



# Shoreline News

## Spring 2018

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

by Pat Stallaert

Without a doubt, this has been the most stubborn winter in anyone's recollection. It came on early, tricked us by disappearing briefly with some big thaws that messed up the snowmobile trails for most of the season, and kept coming back for an encore. Who would have believed the ice would still be around by the beginning of May?

But nature wasn't the only one playing tricks on us this year. While researching some historic information, it came to my attention that we had our dates wrong about the start of the Steenburg Lake Community Association. Last fall, we announced that the SLCA was turning 60 this year. We even had two contests to come up with a new logo and a new slogan to mark the occasion. As it turns out, the SLCA was started back in 1954, not 1958. So this year, we are actually 64 years young. Obviously, you folks didn't fall for it since we received no entries to either contest.

If you thought 60 years was a bit of an odd anniversary to celebrate, we can't imagine what you'd say about 64, so your SLCA Executive have decided to hold off the celebrations, and have an even bigger party next year for our 65<sup>th</sup>! As disappointed as I'm sure you all are, take comfort in knowing that we have more time to prepare for an even better celebration next year. And yes, this means that you're not too late to get your entries in for our new logo and slogan contests.

Sixty-five years is truly a remarkable accomplishment. Very few lake associations can make this claim. Even our friends over at Shawano (Dickie Lake) only just celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> last year, and that was quite an achievement. Clearly, our founders had a lot of foresight and were on the leading edge of waterfront property protection.

So let's all put our thinking caps on, and come up with great ideas on how best to mark our 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. And what better way to remind you that we are still missing some very key positions on the SLCA Executive. Most notably, we need a Social Chair to help pull all these great ideas together and translate them into fun events. We also need a new Marketing and Merchandise person to help us come up with fresh ideas for new products. And finally, we could sure use a Vice President to help fill some gaps and take on some special projects.

It's taken a lot of very clever and dedicated volunteers to get us this far... I refuse to believe that we've run out of them!



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# Family Day – February 17, 2018

by Pat Stallaert

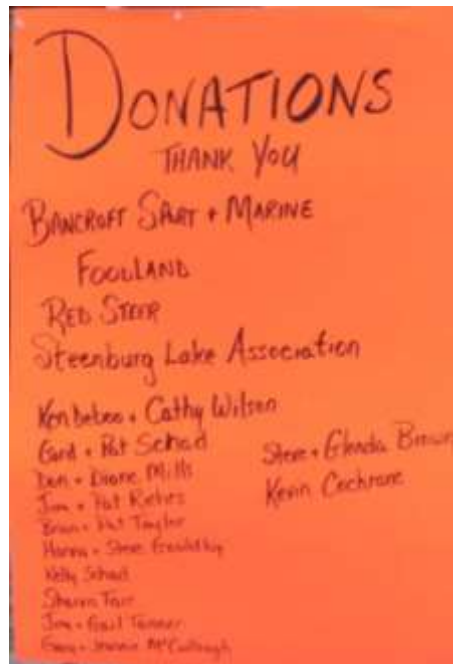


This year's Family Day events were held while the Winter Olympics were in full swing in South Korea, so the Olympics seemed like a natural theme to adopt. Though not as warm as last, the weather was still exceptionally pleasant despite a bit of wind and snow that popped up at one point.

People came from all directions and by all means of transport, walking, snow shoes, cross country skis, ATVs, snowmobiles and cars.

It was very well attended, and there were lots of new games and activities, good food and prizes raffled off and given away. Unfortunately, the fish seem to be monitoring our emails and Facebook posts, because they sure knew enough to hide out.

Mike, Donna and their group of loyal friends and family deserve a big thank you for again hosting this great event, as do all the donors who provided great gifts and prizes.



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# An Interesting Bit of History...

## Steenburg Lake Development - 1955

Steenburg Lake was originally called Bass Lake. It was renamed after the local Post Master. The post office was originally located in Trudy's store at the corner of Highway 62 and St. Ola Road.

The story of the development of the east and south shores of Steenburg Lake began when Jack Brown from the Bancroft Lumber Company sent Ken Matthews to see Annie, Herb, David and Emma Moore. The Moores homesteaded at the lake and also lumbered there.

An agreement was made where lots would be purchased by Matthews, ten lots at a time: The first group at \$350.00 per lot. These lots would be sold to the public by the newly established Matthews Cottage Company, with or without a cottage.

The Moores were the developers and had the original survey done. There were 109 lots in all. Business began in 1955. Twelve lots at the south end of the lake in Austin's Bay were also developed.

Some of the lots were sold with cottages already built while some purchasers chose cottages from four or five plans that Matthews drew up. In some cases the cottages were pre-cut or built to specifications provided by the purchaser of the lot. Materials were supplied by the Sprckett Lumber Company of Gilmour and the Bancroft Lumber Company. Some of the first lots sold for a total of \$1200.00

The bulldozing of roads was completed by Bill McCaw, Leonard McGinn and Martin Murphy. Carpenters were Irwin Frances, Gilbert Phillips, Dick and Dave McMurray and Aaron Cooney. The policy of the company was to keep driveways narrow and to ensure the removal of as little vegetation as possible along the shore.

The subdivision started at the north end down from the public beach and moved south along the shore and into Austin's Bay. Land was set aside for a garbage dump (no longer in use).

Some years later Glanmire Lake, originally called Horseshoe Lake was opened up by Matthews. These lots were purchased from Verse McMurray.

Ray Peters and Joe Brintnell were the carpenters at Glanmire.

(History from Newspaper article submitted by the family of the late Douglas Kenneth Matthews)

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### *Did you know...?*

Back in 1863, Tudor, Limerick and Wollaston were all run as a single township. Cashel Township was added in 1869, and they became known as the United Townships of Tudor, Wollaston, Limerick and Cashel.

