



Halls & Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association Newsletter

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Communication & Networking Program

Message from the President George Legate

Like the ice going out early this year, our Newsletter too will be several weeks early in the hope that we have timed its release to reach you just about when you are opening up and thinking about the summer ahead of us.

Our Executive has been meeting monthly throughout the winter, fired up by our President-Elect Carole Russell. There are a number of plans for Summer 2010 but first a bit of local news.

Our saga with **Stanhope Airport** continues, with the majority of our Township's Council resolutely pursuing the expansion but still in a holding pattern waiting for a decision regarding the environmental assessment. An OMB decision against our Township and in favour of a property owner has cost all of us our fair share for about \$1 million. The OMB ruled that the owner of a property adjacent to the airport was unfairly compensated and awarded them about \$1 million to cover compensation and costs for engineering and legal fees. The Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Association is still spearheading opposition and is currently working on finding candidates for this November's election who, when elected, will kill the whole thing.

If we have learned anything over the past three years, it is that the municipal politics at play in Algonquin Highlands can have an impact on us. We do not feel it is part of our Association's mandate to urge our membership to vote for one candidate over another, but we do feel it is important that our membership understand the issues, to learn what the various candidate's platforms are, and to exercise your responsibility to vote. If you own or rent property in your municipality you and your spouse can and should vote in the October 25th election. Since 2000, all voters are mailed a ballot to the address indicated on the property tax roll. You can vote if you meet these requirements:

- Canadian citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- Property owner, spouse of owner, tenant in the municipality

Here is what to do

- After July 31st check with your town clerk to ensure you and your spouse are on the voters list
 - Dysart – (705) 457-1740
 - Algonquin Highlands – (705)-489-2379
 - Minden Hills – (705) 286-1260
 - Highlands East – (705)-448-2981
- Make sure your ballot arrives by mail – they are to be mailed to you the week

HHLPOA Mission Statement

- To maintain an ecologically sound natural environment
- To promote courteous and safe use of waterways
- To help establish an adequate water level policy conducive to both ecological and recreational considerations
- To lobby for a reasonable level of taxation and provision of services from local government authorities
- To identify and monitor issues that affect the Halls and Hawk Lakes community

of September 27th

- When your ballot arrives, duly fill in the ballot according to its directions and return via mail by October 16th

Due to the resignation of two **Directors** and the change in the President this summer, we have a few openings for anyone who may wish to assist the Association and take on the duties of being a Director. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact George Legate or Carole Russell; our email and phone numbers are listed at the end of this Newsletter.

In the Fall 2009 Newsletter I outlined my experience with the **Shoreline Advisor Program**. This program is back in 2010, and we would like to try and get 20 to 30 property owners on our lakes to try it out. Essentially, in exchange for a hour or so of your time, you can receive free (courtesy of our Provinces Casino revenues) advice on minimizing the erosion of your shoreline, extending the life of your septic system or holding tank and helping all of us by doing your bit to improve the quality of our lands and waters. Our aim this year is to demonstrate there is some demand on our lakes for this program, so that next year we can apply and be identified as a priority lake and everyone who wants a visit can get it. This year's priority lakes are Kushog and Boshkung. We have tentatively booked Saturday and Sunday August 21 and 22 for the advisor to be available to visit Halls and Hawk properties. Booking information will be on our website in June. More information about this program is in this newsletter.

Dark Skies night will be promoted and recognized on the evening of **August 21, 2010**. Please remember to only use outdoor lighting that is necessary and always point it down so you can see your footing.

We are planning another **annual HHLPOA event** scheduled at Oakview Lodge on **August 21** the same day/night as Dark Skies. More details of the event will be published in our website and announced at the AGM. Again wine and cheese will be offered.

Finally, we have some really exciting news about our **website**. Diane Dennis Rock, Mark Hanlon and Carole Russell have been busy throughout the winter creating a highly interactive website to carry us through the second decade of the millennium. If you have never Twittered, what better place to start than tweeting about the Lake with your neighbours. Check out the new site at www.hallshawklakes.ca. The work on the website is expected to be completed in the next few months, so the site will be fully operational by late spring, early summer.

