scheduled this year for Nov. 28th. If you wish to attend the Rally, more info on times and viewing sites is available on the Rally web-site. If you have property on Old Hastings Rd. you may wish to plan ahead, as the Rally closes the road for a number of hours during the race.

South Road: The South Road had quite a few pot-holes and ruts again in the early spring and was getting to be almost unnavigable for small cars. The frost was quite thick this winter due to unseasonably cold temps in December and January paired with the lack of snowfall so it was quite late coming up out of the ground. But both townships have been in and graded and dragged the road so it is now in good shape for the summer. No change yet on getting more maintenance on the South road.

Tudor town council has recently voted to obtain a new grader and tractor for the roads department. Delivery will be shortly. Hopefully they will use this new equipment to improve the South Road.

See you on the lake. Have a safe and enjoyable summer 2015!

Ontario's First Gold Mine Near Madoc

By [Susanna McLeod](#), Kingston Whig-Standard

Tuesday, February 3, 2015



Hiking through scraggly scrub brush, clambering up jagged, rocky hills, and across grassy fields in the mid-1860s, the prospectors scrutinized each area carefully for signs of a soft reddish-orange mineral. A copper mine would set a lot of people on the road to good fortune; in demand for coins, housewares, bathtubs, shipbuilding, the metal was indispensable in Canada. After months of exploring in the Madoc, Ont., region, about 115 km northwest of Kingston, the miners were at last tracing a potential mineral seam. The prize they found on John Richardson's farmland wasn't copper, it was gold.

Digging a shaft 15 feet down, "the seam was six inches wide at the top and was decomposed for six feet," said prospector Marcus Herbert Powell in the First Report of the Bureau of Mines, 1891. "Then it was solid rock to 15 feet, where it suddenly opened into a cave 12 feet long, six feet wide and six feet high, so that I could stand upright in it." It was a discovery that he literally fell into in the summer of 1866.

"The hanging wall was quartzite and the foot wall was granite, while the roof was composed of spar, talc and rocks of various kinds, and the floor of iron, talc, quartzite, black mica and other minerals," Powell described. The gold was interspersed throughout the rocks "in the form of leaves and nuggets, and in the roof it ran through a foot thickness like knife blades." The nuggets weren't all tiny flakes that could blow away -- "the largest was about the size of a butternut." (A butternut is approximately the size of a walnut.) The dark hollow in the earth was a cavern of riches.

Powell and his fellow prospector, William Berryman, announced their find of the newly named Richardson Mine, but people didn't believe the young men "¡ that is, until word spread far enough. Then miners streamed in from as far away as California's gold rush and the Caribou gold fields in British Columbia. To meet the urgent needs of new miners, a boom town was hastily slapped together, named El Dorado "¡ the golden one.

Barely weeks passed before 80 buildings were erected, shanties and roadhouses, cabins and hotels, crowded along muddy lanes. Eldorado was as rough and gritty as any mining town could be.

Many prospectors stayed in Madoc at newly constructed hotels, and others travelled the 53 km northward from Belleville by stagecoach. "There are at present four four-horse coaches and two covered stages, besides numerous private conveyances, leave Belleville for Madoc daily," reported Alfred A. Campbell to the Commission of Crown Lands in a paper dated May 6, 1867. "A daily express has also been established." The need for modern communications was addressed, too, with the hurried installation of a telegraph line.

Dozens of establishments sprouted up between Belleville and the gold mine. "Excitement and population peaked at April (1867) when it is believed that 4,000 prospectors, investors and curiosity seekers arrived in central Hastings." Land prices rocketed skyward and deeds transferred from hand to gold-fevered hand as speculation ran rampant, not only over weeks or days, but some within hours.

Marcus Powell leased 19 acres of Richardson's farmland for a half-share of any minerals the prospector found. Miners Lombard and Hardin bought the property for the outrageous sum of \$36,000. "Richardson got \$21,000 and Berryman \$1,500," Powell said. "I gave my old associate Snider \$3,500, and had \$10,000 left for my own share." (Snider was Powell's earlier prospecting partner.)