The unfortunate decision by Limerick and Wollaston Townships to separate from Tudor and Cashel Townships in 1886 left our lake arbitrarily divided between two townships, effectively diluting the voice of our community.

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# Financial Report

by David McDonald

As of April 30, 2018

To date this fiscal year of 2017-2018 we are running at a loss, which is usual for this time of year due to up-front payment of expenses and the timing of collecting the bulk of our income. In addition, we have invested in new webcams for the lake.

Membership Fees, Advertising Income, and Interest Income to date this year are all consistent with prior years. Year to date expenses for the current year, with previous year-to-date figures in parentheses, are: AGM/Regatta \$50 (\$50), FOCA Dues & Expenses \$648 (\$698), Insurance \$1,259 (\$1,235), Newsletter Expenses \$691 (\$468), Bank Paypal & Admin Charges \$30 (\$30), Donations/Gifts/Memberships \$105 (\$40), Web/Webcams \$331 (\$0), and Community Investments \$0 (\$1,695).

Further detail on our financial results is always available to SLCA members upon request. Please feel free to reach out directly to [treasurer@steenburglake.com](mailto:treasurer@steenburglake.com) with any requests for details, or with any questions or comments.

## SLCA Merchandise

Our great Steenburg Lake merchandise will be on sale again this year but only at the following events:

- Beach Regatta and BBQ
- Annual General Meeting
- 5 km Fun Run

Until we have a new volunteer to handle Marketing and Merchandise, we regret that we will not be able to accept advance orders for specific items.



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# An Appeal for Help with all Things Old

by Pat Stallaert

So we got our dates wrong... It's easy to do when you get older.

Although the SLCA have managed to collect and scan in the vast majority of our past newsletters, there are still a few that are missing, and I'm sure there are a lot of other great documents and photos out there, waiting to be shared. If you have any old newsletters, handouts, correspondences, photos or postcards about Steenburg Lake or the people that have helped to make it such a great place, please contact [Newsletter@steenburglake.com](mailto:Newsletter@steenburglake.com) so we can arrange to borrow them and scan them in.

Preserving our history is very important to all of us, and it gets harder to do as time marches on. We would like to get as many old documents and photos as we can this year ahead of our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations next year! Take a look at our [Newsletter Archive](#) to see all the great back dated issues we have online, or the [Reports Archive](#) for old documents that date way back... We are specifically missing newsletters from 1977, 1979, 1983, 1985, 1986 and 1987, as well as any old documents from the 1950s and 1960s especially.

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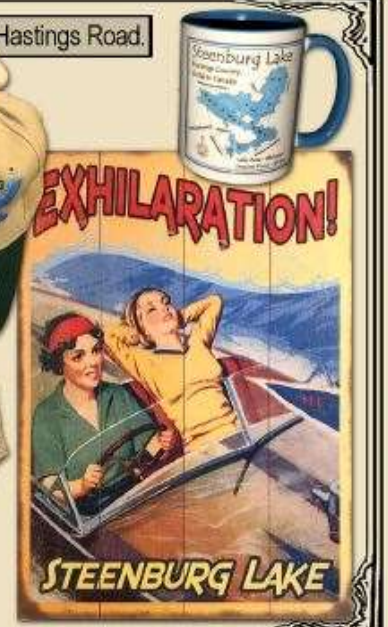
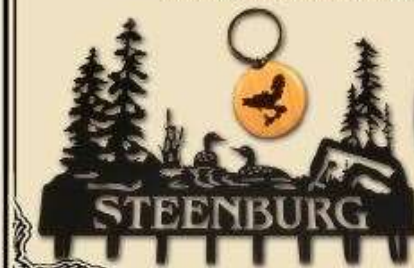
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# Lake Steward's Report

by Maria Kaczmarek



My name is Maria Kaczmarek and I am excited to be taking up the position of Lake Steward after my predecessor, Don Mills. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you and say hello.

I recently finished my second year of studies at the University of Waterloo, working towards my Bachelor of Environmental Studies. Specifically, my field of study is Honours Urban Planning within the Faculty of Environment and the program itself has a heavy emphasis on sustainable development and healthy communities.

Although I am originally from Toronto, my parents purchased a lot on Steenburg Lake when I was only two years old, which left me spending most of my weekends growing up in the area. Steenburg Lake truly feels like a second home to me and I have shared many fond memories through the years, which I am sure is relatable to for most members.

Taking part in events organized by the community association, such as the fun run, photo contests, and Canada Day fireworks, have made my experience at the Lake even more memorable. My interests and experiences in natural resource conservation and management, paired with my love and appreciation for our beautiful lake, are what prompted me to apply for the position of Lake Steward.

Being Don Mills' successor for this position has left me with some big shoes to fill, but I hope that with proper monitoring and communication I will be able to continue to help keep our lake clean and healthy! I will continually be participating in the Lake Partner Program to measure phosphorus and calcium levels, as well as monitoring invasive species. Although we all worry about the state of the Earth's environment, we have a more immediate relationship with our own lake. We know our cottage environment; we can observe the good effects of doing the right things, and the bad effects of doing the wrong things. I, therefore, encourage all residents and cottagers to report any concerns they may have with the lake and assist with their resolution.

Although I did not have many chances to visit the lake this past winter, I think it is safe to say we are all excited to see the ice and snow finally gone. While dramatic swings in weather have been observed, this spring looks to have a particularly volatile mood. Hopefully, the summer temperatures will not follow with a similar sluggish start.

I am enthusiastic about taking over this position and I look forward to meeting you all! I welcome any questions, concerns, or even simple hellos to my email, [LakeStewardship@steenburghlake.com](mailto:LakeStewardship@steenburghlake.com). You can also frequently find me on my paddleboard exploring the lake so feel free to stop me for a chat anytime!

