



DALHOUSIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC.

Message from the President

A completely different start to the season than what we experienced last year. If you remember in Purdon's bay we had a 50 foot beach and it seemed as though we were sitting on the ocean with the tide out. No water! An unbelievable sight and a complete contrast to what we experienced this spring with a record wind storm, trees down and up to 5 foot waves crashing in to our shorelines and now back to unusually low water levels. As you may be aware, the Executive committee is in contact with the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and will be working with them to determine a plan for the rest of the summer season. Still, we have to be thankful that we are not experiencing anything like the weather our neighbors to the South experienced recently.

This year brings many changes to our Executive committee. You may know that Judy Hall has stepped down as President; however, Judy remains Director for Ward 5 and Lake Steward. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for her many years of service as President. In addition, I would like to thank two other long standing members of the Executive Ron and Pat Jones who have put forward their resignation. Ron has been Director, Ward 3 and Pat our Treasurer since 2006. We will miss their valued contribution but know that they will continue to attend our members meetings as time permits.

We held our Directors meeting on April 16th and discussed many new ideas; some of which I have mentioned below. We were all very interested in increasing our membership and offering additional services to our members wherever possible. A decision was made to continue with the loon survey and water temperature study this summer and some of the Directors have agreed to volunteer their time to record this information.

The executive have planned for the following summer meetings and activities:

- July 1st - Flotilla to celebrate Canada Day (rain date July 2nd)
Decorate your boat of any kind and join us on the lake at 1:00pm. If you haven't got a boat, decorate your dock – prizes will be awarded.
- July 9th - Information meeting - Mera Hall 10:00 am
 - o Although crime has remained static in the Township, one offence has increased, Break and Enters. As such the Police Services Board will be delivering a neighborhood watch presentation and information on how to get started with one and what it's all about.
 - o As well, we will have an opportunity to discuss the role of the OPP in our township and what we as residents can do to help prevent unfortunate accidents from occurring to visitors in our community
 - o **Tentative** – MVCA have been invited to provide information pertaining to the management of our watershed.

- July 23rd - Kids Summer Camp Day
The DLAI will work in partnership with MERA to organize a fun day for kids. This event will be free. Environmental workshops, water safety, fishing, games and crafts and a pizza lunch will take place at Centennial Park and MERA. Registration will open June 24th until July 10 and will be limited to 30 participants. More details will be sent by email to members and will be posted on our bulletin board located at Sylvania Lodge on June 24th.
- Aug 27th - Annual General Meeting – Mera Hall 10:00am.

An agenda for each meeting will be sent by email and posted at the bulletin board situated beside the boat launch at Sylvania Lodge. Just a reminder to check the bulletin board frequently for lake level advisories, meeting minutes and any other postings of pertinent information especially if you don't have email or are away from your computer while at the cottage.

Any successful association requires members and funds in order to carry out its mandate. Our membership drive will take place from the end of June to the end of July. As we did last year we are sending you this newsletter by mail as it is extremely difficult and very time-consuming to try and contact everyone in person. If you wish to become a member for 2011/12, please send your membership fee promptly in order to keep your name in the database for e-mails and mailouts.

Why join a lake association? Here are some reasons I feel are important for your consideration:

- *Your lake association acts as a liaison between the various agencies (Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Township of Lanark Highlands, Ministry of Natural Resources, etc.) and our members. We e-mail or phone our members with pertinent information concerning water levels, events, meetings, etc. If Dalhousie Lake does not have an association these agencies do not know who to contact and important information does not get communicated.*
- *We organize information meetings for members only with speakers who are knowledgeable on specific topics that members have told us they need to know more about.*
- *The executive attends meetings to get ideas and learn about projects, e.g. Lake Management Plans, that we think our members might be interested in getting involved in.*
- *Your association believes in creating a "lake community" where you know your neighbours, therefore we are committed to organizing a social event once a summer.*
- *We attend council meetings if topics are being discussed pertaining to the Mississippi River Watershed, Dalhousie Lake in particular.*
- *The association is interested in preserving and improving the ecosystem of our lake through education, however the association is not a watchdog for other agencies. In the past the executive has arranged for environmental experts from Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, The Ministry of the Environment and The Ministry of Health to speak to all members about environmental concerns.*

There is strength in numbers. The Executive Committee would like to have all residences become members to ensure a strong positive voice for Dalhousie Lake. Let's become an enthusiastic, informed lake community. Your membership gives you a voice.

If you have any questions about the association, please contact the director for your section.

Executive 2011

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