

GENERAL PLRA MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014

Thanks to Peter and Wendy hosting the meeting due to rain.

Walt McKechnie: Walt running for another 4 years as Councillor. Roads a concern. Consideration for water flow off road. Great job looking after the roads over the winter. Consulting group check all roads. Based on traffic count. Heavy machinery impacting roads. Oil not good for environment. Gravel roads seem to hold up better - need grading once or twice - less money, people happy. Allotment of cash by developer for roads - money still left.

Murray Fearrey: OPP - 12% increase 1st year on municipal part.

Seasonal residents pay 75% of taxes. Pressure from special groups, cottagers need to be involved. Phone in re 911 signs and see if you're on replacement list. Can do yourself - \$1.50 acrylic paint, \$12. Canadian Tire.

John Parish: John complimented Murray on keeping taxes low, take advantage of Murray's strong representation. Building: Phase 1 - 7 sold, 3 building now, 2 building next year. Phase 2 - 6 sold, 2 building, 1 building in fall. Hydro poles completed. All lots will have high speed internet. Condo Roads (separate Corporation)- dues payable to maintain roads for Phase 1 & 2.

Paul MacInnes, Chair, CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association): a CHA volunteer, on Stewartship Council, past President for his lake association 10 years. Stressors on lake - health of lake could change quickly. Three Mile Lake, Muskoka - 2005 - 2011 - blue green algae - all building banned. Imagine if you had just bought lake property. 3 dogs had died. Had to boil or bleach to get rid of toxins. Health Inspector posted "no swimming"

Septic is leading contributor to phosphorus (urine #1 source of phosphorus and septic system does not remove. Lack of natural shoreline leads to pollution of lake. Paul used to have grass along shoreline but gradually changed to native plants. "Black Eyed Susan" is recommended. Roots are 5 ft deep. Replace one small section at a time.

30-40% of septics in Ontario not working. 80% not working properly. Usually a simple fix - \$50. Septic tips on CHA web - under Documents - use minimum amount of water, spread usage out (gives time for bacteria to eat and digest). Use Eco Ethic Septic Treatment (breaks down cellulose, fats and grease) - available at Northern Expressions. Use once a month to provide your system with the correct bacteria and enzymes. If your system is not used for months at a time - when you arrive back the 1st thing is flush 2 cups of Eco Ethic Septic Treatment down your drain to kick start your system. Watch "Poop Talk" also on CHA web. Protect your lake by protecting your septic system. Replace one toilet with a Water Matrix - Proficiency, 3 litre flush toilet (available at local Timber Marts).

Licensed Inspectors for septic systems in Haliburton. t.b.a. Organize a weekend of inspections and get discount. Could have a leak or blockage. Pump out. Don't have same people pump that installed.

Internet Service: present cottagers feel there has been a slow down in service since last year. Dave Taylor (involved in original installation) said we need a new box. He will check into. Dave may have a contact - PLRA to write Bell re internet problem.

Today's CATCH AND RELEASE - 4 hours - 35 fish caught, 34 released: Ted and son Matthew age 9 - Matthew won trophy - 5 fish totalling 86.25"

PLRA (we are a small Association - 65 cottages) - dues \$30.00, costs increased (\$650/yr ins takes lion's share of dues).

CORN ROAST postponed till tomorrow, Sunday, August 17th due to weather.

Fire Pump was a liability for the Association to own. Jim Richert bought it and he keeps it at Peter and Wendy's near the boat launch.

LAKE STEWART: Micky and Amanda have volunteered to do the lake testing but others are encouraged to participate also.

Graham Warren, President - this is his last year

Anna Tilman, Director, taking over as PRESIDENT AFTER THANKSGIVING

Jack Russel, Past President- involved

Karen Hatch, Vice-President - newsletter with Bob Wong, data base, corn roast

Errol Farr, Treasurer

Susan Wenghofer, Secretary

Director-at-large:

Lou Kiriakou (fishing derby, printing newsletter)

Brian Edey (water levels, health)

Jim Richert (government relations, mechanic expert)

Dave Smith (youth activities, data base)