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The above posters were donated by the Ontario Invasive Species Awareness Program. The Cochranes have been kind enough to post one of these near their boat launch on the North Road, and your SLCA received approval from Limerick Township and has posted one near the boat launch at the public beach.

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the instructions on these posters, and make sure your vessel is fully decontaminated before launching it in our lake. We have been lucky so far, but every year, more and more lakes become contaminated with invasive species like zebra mussels, spiny fresh water fleas, round gobies, Eurasian watermilfoil. If you or anyone you know transport your boat to and from other bodies of water, be sure to thoroughly clean off your boat, engine and trailer before reintroducing it into Steenburg Lake.



Just a friendly reminder to us all as we begin a new boating season... Please make sure you have all the necessary safety equipment onboard your vessel, and that it is in working order. Remember that according to the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORR), the **maximum** speed within 100 feet of shore is only 10 km/h. Be respectful to the shoreline and other boaters. Don't be the jackass that everyone is talking about this summer!

# Membership Report

by Diane Burke

Happy spring! This past winter seemed to go on for far too long and it is great to see the ice finally out and the much warmer temperatures.

Our canvassers will be out visiting cottagers over the next few months to collect the annual dues and to provide you with the latest membership kit and listing. Our fees continue to remain at \$30 for each cottage.

Great news! In addition to our **PAYPAL service** available to you on our website, you can now also submit your payment via e-transfer. Both of these options are a **quick easy and secure** way to pay your membership dues. Your canvasser will still drop by and say hello and provide you with your 2018 information kit. For every payment received electronically, we will donate \$1 to the local fire department. This is a great way to support both our association and the community!

**Note:** E-transfer payments should be made to [etransfer@steenburglake.com](mailto:etransfer@steenburglake.com). Please use your cottage 911 number as your password when setting up the payment.

A warm welcome to new members, Randy and Cathy Wright (#23) who joined our community earlier this year. There were several other cottages that changed ownership since our fall newsletter and once our canvassers have had a chance to talk with these new individuals on

their routes, I will introduce and welcome them in our next edition. We look forward to meeting all of you at upcoming events.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with the families who recently lost a loved one; Janice Wilmore passed away in November and Carol Fleming (Weller) passed away in January. If I have missed anyone, please accept my apologies and if you have any updates on your fellow members at any time, please be sure to let me know.

And finally... we still have openings for canvassers on the lake! If you enjoy meeting new people and providing us with assistance for a few hours each year, please let me know and I will be glad to talk with you about the role. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support for our active lake community. Have a safe and fun summer on the lake and I look forward to talking with you at our many summer events!  
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# Smoke on the Water. The Fire in the Sky...

by Pat Stallaert

No, this isn't about that famous head-banging rock anthem by Deep Purple, I'm talking about fireworks...

Who doesn't love a good fireworks show? Well, I suppose there are a few, but judging from the large crowds who gather on our lake every Canada Day, most of us are game for a good pyrotechnic display. Unfortunately, like so many of our human activities, fireworks have an impact on our environment. The very material that makes up the various colours we so love to see are a combination of heavy metals like copper, strontium, barium, rubidium, cadmium, mercury, lithium, sodium, magnesium, titanium and aluminium, and they are often used in combination with chemicals like arsenic, sulphur and calcium.

Over time, these chemicals accumulate in the environment, particularly in a water body, and can become concentrated in organisms that live in or feed off that body of water. This is not limited to fish or plant life in the water, but affects birds or any animal that depends on the water for survival. Unlike other chemicals that tend to dilute or break down over time to less harmful or inert substances, these chemicals collect in the most basic forms of life, and become more concentrated as they make their way up the food chain. The concentrations are magnified in each step up that food chain. This process is known as bioaccumulation. These chemicals have many known health effects that range the full spectrum from sterility, birth defects, toxicity and even cancer. And if affecting our wildlife in this way isn't enough, think of the water we drink or the fish we eat.

And if these chemical effects were not enough, there is evidence that the noise and bright lights late at night can also frighten away wildlife and discourage them from inhabiting the area. Think of how sad it would be to lose our precious loons from the lake. Add to this, the effects of carelessly discarded components of these pyrotechnic devices: paper, foils, plastics and metal wires. Even the best intentioned efforts to conscientiously clean up after a show, some of these materials inevitably get projected out into the water in the process.

Many lake associations have called for an outright ban on fireworks in cottage country (see article on page 9). Others feel that like so many of our human activities, they are acceptable if done carefully in moderation. Unfortunately, the trend seems to be towards bigger, longer and more frequent use of fireworks. Our lake is no exception. Barely a weekend in the summer goes by without someone lighting off fireworks. The Municipality of North Hastings is currently reviewing a draft by-law that would restrict fireworks in many ways. First it would limit their use to the traditional weekends like Victoria Day and Canada Day, secondly, it would require that all fireworks be kept at least 100 feet from the water's edge, and finally, it would set very significant fines for those caught violating this by-law.

Your SLCA would rather take a more balanced and measured approach towards the problem. Rather than have the townships force another set of rules on us, we would prefer to demonstrate that as a sensible and concerned community, we can govern ourselves in a considerate and responsible way. We would like to ask our members cooperation in trying to limit fireworks to the more traditional weekends like Victoria Day and of course, Canada Day. And recognizing that weather often plays a big part on the scheduling, as does the attendance of friends and family, we would recognize that any evening of those two long weekends in the summer should be fair game.

Rather than having fireworks going off in every corner of the lake on those nights, almost like a dueling competition, it would be nice to encourage you to consider participating in one large event, such as the one the Cochranes will be hosting this Canada Day. If you insist on running your own show, we ask that you be respectful of your neighbours and recognize that the sound carries a very long way so it is definitely loud to those nearest you. Maybe talk to your neighbours and pool your efforts to make a better show with less repetition and expense. After all, the best way to enjoy something is to share it with others.