Hope to see you at the Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) this year at **Camp Kawabi, Sunday, August 1.**

- 8:45-9:15 Join us for coffee and donuts
- 9:15-9:45 Business
- 9:45-10:30 Keynote speaker Robert Davis, President of EcoEthic, Inc. from Sunderland, ON. <http://www.ecoethic.ca/>
- 11:00-11:30 Council Update
- 11:30-11:45 Question Period
- 11:50 Close



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**A Shoreline Owner's Guide
to Healthy Waterfronts**

<http://www.nabernet.com/mainfiles/files/3087.pdf>

Education Program

Message from Lakeland Alliance Shoreline Advisor

As waterfront owners we are in the fortunate position of being able to enjoy lake-side living throughout the changing seasons and over the years. This also means that we have the unique opportunity of serving as stewards ensuring the long-term health of our lake's fragile ecosystem.

There is a large amount of material out there for shoreline property owners interested in reducing their impacts on their lakes. Brochures and manuals all addressing the benefits of natural shorelines, how to properly maintain your septic system and how to construct fish friendly docks. Unfortunately, these resources may not address the unique characteristics of our individual properties. Sometimes, there is just no substitute for having an expert on-site to give you practical advice and clear instructions on how to do the right thing.

For the last two summers, the Lakeland Alliance has been providing the services of trained and qualified Shoreline Advisors to give advice and support to individual shoreline property owners of selected lake associations throughout the Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton and Bancroft areas. This summer, cottagers on your lake are eligible to book a one-on-one site visit with one of our Advisors. The Advisors will spend up to two hours on a guided tour of your property providing hands-on expertise on how to deal with erosion, which native plants to use in naturalization projects and how to extend the life of your septic system. The response from past program participants has been overwhelmingly positive. They all appreciated the fact that **the visit is free, voluntary, non-regulatory and strictly confidential.**

To ensure the efficiency of our Advisor's travel time and resources we are able to respond to visit requests only if three or more visits are scheduled on any single day on either Halls or Hawk Lake.

Most of the landowners we visited were already on the right track but after the visit they reported having a better understanding of how their individual actions can benefit their lake. Many clients commented that the advice they were given allowed them to undertake waterfront projects in a manner that balanced their enjoyment of their property with the natural requirements of the lake.

By removing the barriers to sound waterfront property management the Shoreline Advisor Program empowers both new and life-long cottagers to become the knowledgeable and action oriented caretakers their lakes need. **Contact the Lakeland Alliance to book an appointment with one of our Advisors at 705-745-3238 xt.207 or email us at lakelandalliance@cogeco.net. Check out our website at www.lakelandalliance.net for resources and links to other organizations working on freshwater conservation and shoreline stewardship.**

The Lakeland Alliance is a collaboration of the following government agencies and environmental organizations working together with landowners and partners to protect and improve the quality of the lakes and rivers throughout the greater Kawartha Lakes watershed: Bancroft Area Stewardship Council, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, Kawartha Conservation, Ministry of the Environment - Lake Partner Program, Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, Peterborough County Stewardship Council, Peterborough Green-Up, Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council

Lake Plan Mission Statement

- To protect and enhance all elements contributing to the Quality of Life in the Halls, Big and Little Hawk Lakes community.

- To identify government-managed issues, such as Trent Severn Waterways Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, that affect the Quality of Life and to influence their resolution.

-To foster educational, social and stewardship programs that support the spirit of the Lake Plan.

Working Around Water? Do I need a permit? From Coalition of Haliburton Associations (CHA)

Are you planning to make any changes on your shoreline, below your spring high water mark? You may need a Work Permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources before working in the water or along the shoreline.

Work permits are similar to the building permits municipalities issue to approve construction activities. They define what the permit holder is allowed to do, as well as where and when the work may be done. The permits include conditions which must be followed while the work is being carried out. Some of the conditions are general, applying to all situations, while others can be site and activity specific. These conditions ensure the work is done with minimal impact on the natural environment and with regard for public health and safety.

The permits are issued free of charge. Application forms for work permits are available through Ministry of Natural Resources offices.

Working without a required work permit or contravening the conditions of an issued work permit are serious offences under the *Public Lands Act*, with stiff penalties.