In 1867, mining operations began, but not before a band of approximately 100 marauders raided the site. They weren't there to steal the treasure. They didn't believe there was actually gold on that sparse part of the Canadian Shield. The leader known as "Caribou" Cameron was an experienced gold miner from the B.C. interior. The angry men rashly threatened to pull the wooden shaft house down and tossed ropes overtop to prove they were prepared to act.

"But before any damage was done," Powell said, "Caribou Cameron and another man were allowed to enter the mine and examine it." Surfacing from the shaft, the men affirmed to the hostile group that there indeed was gold. "By this time, two or three men of the Mounted Police had come up from Madoc, six miles off, and the raiders quietly dispersed." With the volatile controversy cleared up without harm or bloodshed, confidence was restored. Such difficulties had been anticipated and a force of 25 RCMP was temporarily stationed near Eldorado.

The gold rush kept the inspector busy issuing "some 30 licences" he stated, with the Richardson property "promising to be one of the richest mines as yet discovered in any country".

Heavy machinery was brought in by mining companies, one was a steam-powered quartz-crushing mill to extract gold from the ore.

Visions of prosperity evaporated as the gold depleted rapidly. "Although the gold was extremely pure, only later was it realized that the deposit was an extremely small isolated pocket as exploratory digs later proved," said Frank Festa on Mindat.org in "The Richardson Gold Mine, Eldorado, Ontario," Jan. 25, 2012. "At the end of the year, their investments returned about \$15 to the ton." Cutting their losses, investors left for richer ground. The Richardson Mine closed in 1869 and the boomtown dwindled.

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In the hustle for gold, other mines sprang up in Hastings County. Bannockburn, Deloro, Cordova, Marmora and Golden Fleece, to name a few. As with Richardson's, they did not hold vast amounts of great wealth.

The Richardson Mine set hearts ablaze for the precious golden rock. Though Eldorado was short-lived, the burning desire was not extinguished, only postponed. Three decades later, the Klondike Gold Rush brought the craving for gold again into full flame.

To commemorate the first gold mine in Ontario, a historical plaque was installed by Archeological and Historical Sites Board of Ontario. The plaque is located at the corner of Hwy. 62 and John Street in the village of Eldorado, with a few of the original buildings nearby, a reminder of the fleeting golden moment.

(Susanna McLeod is a writer living in Kingston.)

Not In My Back Yard!

by Pat Stallaert

For those of you who may remember, there was talk back in 2004 about a prospector staking a claim for a new copper and tin mine just south-east of Ormsby. News of this exploit all but fizzled out, but in February of this year, it resurfaced in all the trade and investment papers. Agave Silver Corp. of BC, had signed a letter of agreement with Hastings Highland Resources Ltd, for an exclusive option for a 90% stake in this site.

The agreement, subject to TSX Venture Exchange approval, would involve a three year study and development project leading to a targeted commercial in service date of 2022. The Agreement was to have been reached by March 31, 2015, and would have been worth well in excess of \$12 million, and more than 2.7 million common shares in Agave.

As we had not heard anything further on the matter, we contacted Agave to enquire as to the status of this agreement, and were told the original letter of agreement had been extended, and a final agreement is expected by mid-May.

Needless to say, a major mining operation so close to Steenburg Lake could have a huge impact on the water table, surface water, wildlife, noise and road congestion in the area. Your SLCA will be monitoring this situation very closely.

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Big Changes Coming to Hydro One

by Pat Stallaert

On March 12th, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) announced its decision regarding Hydro One's 2015 – 2019 distribution rates application. Suffice it to say, things didn't go entirely as Hydro One had hoped. Hydro One was looking for a 29% increase over the next five years. Instead, the OEB held them to a 19% increase over 3 years. It's hard to say which is worse, but like many things the devil is in the details.