Always use caution and plenty of "sober" adult supervision. Try to be reasonable in terms of the size and duration, as well as the timing, and at no time should fireworks be used during fire bans. Let's work together to make fireworks something special again, and not have them going off every weekend of the summer!

**Table of Firework Colorants**

Color	Compound
Red	strontium salts, lithium salts lithium carbonate, $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ = red strontium carbonate, $\text{SrCO}_3$ = bright red
Orange	calcium salts calcium chloride, $\text{CaCl}_2$ calcium sulfate, $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , where $x = 0, 2, 3, 5$
Gold	incandescence of iron (with carbon), charcoal, or lampblack
Yellow	sodium compounds sodium nitrate, $\text{NaNO}_3$ cryolite, $\text{Na}_3\text{AlF}_6$
Electric White	white-hot metal, such as magnesium or aluminum barium oxide, $\text{BaO}$
Green	barium compounds + chlorine producer barium chloride, $\text{BaCl}^+$ = bright green
Blue	copper compounds + chlorine producer copper acetoarsenite (Paris Green), $\text{Cu}_3\text{As}_2\text{O}_3\text{Cu}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_2$ = blue copper (I) chloride, $\text{CuCl}$ = turquoise blue
Purple	mixture of strontium (red) and copper (blue) compounds
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# BLA Says 'No To Fireworks'

Fireworks have been on the radar of lake associations for several years as their use has spread from Victoria Day and Canada Day to become a regular nightly occurrence by a multitude of residents and visitors.

In July of this year, someone was setting off fireworks on Baptiste Lake on most evenings, sometimes at numerous different spots!

There is now a growing awareness that fireworks is perhaps the most environmentally irresponsible activity anyone can undertake for the health of our lake, its plants and animals and for the safety and purity of our drinking water.

Common fireworks are constructed in third world factories with cardboard, metal and plastic parts and powered by gunpowder. To produce the pyrotechnics and colours they use very high temperatures to partially burn heavy metals and chemicals including arsenic, strontium, barium, cadmium, rubidium, copper, and aluminum.

The cardboard, metal and plastics don't "disappear"; they fall to earth or into our lake laced with gunpowder and those heavy metals and chemicals which contaminate our lake, forests, and drinking water.

Fireworks have long been the bane of dogs, cats and their owners.



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And while everyone loves to see loons and other birds and mammals, no thought has been given to the impact nightly fireworks has on nests and chicks and the literally hundreds of species that live in or travel to our lake to reproduce.

Our Baptiste Lake Association is accepting responsibility to change

opinions, habits, practices and locals laws respecting fireworks by ending their use in environmentally sensitive areas, including and especially on Baptiste Lake.

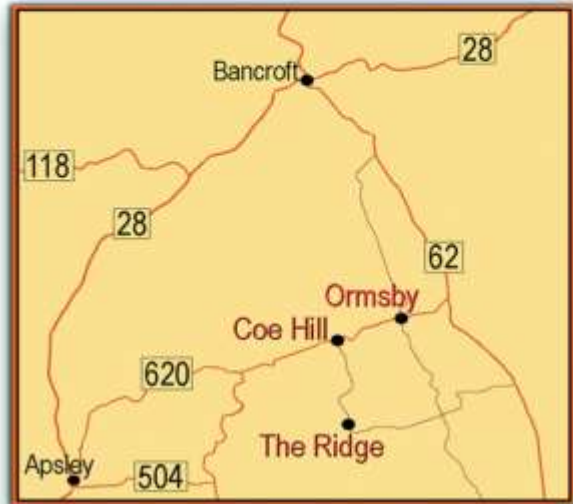
Please say 'No' to fireworks.

- Adrian Hill,  
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# The Cottage Bookshelf

Reviewed by Pat Stallaert

## Touring the Past: A Guide to Old Mines, Ghost Towns and Historic Sites of North Hastings

This book by Bob Lyons, is another in the History of Hastings County series. It's a nice easy read suitable for a wide range of readers. Because it's a collection of historical stories and researched facts, you can pick it up and read just a bit, or devour it in one evening. Some of you who have been familiar with the Bancroft area may recognize the author as a past contributor to the Bancroft Times, in which he ran a weekly column in for many years. The book is a collection of some of that material as well as researched information and interviews with many seniors in the area.

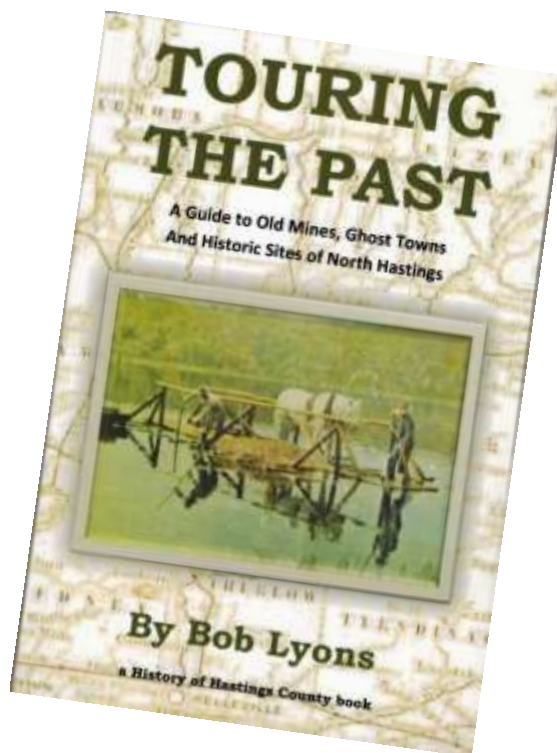
The book chronicles many of the places, people and events that help to shape North Hastings, right from its early days. Although the book deals extensively with the Town of Bancroft, or York River as it was originally known, it does cover many of the surrounding areas including places like Coe Hill and Ormsby, not to mention most of the Townships and small towns of the north.