EXAMPLES OF SHORELINE-RELATED ACTIVITIES

DO require an MNR work permit:

- structures (ie. Docks/boathouses) where the crib or combination of cribs occupy an area greater than 15 sq m (160 sq ft)
- solid concrete, wood and steel docks
- dredging boat channels and swimming areas
- aquatic vegetation removal – mechanical
- removal or displacement of rocks and boulders within a water body
- erosion/shoreline protection within a water body
- break walls and groynes
- water crossings draining an area greater than 5 sq km and enclosing more than 20 m of stream
- stream diversions and constructing channels, dams and ponds
- commercial/industrial water intakes and heat loops

DO NOT require an MNR work permit:

- submarine cable laid on lake or river bottom
- boatlifts and marine railways (no dredging)
- docks – floating, on posts or stilts, cantilevered over the water - crib docks where the crib or combination of cribs occupies less than 15 sq m (160 sq ft), and clean rocks from dry land are used
- removal of old docks and boathouses
- minor or routine repairs to existing structures
- agricultural drains (includes maintenance) designated under the Drainage Act
- municipal and private water crossings enclosing less than 20 m of stream length and draining an area less than 5 sq km
- residential water intakes, heat loops and cables (ie. small scale)

If you have any questions, please contact your local MNR office. Information to help you design an environmentally friendly project that will minimize impact on fish habitat and water quality is also available.



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Lake Stewardship

CEWF Designate on New TSW Advisory Council

In September 2009 the federal government responded to the recommendations of the Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway and announced the establishment of an advisory committee to engage users in the review of water management policies and provide advice for a balanced approach. Although this approach falls short of the Panel recommendation for an Independent Water Management Agency (IWMA), we were pleased that CEWF co-chair Dr. Chris Riddle was appointed to the Council in December 2009. In addition to Chris Riddle, the Haliburton sector of the TSW is represented by Keith Hodgson of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association.

The mandate of the Council is to provide expert and stakeholder advice on how Parks Canada can best carry out its responsibilities for water management throughout the Trent and Severn River watersheds to achieve an appropriate balance among its water management goals. The Panel on the Future of the TSW anticipated that an IWMA would assume responsibility for managing water storage, flows, allocation and use in the Trent and Severn watersheds. Parks Canada believes that the Advisory Council can focus on essentially these same issues while leaving water management in the hands of Trent Severn Waterway management. Certainly CEWF is impressed with the overall membership of the Advisory Council and intends to be an active participant.

For more complete details, please visit the CEWF website at www.cewf.ca.

Administration

From our Archives

The original Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association was formed in the early 1950's by a number of early cottagers from Big and Little Hawk Lakes, including George Topple, Bill Legate, Bob Hartry, and Joe O`Neil. An early and simple constitution was adopted, and an executive was established. Meetings were held periodically, and an annual general meeting was held, usually in the summer for the purposes of disseminating information and electing new executive members.

One of the first initiatives of the group was to establish a list of property owners by Lot and Concession. This not only provided a contact list, but was also important as it helped establish a sense of community. Cottages on the list were assigned a number for the purpose of tracking, and a related map was produced that included all locations.

Even in the beginning, one of the major concerns for cottagers was dropping water levels over the summer season. In the early fifties, prior to the establishment of a more modern dam system in 1967, many areas on the Hawk Lakes including, the Narrows between Big and Little Hawk Lake, were essentially dry by late August. This was common as these lakes were deemed reservoir lakes which were used to stabilize flow in Trent Canal System. This was outlined in the original charter which handed the jurisdiction of these lands from the Provincial to the Federal Government. In response to low water levels, the Property Owners` Association brought in reporters from the then Toronto Star in August of 1957. A two page article appeared subsequently, and the historic battle between Reservoir Lakes and the Trent Canal water system was underway.

Meet Your Directors

George Legate, President - I was drawn to the area by my wife, Ruth, who summered on Kabawka (Peach) Lake and has strong roots in Haliburton. Mable Sawyer (Oakview Lodge) was her great Aunt, and most of her ancestors are pushing up daisies in Ingoldsby and Haliburton. I realized in early 2000 that my life would continue to be miserable until I agreed to find Ruth her place in the Highlands. We couldn't find anywhere more beautiful than Little Hawk where we bought the "Barefoot place" in 2000. The cottage was renovated in 2008 when we decided to name it Ishkwe Moq Miigun Lodge which (according to an elder) is Algonquin for "end of the path" referring to its location on Pinch Lane. In hindsight buying the cottage was the best move I ever made, and Ruth was right all along. I am President of Nu-Tech Precision Metals a specialty metal manufacturer located near Ottawa, Ontario.

