

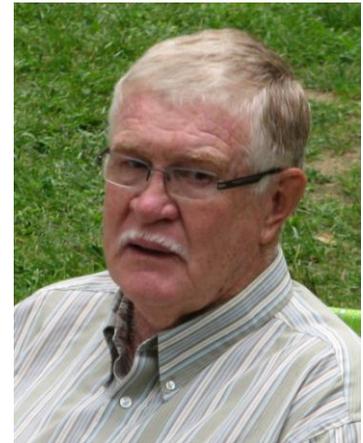
# Fall Newsletter

## October 2012



### Mission Statement

*The Papineau Lake Community Association (PLCA) is a not-for-profit organization. The PLCA is dedicated to promoting responsible environmental stewardship, encouraging an active social atmosphere, monitoring and communicating changes which affect our lake community and providing and maintaining infrastructure to protect the physical and environmental integrity of Papineau Lake.*



### President's Message

Greetings everyone,

We have been blessed with another exceptional summer and gorgeous fall at Papineau Lake. A warm dry spring kept the insect population in check and a hot July warmed the lake quickly for water activities. A fire ban mid-summer curtailed our bonfire and fireworks but thank you to everyone for observing the ban during that extremely dry period. We have had more rain in September and early October than we had all summer so hopefully the trees are under less stress going into the winter months.

We have had a complaint from the municipality personnel about garbage being left at the gate when the dump isn't open. The Municipality has indicated that they will impose fines on anyone caught doing this. Also please do not leave garbage at your driveway for Wednesday pick-up when you leave on Sunday. The animals often get to it before it is picked up.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new residents on our lake and congratulations to those of you who have built new cottages.

On a sad note, we lost three members of our Papineau community this summer, Bob Donor, Bev Casson and Bert Mollenhauer. We would like to extend our condolences to their respective families.

Our annual Regatta was a great success, super weather, fun activities and a lot of hard work for many people. Thank you to Karis Whillans for making it happen.

The August "Meet and Greet" get together was enjoyed by 40 or so of our residents.

As you likely aware, our Septage Issue continues. I would like to thank Peter Shoemaker for taking over as Chair of the Septage Committee when Karis Whillans stepped down for health reasons. Thank you Karis for your work and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We were delighted with the number of people from the Papineau Lake community who attended the Open House on Oct. 6th. Giving up the better part of a Saturday on a holiday weekend was greatly appreciated. Your questions, concerns and knowledge of the issues came through loud and clear at the meeting. The article in Bancroft This Week, written by Barb Shaw ( see <http://www.bancroftthisweek.com/2012/10/09/confusion-remains-after-septage-public-meeting>) was a good summary of the meeting and indicated the strong opposition of our community to the Dewatering Trenches. Many of our questions have not been satisfactorily answered so we will continue to try work with Council and the Consultants.

One of the things that has become apparent to me this past year is how important it is to attend the Hastings Highlands Council Meetings and I would like to thank those of you who have attended on a regular basis with me. The agenda for each Council Meeting is posted on the Hastings Highlands website by Friday of the previous week.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Ian Salgo for keeping our website updated and for helping me with the communications to the membership. He has spent many hours working, sending e-mails and updating membership lists.

If you are interested in being a part of the PLCA executive or have ideas for events, activities or projects that you would like to see happen around our lake please let me know. We have donated to the Bancroft and Barry's Bay Hospitals again this year. Are there other initiatives that we should be undertaking? Septage has been our major project for the past year and a half but hopefully we will be able to look to other things in the future. If you have not completed the Lake Plan Survey, it is on our website, please do so as soon as possible.

Kind regards,  
Harold Harris

**Website** [Papineaulake.com](http://Papineaulake.com)



Don't forget to check out the web site. We have all the consultant's reports under the Septage Disposal Issue tab and the links to the news reports from Bancroft This Week pertaining to Hastings Highlands.

## Vice President's message

**By Ian Salgo**

As Harold mentioned, it has been a very busy year. Our prime objective this year has been to persuade council to reconsider their decision to put a septage facility at the Papineau Lake waste disposal site (WDS). We have issued a formal complaint to the municipality on their Certificate of Approval for the WDS based on information from the WESA report that indicates that the groundwater flow at the three monitoring wells runs from the wells NNW, across the dump, towards the lake. The new wells have now been drilled on the opposite side of the dump and shortly we will be able to confirm the groundwater flow direction. If the flow is still NNW then we will have more ammunition against the option of using Papineau WDS for the septage disposal facility.



