

SALMON LAKE

Ratepayers' Association Newsletter

DECEMBER 15 2011

Is it just me, or did summer and fall just disappear in the blink of an eye? Wow that was fast! The nights are getting colder and the days are noticeably shorter. The leaves have already gone, and we have had our first snowfall, both here in the south (Toronto) and at Salmon Lake.

BBQ & AGM JULY 30 2011

This was a great success, good socializing, food, speakers, weather and AGM, with everyone being on their way back to their own cottages by 2:30 to 3:00pm.

George Kostiuk promptly emailed minutes of meeting to all, (copy attached for hard copy recipients).

New Executive consists of:-

President – Trevor Hawkes – 2yr term
Secretary – George Kostiuk – 2nd of 2yr term.

Treasurer – Eva Kostiuk – 2nd of 2yr term.

Lake Stewards – Wendie & Rick Davis
2 yr term.

Director At Large – Doug McKenzie 2yr term.

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2yr term.

George our Secretary, reports both the 2 new brochures – a Welcome to Salmon Lake brochure and a Loon Awareness brochure are ready to go to press. – we will print in the spring and distribute accordingly. He also reports his lake water pump of 20 years has recently given up the ghost, “why”? asked George, “do these things always seem to happen in the winter months and particularly to me?!!”

Wendie our Lake Steward, advises there is ice appearing on some of the ponds, she also points out that the date ice comes in and the date it departs is of interest to the Lake Partner Program (in which we participate), as it provides more information regarding climate change and other stresses of interest to them. As Wendie says we can find out lots of interesting information about the program- and other cottage related info on the FOCA website. There are interesting articles and fact sheets – about things like Blue Green Algae, Lakeshore Capacity Assessment, water testing results from 2010 and information on how to interpret the readings. Their website is:-
www.foca.on.ca or phone 705-749-3622
Also Wendie reminds us to check her blog for updates and photos of the lake while we're away. –

<http://salmonlaketoday.blogspot.com/>

Eva Kostiuk our treasurer, reports the small shortfall in the petty cash reported in her audit of the 2009/2010 finances has been resolved, some misc. cash having been found and passed onto Eva. So now we can all sleep soundly!!!

Eva does advise she is open to receiving outstanding current dues - Aug 2011/July 2012 of \$25. So if you have not paid, please do so. Cheques should be made payable to Salmon Lake Ratepayers Association and mailed to:-

Eva Kostiuk
52 Edgevalley Drive
Etobicoke
On M9A 4P1

Bruce Gibbons our Councilor, advises the rock outcropping on Salmon Lake Road is still on the “to do” list. To be carried out by internal staff and will be scheduled on a time available basis. He wishes us all, on behalf of himself, the mayor David Conn and the Township, a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Rail Track Crossing

It was nice to see after several members voiced their complaints to Bruce at our AGM about the bad condition of the track crossing at Blue Lake Road, that they were repaired within a couple of weeks. – Thanks Bruce.

Transfer Stations – Illegal Dumping

Further to lengthy discussion at our AGM with Bruce Gibbon, Bruce has

since advised cameras on a 7/24 basis have been installed at the Brooks Rd station with numerous charges being laid. In addition a portable unit is now in effect at our local station with charges being laid there. In fact when I was there in Oct the surveillance officer who was parked ½ mile away drove up (said I was suspicious – I was taking photos of the nearby coloured trees!!). We had a good chat saying he had just sent one young lady back home with her illegal garbage and a warning to her father who had sent her to dump the material. So there is hope on the horizon.

Foley Community Center Complex

The Task Force Committee over a period of two years put a lot of effort and time in coming up with a final recommended package of a Foley community Multipurpose Community Center/Library and Fire Hall Complex. There recommendation was presented to Seguin Council on September 19th this year.

As I am given to understand, Council reviewed the proposal, and advised the Task Force, that unfortunately the Township currently does not have money in their budget to proceed with their portion of the presentation. (The overall project is estimated to cost about \$6.2 million). The Township is taking the presentation under consideration with their staff, reviewing and considering possible alternatives.

So there we are folks, that’s about it for now, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trevor.