

Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association Newsletter - May 2008



So, we got a little more snow than usual this year ...

President's Message

Well, it's hard to believe that another has flown by.

Without a doubt, the most memorable part of the past winter was the amount of snow we got. I've only been coming to Haliburton since 1970, but this has got to be the most snow I've seen in that time - definitely the most we've seen since Wendy and I moved here in 2002. I can't even imagine what it would have been like if we hadn't had the three major rainstorms we had that melted most of the snow that was on the ground at the time. Doreen Douglas measures the snow at their place each time before they shovel and her records says that we had 17 feet, 2 ½ inches of snow this year !

It's been a relatively active year too. Between the Percy Lake Watershed Plan and the meetings regarding the waterfront development project, there is no doubt that Dysart Council knows a lot more about Percy Lake than they used to. Percy Lake was also well represented at the public hearings before the Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Now, another summer season is approaching. I hope that you and your loved ones have the opportunity to enjoy our little piece of paradise here on Percy Lake just a few more days than you did last year. Stay safe and enjoy.

Ken Loney



Ice-In Day December 6th, 2007



Ice-Out Day April 25th, 2008

Current Executive 2008:

President:	Ken Loney	1296 Johnson Bay Rd
Treasurer:	Graham Warren	1659 Percy Lake Rd
Secretary:	Susan Russel	1657 Percy Lake Rd
Directors:	Gary Portway	1481 Percy Lake Rd
	Jim Richert	1011 Bernie's Circle
	Gerry Roberts	1300 Johnson Bay Rd
	Jim Shephard	1531 Percy Lake Rd
Past Presidents	Gerry Roberts	2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
	Warren Currie	1998, 1999, 2000
	Sylvia Winder	1996, 1997
	Dick Graesser	1994, 1995
	Sylvia Winder	1992, 1993
	Henry Dykstra	1990, 1991
	Gord Benner	1988, 1989
	Jim Shephard	1986, 1987
	Dave Lindsay	1984, 1985
	Dennis Woodbridge	1982, 1983

Why you should be a member of the PLRA

In the course of trying to convince various Percy Lake property owners to join the PLRA, the typical question we're asked is "Why should I bother ?" . Well, there are two parts to the answer. First, when we appeared before Township Council regarding the waterfront storage shed issue, we were able to state that we represented 76% of the property owners. Council was impressed by the relatively high percentage of participation, but 100% would have been even more impressive. Second, most of the property owners around Percy Lake are seasonal residents but several members of the PLRA executive are permanent residents and have the time (and inclination) to attend weekday Council meetings to represent those who can't be there for the meetings.

Come on folks - it's only \$20 per year for membership and the only way we're going to be able to protect our little corner of paradise is by presenting a united front.

These are the issues with which we've been involved

Over the past year, the PLRA has been involved with a number of issues. We're close to resolution on the waterfront storage shed issue. It is likely that the Township will allow storage sheds (that meet the agreed upon criteria) on the waterfront setback. The PLRA has been working with Grief Brothers' project manager to protect certain areas of Percy Lake from the effects of the waterfront development that is coming. The PLRA has been working with Township Council to get the Percy Lake Watershed Plan accepted by Council and included in the Official Plan of Haliburton County. Last but not least, the PLRA has been working with representatives of the HLCA and Bell Canada trying to convince Bell that there is enough interest to warrant their capital investment to bring high-speed Internet to the north end of Haliburton Lake and Percy Lake.

Percy Lake Watershed Plan

We attended the Dysart Planning Committee meeting on January 7th, 2008 to do a bit of a presentation of our Watershed Plan. It went quite well. A few of the Councillors had actually read the document. There was quite a bit of discussion about the Waterfront Development project and the associated issues of roads, bridges, the portage, the sand spit beach, and the

islands. We also discussed the "recommendation" regarding the sheds and Council was reminded that they had previously agreed to the terms. We received correspondence from Pat Martin (Municipal Planner) advising that our Plan has been "accepted" by Council and will be forwarded along to the County for incorporation into the Official Plan once FOCA releases their report on streamlining the process of including all these lake plans into the official plans.

