

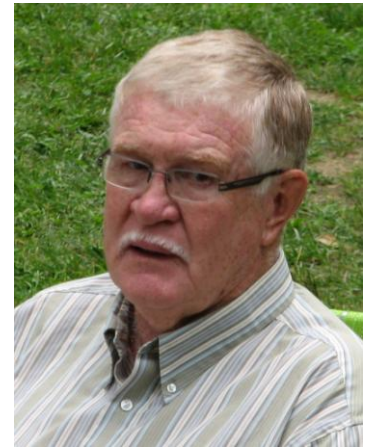


# Spring Newsletter

## May 2013

### 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

by Harold Harris

Spring has finally arrived at Papineau Lake. The ice completely disappeared on April 26th and the water is a welcome sight. The local beaver population is busy and the fishing boats have started to arrive. The recent flooding is over, roads and culverts have been repaired and things are getting back to normal, we hope. However, the lake level is still higher than usual for this time of year. We can now see that beautiful bright green on the trees on the surrounding hills and our gardens have daffodils and tulips in bloom. Early May has delivered some sunny, warm weather and the black flies have not appeared as yet.

I attended an Interlake Conference last fall with the Presidents of other area lake associations (lakes mostly to the north of us). This is an active, concerned group and I was pleased to have been invited to be a part of it. We discussed many issues common to all of our lakes and listened to a presentation by representatives dealing with the Algonquin Land Claim. Many of the lakes have 2 or more councils to work with and are dealing with some of the same issues that we have in Hastings Highlands. I or another representative of PLCA will continue to attend their meetings.

I am working with the presidents of the other lakes in Hastings Highlands to set up a meeting with Mayor Vivian Bloom to discuss local concerns. It is important for us to keep positive lines of communications open and continue to assist HH Council in making the right decisions for our community.

I have attended the Hastings Highlands Council meetings all winter and would like to thank those who have attended with me especially Jim and Marj McPherson. It is very apparent that regular attendance at the HH Council meetings is essential to keep on top of what is happening in the municipality and continued attendance must be a priority for PLCA.

This spring HH Council is replacing a public dock on Baptiste Lake at a cost of \$37,000.00 minus the \$5,000.00 that was given by the Baptiste Cottagers Association. It appears that HH Council has agreed to deal with the maintenance and taking the dock in and out of the water as well. There was a discussion at the HH Council meeting about what will be done for other lakes in this municipality but no decisions were made. Last summer PLCA sent a letter to HH Council requesting that the beach at the south end of Papineau Lake be maintained, garbage containers be replaced and dealt with regularly and that our boat ramps be improved and maintained by HH. We were told that a committee would be set up to deal with such issues; this has not happened to date. We will make this request once again and hope that, in light of the amount spent at Baptiste Lake, we will get some results. Councillors Hickey and Cannon both spoke in favour of dealing with this issue at the last council meeting.

The new cell towers in Hastings Highlands continue to be an issue with many residents in the surrounding areas and are being dealt with by Bell and HH Council. Numerous complaints and concerns have been brought to HH Council and, as with the Septage Issue, council seems to be learning as they go along. The proposed tower for Papineau Lake is off Centreview Rd. east of Papineau Lake Road and does not appear to be close to any residences. It will be 90m in height so will be visible to many people around the lake.

Kevin McClintock is working on a Lake Plan for Papineau Lake and is waiting for input from residents who have not yet sent in their Lake Plan forms. So far he has had very few replies, so please take a little time and fill out the survey and send it to him. A Lake Plan is instrumental in assuring that all future plans and development for the lake are in the best interest of the Papineau Lake community. The link to the lake plan is the Papineau Map on the front page of the website. The form can be printed, completed, scanned and e-mailed to Kevin.

Last summer was one of the driest on record resulting in a Fire Ban for most of the summer. Please keep in mind that when a Fire Ban is in effect that it includes FIREWORKS. Many fines were handed out by the Fire Department during the ban to residents of the Municipality who did not heed the given warnings. Also, please also be aware that canoeing/kayaking in early spring or late fall can be risky as there are fewer people around and no boats in the water to provide assistance if the canoe or kayak capsizes.

A donation of \$500.00 from the Estate of Royden Davis, a long time resident of Papineau Lake, was received by PLCA this spring. We are grateful for this kind gesture and hope to find a special way of using it in his memory.