The book is richly illustrated with countless old photographs of people, places and buildings, many of which are still in existence today. It also includes a number of maps that would help in locating these places should the reader decide to spend a day exploring the history of North Hastings by car. It's a great way to get to know the area.

One chapter deals exclusively in old excerpts from the Bancroft Times, dating back over 100 years. They give great insights to how different life was back then, and how much we take for granted today. Many are quite humorous.

Reading through the book, one can't help but notice many old yet familiar names to the area: Individuals and families that helped shape the region and are still associated with, or recognized as part of the origin of many villages and small towns that dot the North.

There is a short chapter that describes some of the old wood mills along the York River. I was quite surprised to learn that in its early days, Ontario Hydro used to operate sawmills and paper mills. This started just after the First World War. Apparently, this was an initiative started by the then provincial government to try to stimulate new employment in the area after most of the original pine logging had become depleted. There are the remains of a huge hydro mill up in the north end of Bancroft, near Airport Road I believe. Also interesting to read were some of the names of employees known to have worked that mill. Names like Max Bierworth would be familiar to anyone who has ever ordered ready mix concrete from Bancroft, or visited the Eagle's Nest lookout in town. I was also very surprised to see the name Mit Steenburg, and can't help but wonder if he was related to the Steenburgs who ran the first post office in our area at what is now known as Trudy's Place.



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The next short chapter entitled Baptiste Lake and the I. B. & O., I found particularly fascinating as someone who has a long history with that lake and tales of how it flows from Algonquin Park. It recounts a day trip that the author took with his family, renting a small boat from Birch Cliff Lodge on Baptiste Lake, and travelling as far up stream as they could until they came to the "other" High Falls inside the boundaries of Algonquin Park. I had always wanted to make that trip myself, but the way Lyons describes his adventure, it's almost like I already have! One line at the end of this chapter that the author used to describe the narrow canyon that the York River cut through the rock as it emerges from Algonquin was particularly moving to me.

*"People are just little things, compared to the power that cuts granite with something gentle as water."*

Another chapter outlines the prosperous radium mine discovered in Cardiff Township in the 1920s. This was said to have started the whole nuclear industry in Canada. Eventually, it gave way to uranium mining, but the uranium mines around Bancroft all ground to a halt when larger, more productive mines were found in other parts of Canada and around the world, and it was no longer considered a rare and limited resource needed to fuel the provinces fleet of nuclear reactors.

There are far too many topics and chapters to describe here fully, and I wouldn't want to spoil the surprise for anyone who hasn't read the book yet. I highly recommend this book if you are at all interested in the rich history of the area, or simply want to be entertained. And like other great titles in this series which have been reviewed here, they are all available at the Old Hasting Mercantile & Gallery in Ormsby.

*The Cottage Bookshelf is a regular feature of your Shoreline News. Feel free to submit your own reviews and recommendations to [Newsletter@steenburglake.com](mailto:Newsletter@steenburglake.com).*

# Cottage Cookbook

## Quick Tuna Mac 'n' Cheese

Serves 4

Prep time: 15 minutes

Total time: 45 minutes

### Ingredients:

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1/2 onion
- 2 celery ribs
- 3 cups macaroni pasta (you can also use 4 cups fusilli)
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup or cheddar & broccoli soup, reduced-sodium (10 fl oz or 284 mL)
- 1 can solid tuna in water, drained (6 1/2 oz or 180 g)
- 1 1/2 cup Tex-Mex cheese, shredded
- 1 soup can, filled with 1% milk (1 1/4 cups)
- Aluminum foil

### Method:

Fill a large stove-top pot with water and bring to a boil, on high heat, for pasta.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat oil in a large non-stick electric or stove-top fry pan at medium heat. Finely chop onion and slice celery, adding to pan as you cut. Sauté until onion is soft and slightly browned. Remove from heat.

Add pasta to boiling water and stir. Set timer for 8 minutes (or 4 minutes less than package directions). When timer rings for pasta, rinse under cold water in a colander to remove starch. Return to pasta pot.

Add mushroom soup to cooked pasta. Add sautéed onion and celery. Crumble drained tuna into pasta pot using a fork. Add 1/2 cup of cheese. Gradually stir in milk until all ingredients are well combined then transfer to an oven-proof casserole dish. (It may seem like there is too much liquid, but don't worry, it will all disappear once it's baked.) Pile the final layer of cheese on top and evenly spread it around. Cover tightly with foil. Place in hot oven. Set timer for 25 minutes.

The above recipe is by Sandi Richard

[www.cityline.tv/2015/04/15/tuna-mac-n-cheese](http://www.cityline.tv/2015/04/15/tuna-mac-n-cheese)

Submit your cottage recipe ideas to:

[Newsletter@steenburglake.com](mailto:Newsletter@steenburglake.com)

## Steenburg Lake Photo Contest is Back!

### Categories:

- Photos by kids aged 11 and under
- Photos by teens 12 – 15
- Action
- Landscapes
- Nature
- Life at the cottage
- Best Lake Video (2 – 3 minutes max)

### Photos or videos to be emailed to:

[photocontest@steenburglake.com](mailto:photocontest@steenburglake.com)

Provide name of photographer, age (of youth or teen), membership/cottage number and category entered.



**Deadline:** October 1, 2018

Winners will be announced in the Fall 2018 Shoreline News

Sorry, contest open to SLCA members only.