Waterfront Land Development

The waterfront land development is progressing. We've met with Paul Wilson (Grief's project manger) a couple of times this winter. While the formal submission of their Plan for Subdivision is still a ways off, the picture is becoming a little more clear.

Paul Wilson appeared before township council in February to get input from council regarding the 20 km road network that will be built for the development. Council's position is that the roads should probably be owned and maintained by a "condominium corporation" which would be funded by the property owners on each segment of road. This would allow the township to put more funds into the improvement of the existing township road and bridges that will be affected by the land development.

Later in February, the PLRA and the HLCA met with Paul to discuss the latest version of the development map and the items on our collective wish lists. There are still 106 proposed lots (65 on Percy Lake and 41 on Haliburton Lake) but most of them are bigger because they go back to the new roads which have been moved back further from the waterfront. The lots average 6.5 acres and 610 feet of frontage. Paul Wilson has revamped the proposed lots around the Gull River portage and it's likely that there is an 11 acre parcel along the north bank of the river that will be deeded over the township for public use. The sand beach issue might get resolved by the developer conveying those two blocks of land to the Municipality who would then ask the Associations to maintain and monitor them. The wetland in the southeast of Percy Lake might get conveyed to either the Municipality or Ducks Unlimited in order to get them designated as a "Provincially Significant Wetland". They are already zoned EP (environmentally protected) so a building permit can never be issued.

Paul Wilson's best guesstimate is that Plans for Subdivision will be submitted late in 2008. Approval of those plans and servicing of the new lots will take most of 2009, so the earliest the first (10 or so) lots will come up for sale would be 2010. The developer still hasn't decided which lots would go first - but logically the ones in the south end of Haliburton Lake would be the least expensive to develop.

High-Speed Internet

In recent months, Bell Canada announced that high-speed Internet will be offered to residents around the south end of Haliburton Lake. Bell offered the explanation that the offer was restricted, by the capabilities of the equipment, to residences that were within 5 kilometres of Internet equipment installation, which takes it up to about the area around the Haliburton Lake boat launch and the FIRA Hall. Since the announcement, we've been working with representatives of the HLCA and FIRA to try to convince Bell Canada that there is enough interest around the north end of Haliburton Lake and up on Percy Lake to justify the required capital investment in equipment to extend the offer. We encourage you to fill out and return the attached survey indicating your interest in signing up for Bell's High-Speed Internet offering.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Sunday June 29th, 2008 at 10:00 am at the FIRA Hall (5821 Haliburton Lake Rd). We are going to invite Murray Fearrey - Reeve of Dysart et al and Warden of Haliburton County, and Dan Kay - our local ward councillor.

PLRA Executive Meetings

The executive of the Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association meets every long weekend from May to October for a couple of hours to monitor and organize the various activities in which we're involved. We would like to extend an open invitation to any member-in-good-standing to attend a meeting, or if you have an issue you would like the executive to address, just contact one of the members of the executive for the time and location.

Fish Contest (16 years and under)

The PLRA fishing contest is open for the entire 2007 fishing season for lake trout and bass. Your entry may be reported to any Director of the association. If you prefer to catch and release, have a witness with you when you land that big one. The following rules apply:

1. The contest is open to Percy Lake Ratepayers and their families **only**.
2. The fish must be caught on Percy Lake by a properly licensed **junior** angler during the open season. **No** silver (Kingscote) trout. They are pets for a while yet.
3. This youth contest applies to kids up to 16 years of age.
4. The trophies are awarded, each, for lake trout and smallmouth bass.
5. The 2006 winners will be awarded at the 2008 Annual General Meeting.
6. Take a **picture** of the fish with the person who caught it and present the picture with your entry. If digital, the picture may be e-mailed to: secretary@plra.net

Happy fishing!