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

**Please check out the web site.** We have all the consultants' reports under the Septage Disposal Issue tab and the links to the news reports from Bancroft This Week pertaining to Hastings Highlands. Note that last year we have changed the name of PLCA from "Cottagers" association to "Community" association to more properly reflect the permanent residents both on the lake and near the lake.

**Annual General Meeting Saturday June 29/13 at 9:00am**

As many of our residents have expressed a desire to hold our meetings at Lakeview, we have changed the venue for this year's AGM to Dave Mason's Lakeview Resort. We will be doing a review of the status of the Septage Management Strategy of Hastings Highlands as well as a discussion of the upcoming summer's activities.

The executive positions on the PLCA are for two year terms ending in September 2013. Both Harold and Ian will have served for two years and so the positions of President and Vice-President will become available in the upcoming election of officers at the AGM. Harold will stay on as past president and Ian will stay on as a director. Our secretary, Dave Jamieson, who has served many years both as secretary and assisting during the regatta, will be resigning from his position. We would like to extend our thanks to Dave for all the time he has given towards the smooth running of the association.

This year at the AGM there will be a free draw for two tickets to the July Bancroft Summer Theater showing of "Too Many Crooks"; so make sure you attend and put your name in the hat. You must be present to win the tickets!

2011 - 2013 PLCA EXECUTIVE			
<b>Executive Listing</b>		<b>Area Representatives</b>	
President	Harold Harris	Steve Sanger	Ken McClintock
Vice President	Ian Salgo	Neil Crowder	Mary Mueller
Past President	Barry Daniels	Dale Brown	Bob Ord
Treasurer	Steven Smith	Joe Oatman	Steve Huschilt
Secretary	David Jamieson	Tom Potter	
Lake Steward	Kevin McClintock		
Septage Chair	Peter Shoemaker	<b>Raffle Coordinator</b>	Anne Salgo
<b>Directors</b>			
Jackie Buckingham	Lois Whillans	<b>Regatta Chairperson</b>	Karis Whillans
John McCarthy			

## Vice President's message

By Ian Salgo

Sometimes I think I am jinxed when it comes to the PLCA. The last time I got involved on the executive, as President, was in 1972 when the province was attempting to expropriate a large number of properties on the west side of the lake to make a Provincial campsite. It was a trying and busy time defeating that proposal. Now the next time I got involved, in 2011, the municipality decided to put a septage facility within 600 meters of the lake at the south end and surprisingly, opposition to that decision was much more difficult. Well, hopefully with the proposed site on Little Papineau Lake road, this work will come to a successful conclusion for us.



It is not unusual that an issue such as this septage disposal site has had such a galvanizing effect on residents of the lake. We have had a great deal of support from them in fighting this proposal. Many association members gave generously to the legal fund which was needed to underline our commitment to council and there have been more residents join the association. We received a lot of good technical advice from lake residents who were more knowledgeable on environmental requirements and issues. Many of the permanent residents on the lake attended all the council meetings in the off season to maintain our presence and put forward our needs to council. We have to thank the Batemans, McPhersons, Harris', Muellers, Ords, Huschilt's, and others who I cannot now remember who regularly attended the meetings on the behalf of our community. We should also note that our two councillors, Bert Cannon and Frank Hickey, supported us in council on the septage issue.

It is funny how as time goes by, things do not change. In my 1972 newsletter, I wrote:

*"About two thirds of the township's tax payers are cottage owners, and by rights we should have a lot to say about how our tax dollars are spent. To do this, the association requires unity, strength, and most of all a willingness on the part of every individual member to give a little of his time. If there are any of you who are willing to work on the executive of the association, please don't hesitate to offer your assistance. "*

With that in mind, your existing executive will have completed their two year term this fall and their positions need to be filled. We have organized the process of running the association and have detailed all the functions required by each member and the timelines when required. We will be passing on all the required information on how the association is run and as well as the members listing to the next executive electronically so as to make the transition much easier than it has been in previous years.

## Environmental Assessment for the Septage Trenches

**By Peter Shoemaker**

As of early fall 2012 there were only two potential sites that the municipality was considering for the placement of the Septage dewatering trenches, Lake St Peter and Papineau Lake. The choice of these two sites was largely driven by the selection criteria that Hastings Highlands had imposed on the process.

Hydro geological testing was performed at the Papineau Lake site to determine the direction of water flow as a precursor to making a decision. It had not been determined whether the flow was towards or away from the lake. The WESA report on the testing was published in February and according to their findings the direction of the shallow ground water flow is not towards the lake thus removing one objection for the choice of Papineau Lake.