One entry per entrant, per category

# Municipal Affairs Report

by Nancy Kelly

## Municipal Election Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Municipal Elections are held every four years to elect your representatives at local council, school boards and any other elected office in the municipality

Your Townships of Limerick, and of Tudor and Cashel are responsible for, among other things, roads, emergency services, disposal facilities, zoning, recreation, and regulations to protect you and your interests. Your municipal representatives may have more impact on the quality of your daily life.

Qualifications of municipal electors: 18 years of age or older, a Canadian citizen and either a resident of the municipality or a property owner or tenant or the spouse or same sex partner of an owner or tenant in the municipality. You may only vote once in any given municipality regardless of the number of properties you may own.

Both municipalities elect councillors-at-large. That is to say, they elect councillors that don't necessarily live in your particular area. There is always the potential for a lack of interest or concern, given that an elected official may not live in our particular area. At the same time, this is understandable because there has always been a lack of interest in running for municipal office. That being said, if you are interested in running for municipal council, especially in our area, please consider it! Nominations are now open at each municipality during their regular business hours at each of the township offices from now until July 26<sup>th</sup>, and then on Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> until 2 pm.

I will be providing prescribed questions to local candidates running for office and posting their answers to the Steenburg Lake Website. If they provide it, I will post their contact info, where they can be reached for questions from the local taxpayers. They will be generic in nature and you can contact them for further information.

If you know of a candidate, please have them send me an e-mail to [municipalaffairs@steenburglake.com](mailto:municipalaffairs@steenburglake.com) to introduce themselves.

Both townships have passed by-laws to allow for mail-in voting. I will provide "how-to" information on the process and important dates for voting on our website as I get more details.

Some of us overlook municipal elections because we don't hear too much about it, don't have time, or don't think it is important enough to bother. Most TV and Radio stations are based in larger municipalities, so those living outside of, let's say, Toronto, may not know very much about their local government or the people who run it.

Please remember to vote at this municipal election.

**HAPPY VOTING!**

## **Tudor and Cashel**

Council is unwilling to participate in a pilot program proposed by the Ontario government for a fire paramedic program and sent a resolution to the Premier and members of Cabinet to be exempt prior to the House rising

At the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Council directed the Clerk to send a letter of response to the solicitor for Limerick stating that they were in

agreement with established practices and T&C's portion of Steenburg Lake South Road would remain status quo and that each Township will continue to look after their respective portions of the road and council would not provide year round maintenance.

At the same meeting, Motion 2018-108 Martin-Walker, Council approved tender for the Rehabilitation of Weslemkoon Lake Road to Norway Asphalt Ltd for \$1.2M submitted and reviewed by GD Jewel Engineering Inc. and Roads Superintendent.

Rally of the Tall Pines will continue again this year. Ross Wood and Ian Wright spoke to council about preparations, discussions with property owners and safety precautions taken.

## **Limerick**

Council opposed and sent a letter to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services relating to the mandatory training and certification for fire fighters and Community risk assessments. Their claim is that the cost is prohibitive to municipalities, volunteer firefighters newly certified could seek a paid position elsewhere.

Limerick is applying to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Municipal Asset Management Program. Specifically, mobile sensing data collection pavement management plan using GIS data. This should be able to tell them the places of concern on any given road that may need repair before the road fails.

Property owners on Steenburg Lake North Rd. were sent a letter stating that all unsightly refuse be removed by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sent letter of support to the city of Cornwall council and requesting that the province support smaller municipalities with remediation costs of contaminated properties so the costs incurred are not all on the municipality.

The townships of Madoc, Wollaston and Limerick had an ad hoc meeting to discuss a proposal of a shared fire chief position for all three municipalities. A joint Fire Chief has been successful for many municipalities. More information gathering required before a final decision.

## **Highlights of CVCA Report**

University of Guelph conducted Tick survey at McGeachie conservation area. No results yet.

Both Townships Council approved Hastings and Prince Edward Counties to carry out larviciding to prevent West Nile virus if necessary.

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has appealed to several municipalities for a one-time levy increase to cover the cost of unplanned legal expenses between Marmora and Lake and Havelock-Belmont-Methuen.

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has appealed to several municipalities for a one-time levy increase to cover the cost of legal action between Belmont-Methuen and Marmora and Lake and will reduce the annual levy charge for the 2018 / 2019 fiscal year. Both of these municipalities have appealed to the minister of Mines regarding the levies these municipalities pay. Both pay 55% between them but have one vote each. They are looking for a more equitable solution. The townships of Limerick and Tudor and Cashel have provided the extra funding requested.

### Changes to Provincial Riding

Those members whose primary residence is on Steenburg Lake, may already be aware that there have been changes to the boundaries of this riding where provincial elections are concerned. Your riding is called **Hasting-Lennox and Addington**.

You should have already received a Voter Information Card. If you have not, or wish to confirm that you are on the Registered Voters List, you may do so online with Elections Ontario at:

<https://www.elections.on.ca/>

## Municipal Elections

Municipal elections will be held on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**. You may vote in these elections if:

- you are a Canadian citizen
- are at least 18 years of age
- you own property or are a tenant in the township, or are the spouse of someone who does

The same requirements apply to anyone who wishes to run for municipal office. The deadline to file your nomination is **July 27, 2018**.

Steenburg Lake is in the following two townships:

Township of Limerick ([www.township.limerick.on.ca](http://www.township.limerick.on.ca))

1 Reeve and 4 councilors at large

Township of Tudor & Cashel ([www.tudorandcashel.com](http://www.tudorandcashel.com))

1 Reeve, 1 Deputy Reeve and 3 councilors at large

### Changes in 2018

All voting will be by online ballot or phone-in ballot.

There will be no poll in the traditional sense, however voters will be able to come in to a designated centre and cast their ballot online. Assistance will be provided as required.