Part of this decision included the phasing out of the rate class formerly known as Seasonal Residential. All future rates will be based on density. As a result, some rates will decrease while the majority will actually see an increase by the time this restructuring is in place in January of 2016.

Also of note was that Hydro One's proposed budget for increased vegetation management will actually see a decrease of \$39 million over the next three years as the OEB urged Hydro One to find new efficiencies in this area.

Though we would all like to see some relief on our ever growing hydro bills, we must all agree that what is in everyone's best interest is that Hydro One, and its aging assets, operate in a viable, safe and reliable manner, able to resist the many challenges that the economy and weather can present it. To that end, it is particularly concerning to learn that the Liberal government has decided to sell off 60% of this crown corporation. The government plans to divest itself of 60% of Hydro One, but limit any one owner to a 10% stake, so it can, (it thinks) retain control with a 40% share while introducing new efficiencies that only private corporations can realize. Clearly, they don't understand how private corporations work (minimize costs to maximize profits).

Just as the former Conservative government argued that introducing competition in the electricity generation market would bring lower prices through competition, that hasn't been the case. Most experts agree that regional power distribution would be better served by a single, crown corporation with a mandate to provide safe, reliable electricity at a reasonable price, than to be at the mercy of competing corporate interests, with their eye on the bottom line.

In return, the Liberals promise to reinvest billions into infrastructure, while most likely giving away the crown jewels! This myopic approach to raising much needed capital at the expense of one of this province's greatest assets is a recipe for disaster. Good luck raising capital at favourable interest rates, once you've sold off all your best assets.

There's a reason Ontario has enjoyed triple A bond ratings in the past, despite facing staggering deficits. Goodbye farm!

Although the Ontario Ombudsman has issued scathing reports on billing errors and customer service complaints... most would argue that we're still better off with the devil we know than the devil we don't. Finally, it has been recommended that the government make the difference between peak and off peak power rates even greater in order to further encourage conservation and time of use... You can be sure this will only mean higher rates and bills to come.

But you don't have to take this author's opinion. See what others are saying, and voice your own opinion at:

<http://behindthenumbers.ca/2015/04/16/got-a-problem-privatize-it-and-pay-the-price-for-selling-off-hydro-one-later/>

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God and Lawn Care

GOD to ST. FRANCIS:

Frank, You know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

ST. FRANCIS:

It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD:

Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colourful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD:

The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

GOD:

They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS:

Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD:

They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS:

No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD:

Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS:

Yes, Sir.

GOD:

These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS:

You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD:

What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS:

You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD:

No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS:

After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD:

And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS:

They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD:

Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE:

'Dumb and Dumber', Lord. It's a story about....

GOD:

Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.



Making Sense Out of Non-sense

Hydro One Distribution and Other Charges Explained

by Pat Stallaert

I'm guessing I'm not alone in experiencing shock at how large our Hydro One bills have gotten, especially the first bill after a long winter away from the cottage. As I suspect many of you do, we close up our cottage in the late fall and there is virtually nothing left running there until the spring. Yet I'm always amazed at how large the bill is despite the reduced usage over the winter. What's even more puzzling is how Hydro One could charge more for the delivery of electricity, than it does for the actual cost of power consumed: A notion that almost defies all reasoning.

I contacted Hydro One upon receiving my bill in early February, and here is what I found out about how they calculate what they term, the Delivery Charge.

To begin with, there are no fewer than five components that go into calculating your Delivery Charge:

1. The first is what's known as the Distribution Flat Fee. Every Hydro One customer gets charged \$23.63 each month, just for being connected to the grid, regardless how much if any power you use.
2. Second, there is a Smart Meter Entity Fee. This is another flat fee of \$.79 per month, just for having a smart meter. This charge took effect May, 2013 and is scheduled to run to October 31, 2018 (*but you can be sure they'll find a way to extend it...*).
3. Next there is a Distribution Volume Charge. This is a computed value which uses the measured electrical consumption in kWh, multiplied by a factor of \$0.08206/kWh. Obviously, this amount increases with the amount of electricity you use, regardless of what time of day you use it.
4. Then there is Transmission Connection Charge. This is another computed value that starts with your measured usage, and multiplies it by a factor of 1.092 to take into consideration electrical energy lost in the form of heat when it is transmitted over wires for long distances. This results in what is termed the Adjusted Consumption. This value is then multiplied by a factor of \$ 0.00460/kWh to produce the Transmission Connection Charge.
5. Finally, there is the Transmission Network Charge which again takes your Adjusted Consumption and multiplies it by a factor of \$ 0.00663/kWh.