Fortunately one of the municipal staff, Dave Robb, came up with a creative idea around potential sites. He realized that the open waste disposal sites that have been the primary target are not the only sites available. There are 10 abandoned waste disposal sites which still have certificates of approval attached to them. All of these are also potential choices.

The selection process has been reopened to examine these sites. Jp2g, the consultants retained by the municipality, have reviewed maps and eliminated 7 of the new sites. The first of the remaining sites is off Peterson Road, which is accessible only through a marsh and would be expensive because of construction costs for a new road. The second site is at the north end of Papineau Lake and appears to be too close to both the lake and cottages. The final site is off of Little Papineau Lake Road. This is the most promising of the three, with a much larger setback from any dwellings or fresh water and it has an existing road.

The next steps are the on-sight review of the three new candidate sites, hydro geological testing, public meetings on the new sites and the presentation of the recommendation to council by the consultants.

Although Papineau Lake is not off the list of Septage Disposal sites, the introduction of the Little Papineau Lake site does look encouraging for the removal of our lake from contention.



## Table of Events for 2013

Event	Location	Date
Spring Executive Meeting	Harris residence	Sat. May 18 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
Annual General Meeting	Lakeview Resort	Sat. June 29 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am
Regatta	South Beach	Sat. August 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am
Golf Tournament	TBA	Sat. August 10 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am
Meet and Greet Party	Lakeview Resort	August 17 <sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00pm
Summer Executive Meeting	Harris residence	August 31 <sup>st</sup> at 10:00am

## 2013 Golf Tournament

by Lindsey Huculiak

We will again be hosting a summer golf tournament and BBQ on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>. (*The tournament is financed entirely by the participants.*) The format will be a best ball and there will be prizes for lowest score, longest drive, and nearest to the pin for both men and women. The venue for the golf has yet to be decided by the organizers, but the venue for the pot-luck BBQ will be at the Trypuc's cottage. We will be restricting the numbers to 10 foursomes. You can either enter as a foursome, or individually and we will make up the teams, so get your name in early to Lindsey Huculiak at [lhuculiak@summittenergy.ca](mailto:lhuculiak@summittenergy.ca) or call at (416) 543-1230.



## The Annual Regatta

By Karis Whillans

We will again be holding the annual regatta at the south beach on August 3rd at 10am. Come early and sign up for the events, once again this year you will be able to pre-register via email. We will let know when and to what email you can do that after July 1. Karis is unable to organize the regatta this year due to health issues. She is looking for three people that would volunteer to take over the following:

- Set-up and take down: you would need to organize volunteers to help you.
- Someone to recruit volunteers to run each event.
- One person to oversee everything the day of event, making sure things are running as scheduled.



Karis, of course, will be available to teach, train, whatever is required. She will be at the lake by July 1 but she may have to go back to Florida at least once during the summer, so contact her early. None of these jobs are difficult. The regatta cannot go on without many hands helping. If you willing to assist in the regatta please let Karis know; her cottage phone is 613-338-2966 and her e-mail address is [kwhillans@comcast.net](mailto:kwhillans@comcast.net)

## Membership Dues

The annual membership dues are \$25. You will be receiving an invoice by e-mail shortly. The invoice includes an information sheet. Please complete the sheet and mail it to Harold Harris (address is on the form) along with a cheque made out to **PLCA**. Paying for your annual membership this way is much easier for the executive to accurately keep track of membership information and payments.

## Regatta Raffle

### By Anne Salgo

Our popular and successful raffle at the regatta will take place again on Saturday August 3rd and we request your assistance in several ways.

First, all donations of items for prizes will be gratefully received at our cottage at 1246 Papineau Lake Road after July 1 until Friday August 2nd. You can call ahead at 613-338-2145 or just drop them off with a note with your name, so we may thank you. Some assistance may be needed during June/July to contact local businesses for donations and pick up those donations.

Second, any volunteers who can offer a 1-¼ hour of their time at the regatta to help sell tickets or assist with the winning prizes would be welcomed. If I can have 3-4 volunteers for set-up, the 10-11:15 am and 11:15 am –12:30 noon times, then you only need to commit to part of your regatta time. We shall close sale of tickets at 12:30 and start drawing the winning tickets; we will need about 4 people for one hour to complete this phase. Students needing volunteer hours are most welcome to help out.