Voting cards with a PIN and instructions will be mailed out to all registered voters prior to the election. Online voting will be open for a one week period. If you lose or do not receive your card, you may contact the township Clerk and request a PIN be emailed to you.

All eligible members are strongly encouraged to make yourselves aware of the issues, the candidates and their positions on issues that matter to you in the upcoming municipal election, and cast your vote. You are also advised to make sure you are on the voters list.

You can check online to see if you are registered at:



<https://www.voterlookup.ca>

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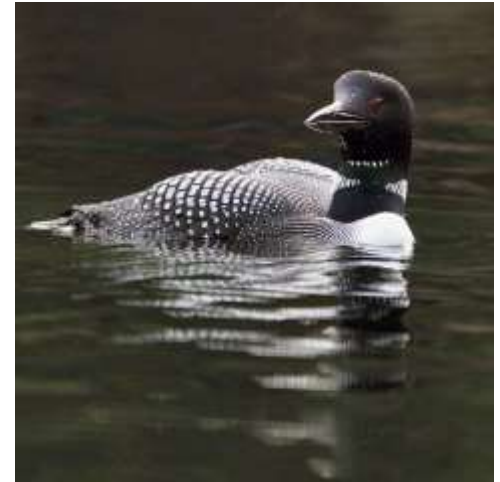
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3. Have the casualty laydown with the head elevated slightly if possible.
4. Stay with the casualty and monitor for consciousness, breathing and pulse. If there is no breathing and no pulse, perform CPR.
5. If possible, have someone meet emergency responders at your driveway.
6. Contact the **Cochranes** at **(613) 474-3167** and arrange for the quickest pick-up or delivery of the AED. Mike is a trained member of the Emergency Rescue crew.
7. If there is no answer at the Cochranes, or if you know they are away, contact their neighbours **Karl and Janet Sobotka** at **(613) 334-6145** as they will have access to the AED when the Cochranes are away. Karl and Janet are also on the Emergency Response team



## Fun Run Entry Form

**August 18<sup>th</sup> – Registration at 9:30**

**Race starts at 10:00**

Please drop off the entry form below with Payment to  
Christiane at (519) 939-6665 or email :

Christiane Langman [clangman@gmail.com](mailto:clangman@gmail.com)

by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Entry fee is just \$5

**DEADLINE TO GUARANTEE YOUR  
T-SHIRT IS JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> – DON'T DELAY!**

**Note: Special Canada 150 SLCA T-shirts will be  
available for purchase at the Fun Run!!!**

**Race T-shirt Sizes:**

Youth: Small, Medium, Large

Adult: Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, XXLarge

Male or Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: \_\_\_\_\_



# What's Your Status? Are You Connected

by Anthony Genovese



The summer is approaching and many of you might be thinking about how to maximize your time at the lake, while remaining Internet connected. The challenge of remaining connected is a thing of the past, and recent improvements have significantly improved the availability of both cellular and Internet services in the area. So it is time to get connected, pack a bag, and spend more time at the lake.

Whether your motivation is to work remotely and connect to email and video conferencing services, or to connect with social media and you want to stream music and videos, here is a summary of options that are available to you.

## ***At the top of the list is the Bell Internet service (or Bell Fibe).***

Bell is using their existing copper phone wires to deliver their high speed Internet service. The actual speed and service package is dependent on your distance from Hwy62, but generally speaking, you can achieve download speeds ranging from around 2 Mbps to upwards of 15 Mbps with plans that offer a usage limit, or even unlimited plans. You can expect to pay an activation fee of \$60, and Bell will provide you with a wireless hub that will allow multiple devices to connect to the Internet for a monthly fee ranging from \$60 - \$100 per month.

## ***You can piggyback your remote Internet onto your cell phone plan.***

For those you that are getting a good cell phone signal at the lake, providers such as Bell and Rogers also have mobile Internet service offerings. With these plans, the provider will supply you with a stick or a hub that is capable of connecting your devices to the Internet using their mobile network. Pricing and availability varies, and the service quality is dependent on the signal strength and capacity of the cellular towers located at Jordan Lake and Coe Hill. This means that you might need an antenna and amplifier to get a better signal, and your Internet experience might suffer when everyone is at the lake and connecting to these towers at the same time (like on weekends). Generally speaking, this is a pretty good option for people you want to transport their Internet connection with them (to the cottage/school/work/travelers/etc) and don't plan to use too much Internet. Streaming music and video can get expensive.

## ***Watch the stars, and connect to a satellite.***

Another choice worth considering is a satellite based service, available from providers such as Xplornet. Using this technology, a satellite dish is installed on your property and pointed towards the southern sky at one of several satellites operated by the provider. These services are

comparable in price to the Bell Internet service, and in some cases can provide you with better speeds than offered by Bell. The biggest challenge for satellite service in cottage country is the requirement to have a "line of sight" between your dish, and their satellite. The growing trees and the weather can impact your service, so it is best to contact a qualified installer prior to making this decision.

## ***Are you connected yet?***

With several options available, you should be able to find a way to get connected at the lake. And while these services may not be as fast or reliable as what is available in the cities, the technology continues to improve. Providers of these services sometimes offer discounts to new and existing customers, and might even extend additional savings when bundling Internet with other services they offer. In some cases, they may even offer an option to suspend the service for up to 6 months per year to avoid unnecessary expenses.

## Stay Alert!!!

Well the long awaited spring and summer months have finally arrived, and soon the years-old ritual of weekend and holiday visits to the lake will begin for many of us. This is a good time to pause and consider that the added traffic on our local roads will soon swell, and the risks associated with that traffic will also increase dramatically.

It doesn't matter if you travel along the North Road or the South Road to get to your destination, the problems may be slightly different but the goal should always be the same: Make the trip safely for yourself, your passengers and all other users of these roads.