So, just to give you an example, say you used the following amount of electricity in a billing period (typically 30 days).

Consumption:	On-Peak 20 kWh	@14.0000 ¢/kWh	\$2.80
	Mid-Peak 30 kWh	@11.4000 ¢/kWh	\$3.42
	Off-Peak <u>200 kWh</u>	@7.7000 ¢/kWh	<u>\$15.40</u>
Total Metered Usage:	250 kWh	Total Usage Charge:	\$21.62

Distribution Charge:

1. Distribution Flat Fee:		\$23.63
2. Smart Meter Entity Fee:		\$ 0.79
3. Distribution Volume Charge: (250 kWh X \$0.08206/kWh)		\$20.52
4. Transmission Connection Charge: (250kWh X 1.092 X \$ 0.00460/kWh)		\$ 1.26
5. Transmission Network Charge: (250kWh X 1.092 X \$ 0.00663/kWh)		<u>\$ 1.81</u>
	Total Distribution Fee:	\$48.01

The above five values are added together to produce your **Delivery Charge**, so as you can see, even if you turned off your main breaker at your cottage for the full billing period, you would still be billed a Delivery Charge of \$24.42 plus tax.

But wait, they're not done with you yet...

Add:	1. Regulatory Charges: (250 kWh X \$0.57/kWh) + \$0.25	\$ 1.68
	2. Debt Retirement Charge: (250 kWh X \$0.66/kWh)	\$ 1.65

But wait, there's more...

Add:	GST (13%): (72.96 X 0.13)	\$ 9.48
	Total Charges:	<u>\$82.44</u>

Now for a tiny bit of good news...

Subtract:	Ontario Clean Energy Benefit (-10%, but only until Dec 31, 2015)	<u>- \$ 8.24</u>
	Finally, you get your Amount Owing	\$74.20

And that's how you get a hydro bill for more than three times the amount of electricity used!



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(Rain Day – June 28)

Start Time: 8:30 pm

A donation of \$25 per family in advance is requested.

Contact:
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Or (613)474-3167



July

11 Regatta

11:00 am @ The Beach

Come and meet your friends and neighbours at the Regatta!

Bring your own kayaks, canoes, paddles and life jackets. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers.

BBO to follow. Steenburg Lake merchandise will be on sale.

12 Road Clean-up

North Road – Meet at the Beach

South Road – Meet at the first Y in the road

Garbage bags will be provided. Please try to bring your own work gloves. Refreshments will be served following the event.

Reminder to high school aged students:

Participation in this event can be applied towards high school community volunteer hours. Bring your forms!!!

August

2 Annual General Meeting

Continental Breakfast: 9:30 am
Meeting: 10:00 am

Limerick Community Centre,
Highway 620, east of Coe Hill.

All members are encouraged to attend. Get the latest updates on issues facing our community, and what your SLCA is doing to protect our lake.

Have your say and cast your vote on any SLCA motions or Executive elections.

Come meet with friends and neighbours, enjoy some treats and refreshments and have chances to win some great door prizes!

8 Steenburg Lake Fun Run

Registration: 8:30 am

Race starts: 10:00 am

Medals will be awarded to top 3 Male and Female finishers in each age group.

Fee: \$5 – includes a Fun Run T-shirt, drink and a snack

Contact: Wendy Butler

(613) 474-0268

Please register in advance to reserve your size T-shirt!