

# ◆ Shoreline News ◆

Winter 1995

Steenburg Lake Community Association

F.O.C.A.

## 37th

Year

### NEXT ISSUE OF SHORELINE

In the mail by  
mid-May to  
your home  
address.

Deadline for  
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Send your  
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### Association Officers & Lead Directors

#### Officers

President - Tom Quinn  
Treasurer - Colin Gaddas  
Recording Secretary - Glenda Cox  
Corresponding Sec. --Tom Hughes

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Membership - Barb Rockwell  
Social - Rick & Diane Burke  
Municipal Affairs - Tom Little  
Natural Resources & Environment -  
Griff Lloyd  
Historians - Sandra & Bill Dafoe

### President Qinn's Message

I certainly hope you are enjoying a pleasant winter season. However, for the winter sports enthusiasts this certainly has not been the ideal season to enjoy winter sports.... great for highway driving though!

Just in case you did not hear of my recent cottage accident in the latter part of November 1994, I have survived and am doing okay after my 35 foot fall from a tree. The tree was too close to the cottage and I was putting a rope around it in an attempt to angle it away from the cottage. The injuries were severe (sustaining a shoulder dislocation, major bruising, concussion and trauma), necessitating a ten day stay in the hospital in Toronto after being airlifted by ambulance from Bancroft. Fortunately, there were some very good friends with me at the cottage who reacted swiftly in contacting emergency services and were able to stabilize me until medical aid arrived. If you wonder how I fell, my safety belt broke! My wife Charlie was a "brick" throughout the entire ordeal - thanks kid for your extreme patience and caring !!

I was the "butt" of numerous tree jokes upon my return to work full time, especially in light of my concentrated efforts and involvement in Provincial and Municipal Health and Safety field and safety polices and procedures that were implemented for employees.

Recovering at hospital and home, I had a lot of time to reflect on "at home" issues. From my experience, "an accident is waiting to happen". My son Ryan experienced a trail bike accident last year, and while he was out  
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### *What's In This Issue*

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Lake Height - Too much water  
McGeachie Property - To what use?  
Municipal Elections  
FOCA fall meeting  
Ontario's New Planning System  
Association organization chart

### Water Level In The Lake

If you haven't been up to the lake to see it you wouldn't believe it. The North Rd. by the beach is almost under water and may be by now. Griff Lloyd reported that there is water into his boat house which has never occurred before. Several dock cribs have been impacted. Crowe Valley reported flood conditions with no ability to control the situation.

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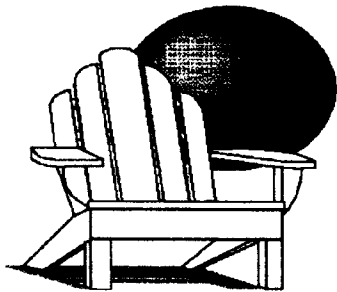
*just having some fun*, the accident occurred. Fortunately, he was not injured too much, just shaken up. Two accidents in one year to one family.... you just don't think it can happen to you. I can only impress upon you the need to be very cautious, particularly around the home/cottage: take those few minutes to check tools, machinery, and wear the proper safety equipment, maintain your equipment, wear protective clothing. Just remember— it's your life and it's a great life.

The next issue of the spring/summer newsletter will provide an update from McDermott Associates in regards to development around the lake. Further discussions will obviously be taking place at our mid-summer annual association meeting.

There is a new council due to the recent Municipal election in Limerick and I, and various Executive Members of your cottage association, will be attending a Council meeting and bringing Limerick and Tudor/Cashel Township's Councils up-to-date with regards to our Lake Review documentation and findings at this time. We will also be attending a Crowe Valley Conservation Authority meeting and presenting the same documentation and findings, asking all three parties for their continued support as we move into the phase of securing implementation of the report recommendations.

If you have any concerns, opinions and/or issues, please do not wait until summer, bring it to our attention. We need all the help that we can get in moving forward on the issues around the lake. Help us protect and control our environment that has been preserved for us in the past.

**STAY HEALTHY....STAY SAFE**



Oh! to be sitting on the deck in the warm sun

## Natural Resources & Environment

by  
Griff Lloyd

### Stewardship - What Is It?

Stewardship is looking after and protecting the natural environment for future generations. The human species has an urgent need to find a way to achieve "sustainable development". If we insist on developing lakes and rivers without paying adequate attention to the effects of that development on the environment, we will pay a terrible price. We all have a large investment in the cottage environment. The value of your cottage property is linked very directly to the quality of the environment in which it is set.

The communities that benefit from the economic activity generated by cottagers and tourists have an even greater stake in the health of the cottage environment. Their future will depend on their success in protecting the health of their lakes, rivers, streams and forests.

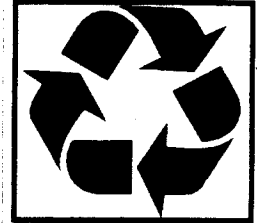
### Fall 1994 FOCA Meeting

Bob Boyce, Colin Gaddas and Griff & Tina Lloyd represented our association at the meeting.

The topic of most interest at the morning session was a talk by Ed Gill, manager of the Environmental Bill of Rights office of M.O.E. This was to do with bill 26 which became law on December 14, 1993 and is referred to "An act respecting environmental rights in Ontario". This act is to "Provide, conserve and restore the integrity of the environment: to provide sustainability of the environment: protect the right to a healthful environment". The act will allow the public to participate in environmental decisions, to have access to an environmental registry that will provide ongoing information about the environment. User's guidelines for this bill are to be available to the public this spring. F.O.C.A.'s environment committee supported this bill and will monitor closely to see how strong the Government's commitment is to implementation of bill 26.

The afternoon session was a general meeting attended by lake stewards with the following subjects discussed:

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**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RETURN  
RECYCLE  
FOR THE GOOD  
OF OUR LAKE**

Fall F.O.C.A. Meeting continued.....

- 1 - Lake Management - Influencing the municipal council. (Bob Boyce attended)
- 2 - Educating Your Association members about the environment. (Tina Lloyd attended)
- 3 - Watershed Report Card. (Griff Lloyd attended)

Under Lake Management we have two lake residents on the Limerick council: Rev. Clive Wilson as Reeve and Richard Downing as a councillor and Barb Rockwell on the Crowe Valley water shed study and the McGeachie Conservation Area.

I feel that the Stewardship portion of the meeting was quite good and it appeared from the increase in attendance from last year that more people are concerned with our environment and students are becoming more aware of the problems that man has caused. Thanks to Bob Boyce for attending the meeting for the association.

The following booklets are available at no charge from M.N.R., 135 St. Clair Ave. W., Suite 100, Toronto M4V 1P5:

- Protect the Environment
  - Your Yard & Garden
  - Building/Buying A Dream Cottage
  - At The Cottage
  - In The Great Outdoors
- From The Concrete Precasters Association of Ontario, P.O. Box 278, Marmora, K0K 2M0, 1-613-472-6039:
- Care & Feeding Your Septic Tank

#### Recreational Water Quality Steenburg Lake

The public beach area of the lake was sampled weekly from May 31st through Aug. 30th by the Health Unit. Other than a high reading at the end of June (right after rain) the quality remains the same as for previous years with an average mean of 14.74. Compare to the Toronto beaches which get closed when readings reach 100.

#### The Steenburg Fishery

No plans for stocking. Sightings of lake trout spawning beds was reported. MNR will assess the lake at a later date. Splake probably have survived but there is sufficient natural food for them which could account for the very limited catch that anglers have experienced to date.

## Ontario's New Planning System - M.O.M.A.

The following are excerpts from from the Minister of Municipal Affairs booklet describing the new planning system. The planning reform legislation, *The Planning and Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act 1994*, was give Royal Assent on December 8, 1994. It will be proclaimed in stages early in 1995.