Water Safety/Courtesy

It's boating time again! Whether it be motorboats, canoes, sailboats, or personal water craft, we must practice some sensible, courteous boating. Let's try to remember (and tell your visitors) to observe some safe, thoughtful practices while boating. For example:

- 1) Make sure that the person driving the craft is qualified according to the new regulations;
- 2) Keep boats well away from the shore, since it is unsafe for the swimmers;
- 3) Do not tow water skiers close or parallel to shore for the same reason;
- 4) Knowing that 84% of the property owners on the lake are **not** in favour of personal water craft, operators of PWC's might be well-advised to spend most of their time out in the open and southern parts of the lake instead in the bays in front of somebody's cottage.



Municipality of Dysart et al Landfill Sites Hours of Operation

HALIBURTON

SUMMER ... May 1st to September 30th

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY CLOSED
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8 am to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Mondays 10 am to 6 pm

WINTER ... October 1st to April 30th

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY CLOSED
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8 am to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Mondays 10 am to 5 pm

WEST GUILFORD *

SUMMER ... May 1st to September 30th

TUESDAY & THURSDAY CLOSED
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Mondays 12 noon to 8 pm

WINTER ... October 1st to April 30th

TUESDAY & THURSDAY CLOSED
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Mondays 10 am to 5 pm

KENNISIS LAKE *

SUMMER ... May 1st to September 30th

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY CLOSED
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Mondays 12 noon to 8 pm

WINTER ... October 1st to April 30th

Saturday and Thursday 10 am to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Mondays 10 am to 5 pm

WEST BAY (Haliburton Lake)*

SUMMER ... May 1st to September 30th

Thursday 10 am to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Mondays 12 noon to 8 pm

WINTER ... October 1st to April 30th

Thursday 10 am to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Mondays 10 am to 5 pm

SOUTH BAY (Haliburton Lake)*

SUMMER ... May 1st to September 30th

Tuesday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

WINTER ... October 1st to November 14th

Tuesday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

**CLOSED NOVEMBER 15TH for remainder
of the Winter Season**

HARCOURT

SUMMER ... May 1st to September 30th

Tuesday & Friday 8 am to 12 noon
 Wednesday 8 am to 5 pm
 Saturday 10 am to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Mondays 10 am - 8 pm

WINTER ... October 1st to April 30th

Tuesday & Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm
 Sunday & Holiday Monday 12 noon to 5 pm

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 2004-41

**Fees and Charges for the Disposal of Waste
at the Municipal Landfill Sites**

SERVICE	FEE or CHARGE
Recycling Material	No Charge
Household Refuse	No Charge
Bulk Refuse (1 cu. yard or more not including recyclables)	\$10.00 per cu. yard
Furniture	\$10.00 per item
Appliances	\$10.00 per item with CFC tag \$30.00 per item without CFC tag
Tires on Rims	Not Accepted
Tires off Rims	\$3.00 for car
Boats	\$2.00 per foot if stripped of all metal \$4.00 per foot if not stripped of all metal
Oil Tanks	\$10.00 each. Must not contain any oil and must be cut in half
Auto & Marine Batteries	No Charge
Propane Tanks	No Charge
Brush	\$5.00 per cu. yard
Building Material	\$5.00 per cu. yard if material is capable of being chipped. \$10.00 per cu. yard if material cannot be chipped.
Contaminated Soil	\$10.00 per cu. yard Accepted with Leachate testing only

*** SOUTH BAY, WEST BAY, KENNISIS LAKE, WEST GUILFORD ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD REFUSE & FURNITURE ONLY**

We Recycle!

Don't let any get away!



RECYCLABLE CONTAINERS

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Clear & Coloured beverage & food containers.

PLEASE RINSE & REMOVE LIDS



METAL BEVERAGE & FOOD CANS

Preferably rinsed and crushed

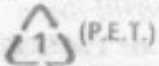
Place lids inside cans



ALUMINUM TRAYS & FOIL

PLASTIC SOFT DRINK BOTTLES

Please remove lids



(P.E.T.)

RIGID PLASTIC BOTTLES

Antifreeze, windshield washer, milk, fabric softener & bleach bottles, etc.

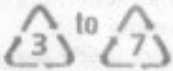
WELL RINSED



(H.D.P.E.)