This term, the executive has been attempting to better organize the PLCA. We have changed the name from Papineau Lake Cottagers' Association to Papineau Lake Community Association to better reflect the fact that there are many permanent residents. Steven Smith, our new treasurer, has done an excellent job of organizing the finances. He has computerized all income and expenses on Quicken to replace all the hand written ledgers. We keep the current contact information and membership dues on an Excel spreadsheet and, to better communicate with people who have not registered their e-mail address, we have gone back to the practice of using area representatives.

To facilitate collection of annual dues, we will issue an invoice to each of the residents along with the spring newsletter and ask for the latest contact information.

This year we also added liability insurance for the executive along with the regatta insurance policy.

### **Highway 62 Problem**

You may have noticed the half load signs on Highway 62 outside Maynooth and Combermere. The back story to this is interesting if not a little scary. For a small cash settlement, the provincial government downloaded this 35 km section of highway to Hastings Highlands when Brent Dagleish was the reeve. The liability for this section of highway is huge. If it has to be repaved, then it would cost upwards of 20 million dollars. When you consider that the total annual budget for Hastings Highlands is in the area of 5 million dollars then you have a grasp of the problem that we face. Four years' worth of the budget just to repave that section of road. If that happens, imagine what tax burden it will place on all residents of Hastings Highlands. Given that almost all of the damage to the road is caused by truck traffic, the council has decided to restrict the load limit during the spring when the frost is coming out of the road. They also hope that the backlash from the truckers will reach the provincial government and get their attention because repeated attempts by council so far have failed to get any action.

### **Golf Tournament**

We had another successful golf tournament this year. It was held at Bancroft Golf course. Six foursomes teed off for a best ball game, and the team trophy was won by the team led by Rick

Oughtred. Longest drive men was won by Jake Kuehnbaum, women by Jackie Hayward, and nearest to the pin by Bob Romanowsky. About 40 people enjoyed an afternoon barbeque hosted by the Romanowsky family and the golf prizes were kindly donated by Lindsey Huculiak and Mark Trypuc. We would like to congratulate Lindsey and Mark on their marriage one week after the tournament.



Next year, Mark and Lindsey have agreed to organize the golf tournament on the weekend after the regatta. If you wish to participate, please contact them.

## The Annual Regatta

### By Karis Whillans

Again this year we were blessed with wonderful weather on regatta day and the turnout was amazing. People really enjoyed watching the volleyball, tug-of-war, and canoe races and we were delighted with the number of participants and number of activities.

Our new trophies and medals were also a great success; many thanks to my girls for making those medals.



Special thanks also go to the following:

The Penedo family, who volunteered to run the swimming competition for the first time and at their first regatta.

The Hayward family, who stepped up for the canoe races; they did a fantastic job and it was a highlight of the games.

Lindsey Huculiak set up and ran the horseshoe competition. This was a new event for the regatta and had great success.

Christine DuMoulin took on developing and running some games for little ones.

Jen and her husband, (sorry Jen, I don't know your married name) ran the volleyball tournament for the first time. They did find it a challenge, but everyone went home happy in the end.

The student volunteers that helped at face painting, swimming and canoeing; you all helped to make the day a success.

Thanks to Christine Wood for her food truck. It was a nice addition to the day and although there were some glitches, we have already made changes for next year so the food won't take as long. Christine donated \$ 400 to the septage fund from her profits.

Bob Park at Foodland in Bancroft for the donation of the 2010 Canadian Olympic Hockey Team pictures to the swimming competition

The Salgo household went above and beyond with our raffle table.

Thanks to Jim McPherson, Doug Hopkins and Pauline for their musical entertainment and Marj McPherson for selling Papineau Lake Logo clothing; the profits for which go to the association.

Last and by no means least, Mr. Jeff Webster, master of ceremonies you made the day; I can't thank you enough.

Any suggestions or comments for next year, please send them my way: [kwhillans@me.com](mailto:kwhillans@me.com)

## Regatta Raffle

By Anne Salgo

Again, we had a very successful raffle at the regatta, with a total of 66 prizes raising a total of \$1734.00! I wish to first thank the volunteers who helped make the raffle possible:

Jackie Buckingham, Nancy & Dave Bullis, Vicky & Natalie Fielding, Lorraine Hackl, Penny Hopkins, Suzanne Huschilt, Anna & Rob Kennedy, Kim Mason and Sue Schroeter. Also, thanks to Jackie and Joe Hayward and their guests for helping with the set-up of the table and prizes.