The new system is led by policy. The era of "let's make a deal" development decisions is over. The province will set policy through policy statements and may establish provincial plans under the Ontario Planning and Development Act. Municipalities and planning boards will set policy through their offical plans consistent with the provincial policies and/or plans.

The larger objective of these reforms is to create a planning process that meets the needs of the community, the economy, and the environment. In the new system, planning decision-makers will take into account different visions and interests for the broader public good.

**Provincial Role:** Guidance through a comprehensive set of policy statements.

**Municipal Role:** Regions, counties, separated municipalities, planning boards and municipal planning authorities must prepare an offical plan consistent with provincial statements.

### Conclusion

The province has recognized that there must be local control over planning in Ontario. The new legislation on planning reforms represents a recognition that planning is a partnership between municipalities and the province. It is also a recognition that Ontario municipalities have the capabilities and the strengths to plan well.

Copies of this document may be obtained from the Communications Branch, Ministry of Munnicipal Affairs, 17th Floor, 777 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5 or telephone (416)-585-7041 or Fax: (416)-585-6227.

### A REMINDER

#### You Can Be A Big Help

Fill out the  
questionnaire  
from the  
Fall News-  
letter

Mail it in prior  
to March 15th

Include your  
1995 dues  
of \$20.00



## How the Association Is Organized

The updated chart of officers and directors has been included with this newsletter. You will note that areas of responsibilities for each committee are listed beneath those serving on that committee. It is hoped that this will make it clear to you who to contact for what type of information or assistance. There is, of course, always a need for volunteers willing to give of some of their time to assist in the many little things that make our lake community as pleasant as it is. Please remove this chart from the newsletter and post it at your cottage for handy reference during the season.

## Association Board Meetings

by  
Tom Hughes

The full board meets at minimum twice a year. Early spring usually in May and at the end of the season, Labor day weekend. Several times mid-winter meetings have been called for in Toronto. The committees meet as needed to plan events. The full board meetings are used to gain direction on issues and general plans. Time is allotted for the committees to meet for their own purposes. Association members are welcome at any board meeting to express their views or air complaints. The group photo of the Board was taken after the fall 1994 meeting.



Standing left to right: Glenda Cox, Griff Lloyd, Gene Tracy, Tom Hughes, Tom Little, Tom Quinn, Colin Gaddas, Bill Dafoe, Fred Neub. Seated left to right: Barb Rockwell, Tricia Neub, Judie Hughes, Rick & Diane Burke.

## Municipal Affairs

by  
Tom Little

The big news from Municipal Affairs revolves around the results of the elections held across Ontario in November 1994. As reported to you in our mailer just prior to elections, Tудо/Cashel produced a non-event, with all incumbents being acclaimed. Limerick more than made up for the lack of candidates in Tudor, however, with two people contesting the Reeve's position and nine the four councillor's spots.

**Clive Wilson** was the winner for Reeve over **Wes Moffatt**, and **Tudy Heersink**, **Richard Downing**, **Rita Evans**, and **Elfi Charles** took the councillor seats, out polling **Sharon Boomhour**, **Al Hill**, **Barb McComb**, **William Lockhart** and **Roger Porter**.

Our congratulations go to the winners, and our thanks to all those who participated. It is great to see elections that offer a large slate of candidates. We also want to thank all SLCA member who voted in the election. We know it isn't easy for many of you to do so, and your efforts are appreciated.

The Association Executive plans to meet with the new council over the winter, to identify and discuss key issues, especially those related to development. Other issues of interest to Municipal Affairs are referenced elsewhere in the Newsletter - development and security.

## NOTICE

### **THE TOWNSHIP OF LIMERICK**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Limerick, in open council on January 16, 1995, under Chapter M45, RSO 1990, Municipal Act, passed By-Law No. 06-95, setting the day and time of regular council meetings to be held on the first Friday of every month, at the Municipal Building(s), commencing at 7:00p.m., unless otherwise appraised.

**C. Baker, AMCT(A)**  
Clerk, (613) 474-2863

### Obituaries

Aldora Pucyk of Cottage #181 passed away in August 1994.

Majorie Fitzgibbon of Cottage #148 passed away in December of 1994.

Bert Tanner formerly of cottage #192 passed away January 95 in Sussex, England. See page 43 in Jack McGeachie's book.

### **A Child's View of Retirement**

After the holiday break, a teacher asked her small pupils how they spent their holiday. One small boy's reply went like this:

We always spent Christmas with Grandma & Grandpa. They used to live up here in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. They live in a place with a lot of retarded people. They live in tin huts. They ride 3-wheel tricycles. They go to a big building they call the wrecked hall. But it is wrecked it's been fixed now. They play games there and do exercises, but they don't do them very good. There is a swimming pool and they go to it and just stand there in the water with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim. My Grandma use to bake cookies and stuff. But I guess she forgot how. Nobody cooks there, they all go to fast food restaurants.

As you come into the park, there is a really big doll house with a man sitting in it. He watches all day, so they can't get out without him seeing them. They wear badges with their names on them. I guess they don't know who they are. My Grandma says Grandpa worked hard all his life and earned this retardedment. I wish they would move back home. But I guess the man in the doll house won't let them out.

### Security

What to do about it, how to handle it? Local residents are concerned enough to have initiated a neighborhood watch program with the OPP conducting their organization meetings. No information as yet on what the progress is.

### **McGeachie Conservation Area**

by

**Barb Rockwell**

A new neighbor has been added to our lake community. On the initial blush of this information, all sounds quite good with many good intentions on the giver and the receiver. I guess the best that can be said at this point is time will tell. What has happened to date:

- The Mc Geachies have moved out.
- There is a tenant in the cottage
- There was a meeting on Nov. 4th called by the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority to present intended uses of the property.
- Al Evans, whose property abuts McGeachie's, intends to donate 150 acres also to Crowe Valley - to access the area off route 62 rather than the Steenburg Lake Rd.
- I am representing the association on a Development Committee.

At the November meeting moderated by Dan O'Brien, Landscape Architect the Educational potentials of the area were outlined:

- Educational Center
- Picnic shelters
- Cross Country ski trails
- Outdoor classroom
- Canoeing
- Camping and bunk houses
- Fishing
- Large parking lot
- Swimming

In my opinion he seemed unclear as to some of the issues already presented to the authority such as:

- Access by the North Steenburg Lake Road
- Use of the beach area
- Use of the existing residence
- Possible camping and tenting facilities

These are sensitive issues to the association representing the cottagers on the lake.

There is a need by the authority to generate revenue to pay land taxes and provide for capital expenditures. This we must not lose sight of as it could result in actions not in the best interest of the lake community.

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HAPPY



VALENTINES  
DAY

*McGeachie area continued.....*

Response to question concerning camping was that the facilities would be for students only, no commercial camping and the bunk houses would have no facilities other than a wood stove. Out-houses would be provided. Only passive activities should be allowed to insure integrity of the grounds. Therefore no snowmobiling or mountain bikes would be allowed.

The point was made that the Limerick Community Center is under utilized so the need for a Community Hall is nil.

Access off the North Steenburg Lake Road is a real concern as it is a busy road now and bus traffic in and out of the property based on its relationship to the road (on a curve) would add the potential of accidents. This makes Al Evans donation of 150 acres for access off route 62 into the back of the property quite desirable from everyones standpoint.

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority at their December 8th meeting moved and seconded that the full authority formally establish the McGeachie Conservation Area - Implementation Committee and that the General Manager be directed to request participation from Limerick Township, Steenburg Lake Community Association, Hastings County Board of Education, North Hastings Community Futures and the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried.

If you as a cottager have concerns, recommendations, opinions on this matter please forward them to Barb Rockwell, RR#2, PO Box 32, Gilmour, Ont., K0L 1W0.

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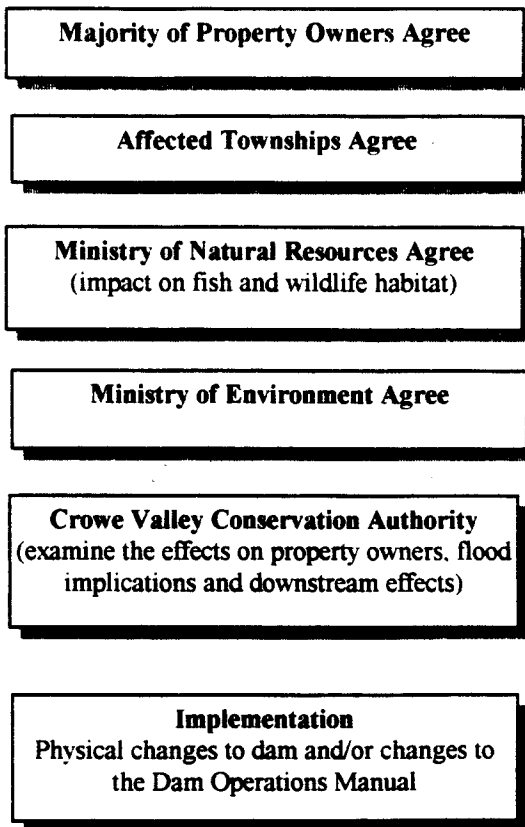
It would seem that current conditions are above and beyond the beaver dam situation. Damage to docks and boat houses due to the current flood conditions have not yet been assessed so reaction to the situation cannot be evaluated.

Please advise Griff Lloyd if you have experienced any damaged due to current lake  
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*Water Level in Lake Continued.....*

level conditions. Should present levels continue for the balance of the freeze up, the spring thaw can only exacerbate the condition.

To get the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority to alter their present control plan is no small effort. A letter was written to them in February 1994 concerning lake levels and they responded with an offer to meet with the association to arrive at a mutually agreeable solution. That meeting has not yet been called as a consensus of lake residents must be reached first. It will be on the agenda for our annual meeting. The following chart depicts the process to alter the control plan of a given water body:



Per Kelly Pender - My initial instinct is that the discharge culvert for Steenburg Lake may be undersized for the size of the lake. If my assumption is correct, this may be artificially increasing flood risk on the lake. His memo of 28 Feb 1994.

Note:

1. Approval must be received at each step.
2. Associated costs will be the responsibility of the proponent agency
3. At the request of any of the above agencies, further consultation and study may be required.
4. The above is intended as a guide only. Every request will be handled on its individual merit; expect circumstances to vary.

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## AREAS

Organize annual canvass  
Prepare canvasser folders  
Secure canvassers  
Information to Corr. Sec.  
Membership \$ to Treasurer

Annual dinner arrangements  
Secure door prizes  
Youth activities  
Regattas  
Canoe races

## OF

Interface w/local councils  
Attend OMB hearings  
Review official town plan  
Get-out-the-vote  
By-law requests

## RESPONSIBILITY

Water quality monitoring  
The lake fishery  
Shoreline preservation  
Buoy markers  
Lake Stewardship Program

Water level of lake  
Spraying programs  
Water safety  
Boat launch  
Directory signs

**Limerick Township Fire Fighters Association  
1995 Events**

Sunday - May 14th

Annual Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast  
Limerick Community Ctr.  
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Friday & Sat. May 19 & 20 Roadway Toll Booths

Your contributions gratefully  
received at the booths.

August 12th & 13th at Sam's 3rd Annual Combined Yard Sale & Auction  
9:00AM - 4:00PM

August 26th

Drawing For Raffle Winner

Coe Hill Fair

Steenburg Lake Community Association  
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