Carole Russell, Vice President - I and my husband Bruce and our dogs have loved and shared our cottage with family and friends on Big Hawk since 1987. I joined the Association in 2003, when I became involved in developing a Lake Plan. When I am not cottaging, I live in Toronto where I am an executive with the Toronto Dominion Bank. In June I will celebrate my 25th year with the Bank.

Grace Mals, Treasurer - I live in Whitby ON, and married with two adult children. I took an early retirement from my company last year and have been enjoying my time with my husband who has been retired for two years. My husband and I were attracted to Halls Lake because we have friends in the area, and we have been here for 11 years. We love to tour around and take pictures of the wildlife that we encounter. The Haliburton landscape is some of the most beautiful that we have ever seen.

Diane Dennis Rock, Secretary - I have a cottage on Big Hawk Lake. My mother and father, Lillian and George Dennis, bought the land in the mid '40s, and we, including my brother Richard, camped and then built a couple of cottages there in 1950-52. My husband, Jeff, and my daughter, Mindy, son-in-law, John, and three grandchildren all enjoy the fruits of my parents' labor of love. I live in Rochester NY enjoying my retirement.

John Perkins, Past President - My father purchased Crown Land on the north shore of Big Hawk Lake in 1951 and built a cottage the following year. The lake continued to be a big part of my life and that of my wife and two daughters. In 1982 we bought the cottage next door. My father was also a director of the Association and became very involved in the ongoing saga of monitoring lake water levels. I live in Peterborough on Little Lake and am retired from Quaker Oats which is located on the Otonabee River, both bodies of water coming under the umbrella of the Trent Severn Waterway.

Rita Dadzis, Director - My husband Peter and I bought our cottage on Big Hawk Lake from my stepfather, Mervyn Holt in 1988. Mervyn had bought the land from the Crown in the late 1940's and built a solid cottage that forms the core of the cottage today, even after renovations. While I came up to the cottage intermittently as a teenager, I didn't really appreciate it until after our sons, Eddy and Alex, were born and then it became an important home base. After having lived around the world in many countries, Big Hawk Lake remains the best place on earth!

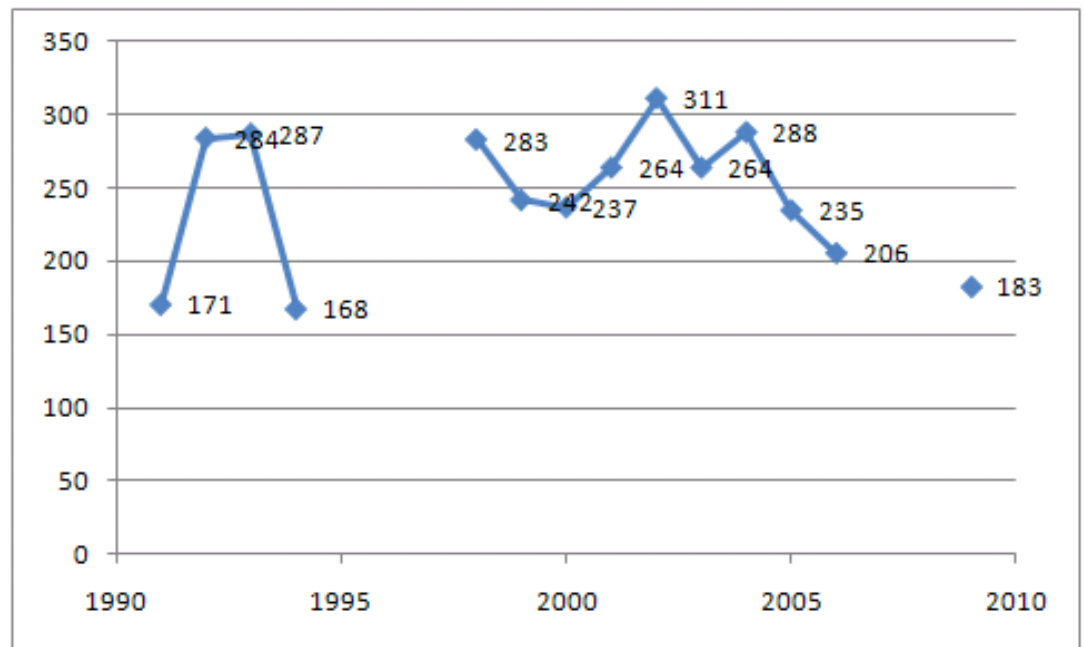
Robert Hartry, Director - I have a cottage on Big Hawk Lake that was originally built by my parents in 1952. Carroll, my wife, and I spend the majority of the summer months at the lake, much of the time with our son, Bob. My father was instrumental in founding the original lake association, and I have been a director for over twenty years. I am a retired teacher, now living in Kingston.