We made donations of \$500 to each of the local hospitals: St. Francis Memorial Hospital in Barry's Bay (their match-it program doubled our donation to the x-ray machine fund) and North Hastings Hospital in Bancroft. Most of us have visited a hospital while on vacation here and our support is always welcomed.

To our cottager donors, a big thank you:

Debbie & Joe Krukowski, Christine & Troy DuMoulin, Barb & Ken McClintock, Janis & Harold Harris, Lesia & Rick Oughtred, Jackie & Joe Hayward, Penny Hopkins, Vera Robinson, John & Jane McCarthy, Charlene Quinn, Jim & Marj McPherson, Barry Daniels & Sandra Roemer, Brian Amodeo, Brent Bristow and Frank Hickey (our local councillor).

Thank you to our Merchant donors.

### **In Bancroft:**

River's Edge Golf Course, Canadian Tire, Home Hardware Bancroft, Rona, Village Playhouse Theatre, IDA Drug Store, No Frills, Foodland, TimBr Mart, Bancroft Golf Course, The Old Tin Shed, The Granite Restaurant.

### **In Bird's Creek:**

Bird's Creek Feed & Hardware, Makin' Waves.

### **In Maynooth and Maple Leaf:**

Madawaska Art Shop, Maple Leaf Country Store.

### **In Barry's Bay:**

Lorraine's Pharmacy, Alfeskie's Shoes & Clothing, Madawaska Outdoors, Home Hardware, Barry's Bay Outfitters, P. Burke and Son Jewellers, V&S Stedmans.



## August Meet and Greet Party

About 40 cottagers attended the annual Meet and Greet social at Lakeview Resort this year to enjoy the wonderful food, wine and conversation with their neighbours. Thanks to Janis Harris and others for organizing a fabulous array of appetizers and Dave Mason for the fruit trays. Dave also contributed his hosting fee to the Septage Fund: we wish to thank him for his ongoing support. It was great to meet some new cottagers to the lake and to reminisce with the long term residents.

# Status of the Environmental Assessment for the Septage Trenches

By Peter Shoemaker

The Municipality of Hastings Highlands, as part of the process to build septage dewatering trenches, held an information meeting at the municipal offices on Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend. The session consisted of a review of the process to date and a comparison between the two primary sites, Papineau Lake and Lake St. Peter.

There were over a hundred people at the meeting, the vast majority from Papineau Lake. Most of the municipal council was present. The presentation was made by Kevin Mooder from J2PG consultants, the firm which the Municipality has engaged to help plan for a septage solution.



The presentation was scheduled to run from 10 am to noon with questions afterwards. From July of last year the Municipality has focused on septage trenches as being the solution and Papineau Lake as being the site to install them. As expected, Papineau Lake still appears to be the preferred site and septage dewatering trenches the preferred solution.

As the presentation progressed the schedule soon deteriorated as more and more individuals raised questions on the process followed, concerns on the adequate monitoring of the waste disposal site, the lack of meaningful public consultation, the actual need for rushing into a solution at this point and concerns on the impact of the installation of septage trenches at Papineau Lake. A lot of frustration was expressed around the municipality's apparent immunity to concerns that have been expressed by the Papineau Lake community from the beginning of the process. Evasive answers from the consultants did little to dispel this frustration.

The microphones were unplugged at 2 pm before the presentation was completed. This only contributed to the overall feeling of frustration and left many unanswered questions. It was interesting that by this point half of council had already left, perhaps they just didn't want to hear more of our concerns. This makes it doubly important that if you are concerned, that if you have any questions that you write to the mayor and members of council to express those concerns and ask those questions. For contact information, see

<http://www.hastingshighlands.ca/council.php>

*For those of you on Facebook, there is a page devoted to the septage issue. Just enter 'Stop Septage Dump Site at Papineau' in the Facebook search box to find the page.*

Executive Listing	
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Joe Oatman	Steve Huschilt
Tom Potter	Bob Ord
Dale Brown	
<b>Raffle Coordinator</b>	Anne Salgo
<b>Regatta Chairperson</b>	Karis Whillans

Photo of south Papineau Lake showing the existing Waste Disposal Site's proximity to lake.