MIXED PLASTICS

Margarine, ice cream, yogurt, ketchup, peanut butter, shampoo bottles, etc.



PLASTIC FILM

Place plastic bags inside another bag.

So they don't get spread around by the wind & animals

POLYSTYRENE (Styrofoam®)

Meat trays, bakery trays plastic & foam cups, fast food containers.



RECYCLABLE FIBRES

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES & CATALOGUES

Including: advertising inserts, catalogues, telephone books and glossy flyers.

PLEASE DO NOT Package Newspapers in Plastic Bags

Do Not include Hardcover Books



MIXED & OFFICE PAPERS

Junk mail, writing paper, envelopes, brochures & coupons, etc.



PAPER EGG CARTONS

BROWN PAPER BAGS

Grocery bags, store bags



BOXBOARD

Cereal boxes, detergent boxes, shoe boxes, paper towels and cardboard tubes.

FLATTEN TO SAVE SPACE IN THE BIN



MILK & JUICE CARTONS & BOXES POLYCOAT

Milk and Juice cartons, tetrapak drinking boxes

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Boxes used for shipping stereos, furniture or groceries.

BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED

METAL BIN

small appliances, pots, pans, machinery, metal roofing, pipe, metal furniture, bikes, lawn mowers, etc. Oil tanks (cut in half).

LARGE LOADS PLEASE TAKE TO CLOSEST LICENSED SCRAP YARD

Not Recyclable

Do Not Recycle plastic barrels, furniture and toys, vinyl siding, plastic lined dog or cat food bags, drinking glasses, china cups and dishes, window glass, frozen juice cans, aerosol cans and blister paks.

WATCH FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY COMING TO HALIBURTON LANDFILL SITE IN AUGUST

E-WASTE COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, TV's, TELEPHONES, CELL PHONES, MICROWAVES. ALL ELECTRONIC ITEMS.

EH! Environment Haliburton



Municipality of Dysart et al



MCS MUSKOKA CONTAINERIZED SERVICES

High-Speed Internet Survey

In order to be able to provide Bell and Haliburton County with data regarding interest in and demand for High Speed Internet (HSI) on Percy Lake and area, Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association is asking you to please fill out this questionnaire as soon as possible and mail it to the following address or drop it off at Fort Irwin Marina. It can also be turned in at the Annual General Meeting on June 29th, 2008.

Graham Warren
36 Donlea Dr.
Toronto ON
Canada M4G 2M4

Even if you are not interested in HSI, we would appreciate it if you would please so indicate and return the Questionnaire to us no later than June 30, 2008. In that way, we won't need to contact you if this Questionnaire is not returned. Thank you.

Name: _____
Please print

Cottage Address: _____

Cottage Phone Number: _____

Are you interested in High Speed Internet Service: Yes ____ No ____

If your answer is yes, please complete the remainder of this Questionnaire.

Billing address: (If not permanent resident.) _____

Home Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

(If not permanent resident.)

Are you a permanent ____ or seasonal ____ resident?

(Seasonal would be three months or less, everything else permanent)

Is it your intention to make your vacation property your permanent residence in the next 5yrs?

_____ yes _____ no

Are you interested in: personal ____ or business ____ High Speed service?

In addition to HSI, please indicate other services in which you have an interest:

Bell telephone service _____

Bell cell phone service _____

Bell Express Vu _____

Sympatico Dial-Up service _____

Please indicate your current Internet Service Provider: Bell: _____ Other: _____

Satellite Television Provider: Bell: _____ Other: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Comments: _____

PLRA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

\$20.00

Name: _____

911# & Road Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Numbers:
Home: () _____

Cottage: (705) 754 - _____

Email address: _____

Please make cheque payable to the **Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association**

Send cheque and form to: Graham Warren
 36 Donlea Dr.
 Toronto ON
 Canada M4G 2M4

If you do **not** want your name and/or phone numbers to be included on next year's emergency phone number list, please sign here and return this form with your membership fees.

Do **not** place my name/numbers on the Emergency List:
