

DALHOUSIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
June 04, 2005, 9:00 to 12:00
Watson's Corners Community Hall, Watson's Corners

Present:

- Approximately 40 members and non members were in attendance
- Kim Yee, Senior Inspector/Coordinator, Well Management Water Monitoring Section, Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Energy
- Mark Green, BA, CPHI(c) – Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Inspector and Chief Building Inspector

Agenda:

- Call to order – Brian Stewart
- Presentation of financial report – Brian Stewart
- Presentation – Kim Yee
- Presentation – Mark Green
- Web Demonstration – Christine Stewart
- Future meetings – Judy Hall
- 2005 projected budget – Judy Hall
- Fundraising – Judy Hall
- Family Fun Day – Judy Hall
- Membership drive – Judy Hall
- Adjournment

Financial report – Brian Stewart

- Balance as at June 04,2005 \$1080.17

Presentation - Water Well Management – Kim Yee (highlights)

Mr. Yee addressed well construction, well maintenance and well abandonment.

- Well Construction
 - Good wells last a long time
 - Contractors must be licensed and must follow standards set by MOE
 - New and better caps for wells are available
 - Casing must sit above ground level and ground should be sloped away from the well
 - Water should be tested 4 to 5 times per year
- Well Maintenance
 - Items put around a well (fertilizer, manure, etc) will effect water quality of the well and others in the vicinity

- Well Abandonment
 - Unused wells must be sealed properly
 - See web site www.ene.gov.on.ca - publications ground water or wells for more information

Presentation - Mark Green Senior Public Health Inspector (highlights)

Mr. Green addressed water testing and septic systems

- Water testing
 - Containers and forms are available at the township office
 - Don't open cap on the container until ready to take the sample
 - Don't rinse the container
 - Run water 3 to 5 minutes before filling container – remove screen and aerator from tap
 - Make sure the end of the tap is clean (chlorinate)
 - Refrigerate sample – take to health unit the same day
 - Samples are picked up at the township office the first Tuesday of each month
- Septic Systems

Five Kinds:

 - Class 1 – Chemical Toilet
 - Class 2 - Grey water system
 - Class 3 - Cesspool
 - Class 4 – Leaching bed (most common)
 - Class 5 – Holding tank

Don't put anything in the septic system that is not biodegradable as it can kill the bacteria in the septic tank

Have the tank pumped every 3 to 4 years

How to recognize if the septic system is in need of repair

- Sewage smell
- Slow draining of toilets, sinks etc
- Water above ground in weeping bed area

If you can't find your septic tank or weeping bed, the Health Unit will assist for a fee of about \$100. if you have the name of the installer or the person who applied for the permit. See Health Unit website for more information: www.healthunit.org

Municipalities are being encouraged to have a septic re-inspection program

Web Site Demonstration

Christine Stewart demonstrated the various web pages and possible features and uses of the new www.dlai.ca web site. She suggested that DLAI purchase a USB flash drive to use as a backup system for the website files as well as for the historical data collection of all Dalhousie Lake documentation. The use of the flash drive will facilitate the eventual transfer of association files to a new Executive Committee.

It was moved by Judy Hall, seconded by Ron Jones that DLAI purchase said USB flash drive in the amount of about \$60.00. The motion was carried

Future Meetings

July 9th – Members meeting – MERA Building ,McDonald's Corners 10:00 am

August 28th – Annual meeting – MERA Building ,McDonald's Corners 10:00 am

Projected Budget

Judy Hall presented the proposed 2005 budget as follows:

• Web Site	\$166.00
• Insurance	\$800.00
• Bulletin Board	\$350.00
• Meeting Costs	\$100.00
• Fundraising costs	\$100.00
• Family fun day	\$250.00
Total	\$1766.00

Fundraising

- 50/50 Draw at each members meeting
- Cottage gift basket raffle – Value \$550. A list of contents and donors is available on the web site and at the Hill General Store and Dalhousie Lake Restaurant. Tickets are available from directors and at the Hill General Store.

Family Fun Day

July 23rd – Centennial Park at the head of the lake. Games and a barbecue. More details will be available at the July 9th meeting

Membership Drive

Directors will be canvassing lake residents during June and July for membership fees.

Adjournment