Third, bring your money and buy tickets! 1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5, 8 for \$10, and the best buy, 20 tickets for \$20.

Please contact Anne Salgo at 613-338-2145 or by email at [salgo@sympatico.ca](mailto:salgo@sympatico.ca) if you are able to help out in any way.



## Winter living at Papineau Lake

### By Bob Ord

It is late April. Papineau is still ice covered. In the past few days heavy rain and snow melt has raised the lake level to near record levels. There have been road washouts and flooding around the lake and Bancroft is in a state of emergency due to flooding.

Winter just won't let go!

Strangely, my only complaint about this past winter is that there was not enough snow. Those of us being year round residents actually like winter. Though we have fewer neighbours, the activities are endless. There are regular dinner parties, music at the Wilno or Red Canoe, book clubs, Sunday breakfasts and the odd trip to the city. In addition there are many outdoor ventures such as skiing at Madawaska Mountain or Calabogie.

The secret to successfully making it through the winter is preparedness. The snow blower and generator should be in good shape. Have extra Gerry cans and a stock of salt and sand for the



driveway. Good snow tires are essential. All these, of course, are for after the storm. There is nothing like watching a big winter storm from the comfort of your living room at the lake.

## Bancroft Summer Theatre presents

Tradition of Summer Theatre Continues...

Bancroft Summer Theatre is happy to announce its line-up for the 22nd season of live theatre at the Bancroft Village Playhouse. The season starts with a hilarious farce by Marcia Kash and Douglas E. Hughes called **Too Many Cooks**. The Simcoe Reformer recently reviewed this play and declared it "A hilarious comedy... a huge success." The play is set in Niagara Falls in 1932, with the rum-running business at its peak. In the aftermath of the Crash, Irving Bubbalowe and his daughter, Honey, have risked everything they have to open a new gourmet restaurant. When their star - the renowned singing chef François LaPlouffe - fails to appear, the grand opening is suddenly placed in jeopardy. The pace quickens steadily as do the laughs.

Too Many Cooks will run Tuesdays to Saturdays at 8 pm starting on July 2 and will close on July 20 with a matinee show on Saturday July 13.

Next up is a play by Richard Harris called **Stepping Out**. This is a rollicking comedy about the attempts of some working class amateurs to overcome their inhibitions and left feet in a low-rent dance studio in North London. Mavis, a former professional chorus girl tries her hardest to teach the bumbling amateurs some tap dance skills for an upcoming recital. But before the dancing begins Mavis must mediate the dramas that erupt among this motley but loveable crew on their way to triumph at their recital.

Stepping Out will run Tuesdays to Saturdays at 8 pm starting on July 30 and will close on August 17 with a matinee show on Saturday August 10.

Tickets are still just \$20 each. Dinner theatre packages are also being offered on July 4 and 18 at 6 pm for Too Many Cooks and on Aug 1 and 15 for Stepping Out. Enjoy a homemade cold dinner buffet at St. Paul's United Church before the show. Tickets for dinner theatre are \$32.

Tickets for all shows will be available at the box office which opens on June 12 at 2 pm. Box Office will be open Wed. to Sat. from 2 until 6 pm in June, then on Tuesdays to Saturdays from 2 to 8 pm in July and August. Tickets can be ordered in person or through our toll-free number 1-877-322-4682.



## North Hastings Economic Development Committee Seeks Assistance of Seasonal Residents!

Seasonal residents own an amazing 41% of the permanent dwellings in North Hastings! The North Hastings Economic Development Committee (NHEDC) is a body of representatives from the seven municipalities that make up North Hastings, sector representatives from forestry, culture and social organizations, and local business groups. The NHEDC has launched a Seasonal Residents Survey in cooperation with the County of Hastings. The information collected will be used in a number of ways including:

- Municipal planning (roads, building department, fire safety etc.)
- Special event planning
- Identifying ways to improve the time seasonal residents spend each year in North Hastings
- Improving communication with seasonal residents
- Encouraging new business to fill gaps identified by seasonal residents

and more....

The Survey is confidential and all results will be reported as an aggregate with no identifiable individuals or organizations. We invite you to complete the survey on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HCSeasonalResSurvey> or if you prefer, hard copies will be made available at your local municipal office to pick up or we can email you one. If you have questions, please contact the Project Facilitator, Chris Drost, at 613-332-6246 or [naturally@northhastings.com](mailto:naturally@northhastings.com)