Those of you familiar with the South Road will already know that it is windy, bumpy and narrow in many places with steep ditches, loose gravel, and many tight turns or obstructed views due to steep crests on hills. These hazards are accentuated when it is dark or the weather is poor.

Those using the North Road will immediately recognize that recent reconstruction has given us a smooth road to travel, but the sharp turns and narrow shoulders still remain. Please follow all posted speed signs along this road, including the new photo radar signs. Don't let the smooth ride fool you into thinking this road is to modern highway standards.

At all times, watch your speed, be on the lookout for pedestrians, cyclists, ATVs, and animals, and keep to your lane. Be courteous to other users of the road and try to keep the dust down to a minimum.

Finally, know that there is never a justification to drive impaired by alcohol or any other drug. Don't let a second of recklessness or inattention translate into a lifetime of regret!

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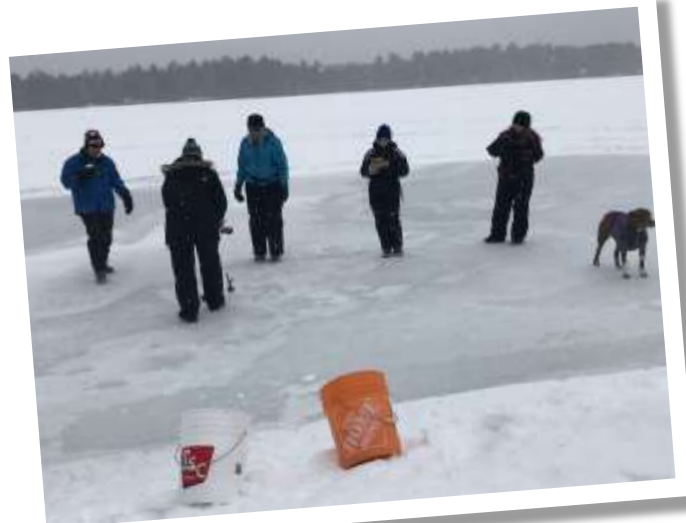
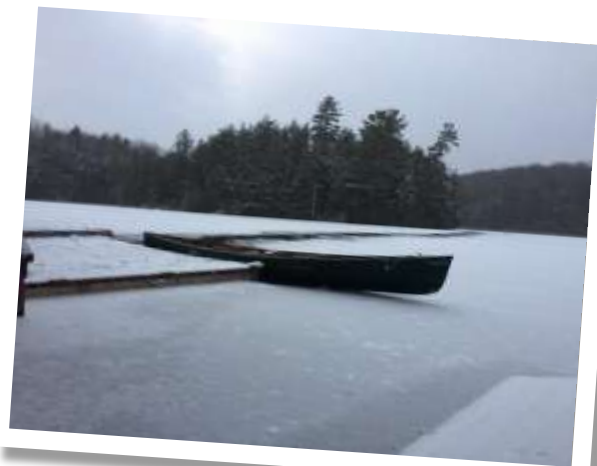
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## Summer Road Construction...

- Highway 62 – Moira River / Robbins Creek – for approx. 1 km
- Highway 7 eastbound – from Hwy 115, 1.5km west of to 3.75km east of Ottonabee River Bridge (right lane closed). Concrete barriers to December 31, 2018
- Hwy 401 – 5km across either side of Wooler Rd.
- Hwy 62 – Rawdon Creek Bridge from Wilson Road to north of Ridge Road
- Hwy 7 – from 900m west of Hwy 62 to 2km east of Hwy 41
- Hwy 401 east and west bound from approximately Hwy 37 (interchange 544) to 5km east of Deseronto Road (interchange 570)
- Hwy 401 – from Glen Miller Road (interchange 526) to Hwy 37
- Hwy 115 – east of Airport Road to west of 7A
- Hwy 62 – Norris-Whitney Skyway Bridge, Belleville
- Hwy 115 – Porter Road Underpass
- Hwy 115 – Pontypool Road Underpass
- Hwy 401 – Interchange 623, Joyceville to east of Interchange 645, County Road 32
- Hwy 28 – from north of Peterborough County Road 36 to north of Monck Road



# Summer Events

## June 30 Have-a Dock Jamboree

The concert will be held out in front of the Coties' dock starting at 6:00 pm subject to weather.

## July 1 & Canada Day Fireworks

Fireworks will be held in front of the Cochranes' boat launch. Donations of \$25 per family please!!! (Check website for start times and possible postponements due to rain...).

## July 7 Beach Regatta & BBQ

**Time:** 11:00 am @ the public beach at the north-east corner of the lake.

Come and meet your friends and neighbours at the Regatta!

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

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

## July 21 Roadside Clean-up (note new date!!!)

**North Road** – Meet at the Beach

**South Road** – Meet at the first Y in the road

**Time:** 9:30 am

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 community volunteer hours.

Bring your forms!!!

## July 28 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Artisans of Steenburg - Arts & Crafts Exhibition

**Location:** The Sobotkas' at 944 Steenburg Lake North Road

**Time:** 11 am to 2 pm

**Contact:** Lynn Rusaw @ (613) 474-3365 to register as an exhibitor

## August 5 Annual General Meeting (note, we are back at Tudor-Cashel C.C.!!!)

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

**Location:** Tudor-Cashel Community Centre, 371 Weslemkoon Lake Rd., Gilmour Ont.

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. Hear great guest speakers on a number of topics that matter to you.

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! Steenburg Lake merchandise will be on sale.

## August 18 Steenburg Lake Fun Run Please register in advance to reserve your size T-shirt!

**Registration:** 9:30 am

**Race starts:** 10:00 am

Awards will be handed out to the top 3 Male and Female finishers in each age group.

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

**Contact:** Christiane Langman (519) 939-6665