John MacGregor, Director - My grandfather bought land on Hall's Lake and built his first cottage there in 1927. He gave land out to many of his family and relatives, and there are now a large number of us on the lake. I started coming with my family as a child in the 1950's. My wife and I bought land on Hall's lake Island in 1999 and built a new cottage there overlooking our relatives across the bay. I am a retired Professor of Chemical Engineering from McMaster University and now run a high tech company in Hamilton.

Gerry Pinch, Director and Lake Steward - My first trip to Little Hawk Lake was the summer of 1946. I'm retired now and weather permitting we really enjoy using the cottage in the summer. My great grandfather first came up to Little Hawk in 1921 (not positive on the date). The family came up from Bowmanville, and the trip would take two days. They would camp out on the way, and apparently would have to stop and fix the road several times before reaching the lake. I never really saw another lake that had the same ambiance as Little Hawk.

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9	Gerry	Pinch	Director	Little Hawk Lake	GPinch@rogers.com	705 489 1362	905 831 8468

Membership Update



The graph above tells us a story that our membership numbers have been decreasing the last five years. We ask you to please encourage your non-member Halls/Hawk Lakes neighbors to join the association so that we can all be stewards of a high-quality lake environment. **Our goal for 2010: 225 paid members!** Let's move that line upward again.

Don't forget to put
our 2010 Calendar of
Events and Landfill
Hours on you fridge!

Treasurer's Report Year Ending 2009

Treasurer's Report								
2009								
at December 31, 2009								
EXPENSES								
Expense	Total Expense	Lake Stewardship	Social Stewardship	Watershed Stewardship	Education Programs	Communication /Networking	Administration	Dues and Fees
Newsletters	428.56					428.56		
Insurance	507.60						507.60	
Conf Calls/Web Hosting	443.53					443.53		
Volunteer Canada Membership	100.00						100.00	
Spring Newsletter	352.96					352.96		
Meeting Space	155.26						155.26	
Signs Carnarvon Lumber	28.63	28.63						
Wine and Cheese Symposium	1,478.90				1,478.90			
Wine and Cheese Symposium	45.00				45.00			
Membership Foca	520.54	520.54						
Donation	500.00		500.00					
Misc Office Supplies	76.11						76.11	
Newsletters	48.39					48.39		
Feb 27 Item Deposit Fee	0.54						0.54	
	4,686.02	549.17	500.00	-	1,523.90	1,273.44	839.51	-
Revenue								
Item	Qty	Revenue						
2009 Membership Fees	183	6,405.00						
Prior Year Memberships	14	490.00						
General Donations	6	380.50						
TSW Donations	2	10.00						
50/50 Draw AGM		55.50						
Total Revenue YTD		7,341.00						

Treasurer's Report Budget 2010

Treasurer's Budget for the year 2010								
EXPENSES								
Expense	Total Expense	Lake Stewardship	Social Stewardship	Watershed Stewardship	Education Programs	Communication /Networking	Administration	Dues and Fees
Donations	1,000.00		1,000.00					
CEWF	112.50			112.50				Fish Hatch/Firedept .50 per member
FOCA	604.00	604.00						
AGM	700.00		350.00					nametags/ball caps?/other
CHA	50.00	50.00						
Insurance	490.00						490.00	
Volunteer Canada	100.00						100.00	
Meetings - Other	100.00						100.00	Foca-other offsite meetings
Mail Campaign	1,800.00					1,800.00		
Signage	700.00						700.00	
Flyers/Advertising	300.00						300.00	hallshawklake.ca
Newsletters	1,000.00					1,000.00		
Wine and Cheese symposium	1,750.00				1,750.00			
Conference Calls and Web Ho	1,000.00					1,000.00		
	9,706.50	654.00	1,350.00	112.50	1,750.00	3,800.00	1,690.00	-
Revenue								
Item	Qty	Revenue						
2010 Membership Fees	225	7,875.00						
General Donations		500.00						
Total Revenue YTD		8,375.00						
Cash Gain/Shortfall		-	1,331.50	Shortfall				