

Crystal Lake Cottagers Association  
Annual General Meeting  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 10:00 a.m. - Galway Hall

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President, John Hubbard

There were 75 people in attendance at the meeting

John Hubbard, President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

**Previous Minutes:**

Moved by Sharon Brickman and seconded by Sarah Petrik that the minutes from the 2013 AGM be adopted as posted on the CLCA website

**Financial Statements: (Don Langlois)**

Don Langlois, Treasurer, provided copies of the financial statements to December, 2013 (copy attached).

Moved by Betty Kirkness and seconded by Evelyn Windsor that the 2013 financial report be adopted as presented.

The 2013 financial procedures and processes will be reviewed in the near future by the financial review committee.

**Membership: (Sarah Petrik)**

We currently have 120 members. John Hubbard made the point that it is very important to get our membership numbers up in order to ensure that we have recognition with regulatory agencies.

**CLCA Membership Discount Program: (Chris Brickman)**

Details of the membership discount program being provided to CLCA members by local businesses were outlined, the specifics of the discount program will be posted and maintained on the CLCA website.

**Kinmount Business Update and Gas Station Development: (Tom Lang)**

Tom Lang, owner of the Kinmount Freshmart gave an update on the proposed gas station to be opened in Town.

The current plan is to have 8 gas pumps, it is anticipated that the new gas station will be operational by early Fall of 2014.

The local businesses have suffered significant financial impact from the closing of the gas station in Town and are anticipating a return of clients when the new station opens. Tom reminded folks of the importance of shopping locally in order to ensure that shops and services continue to be available to us.

### **Lake Report and Invading Species: (Bill Lee)**

Bill Lee gave the following report:

-2 immature loons were seen on the lake in late fall of 2013

-as part of the wildlife inventory, the following unusual species were noted this year:

-golden eyes

-tundra swans on County Rd. 49

-Sandhills Cranes

-It is turtle egg laying season – please be extremely careful on the roads. If you see a turtle on the road, carefully move it to the side of the road that it is heading toward (use extreme caution around snappers and do not attempt to pick them up).

-There is a couple of interesting turtle tally programs that would be fun for families;

<http://www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/turtleresources.asp?opx=0>

<http://www.turtleguardians.com/>

-the phosphorous level Crystal Lake continues to be within the average range (10-13) for lakes participating in the Lake Partner program, the test taken at Clear Bay was 12.3 and the test taken on the main lake was 10.5

-the 2013 invasive species testing indicated that spiny water fleas are present in Crystal Lake

-the 2013 invasive species testing showed that zebra mussels are not present in Crystal Lake

-Bill advised that after 30+ years, he will be retiring his duties related to water quality and clarity testing. Many thanks to Bill for all of his years of dedicated work on behalf of all the residents of Crystal Lake.

-CLCA is seeking a volunteer to carry out water quality and clarity testing, as well as invasive species testing. – it is anticipated that this will take approximately 1 hour each month for the summer months.

### **Triathlon – Sunday August 24, 2014: (Suzanne Olejnik)**

-Suzanne Olejnik updated the group on the status of the triathlon;

-there will be three events, a sprint, a sprint relay and a tri-a-tri

-details of the routes, fees, FAQs, etc. are on the CLCA website

-It is important that people sign up for the triathlon well in advance so that we are able to proceed

### **Municipal Matters: (Carl Brickman)**

#### **Adopt a Road:**

Carl Brickman expressed thanks to all the adopt a road volunteers for keeping our roads clean. He asked that everyone pick up garbage that they see.

Additional volunteers are needed for some of the areas that are currently not covered.

#### **Comprehensive Zoning By-law:**

It is anticipated that the new comprehensive zoning by-law will be passed in the next few weeks.

Some key highlights that affect Crystal Lake:

- The 50' sidelines requirement for boathouses remains in place
- no back lot development is allowed within 1000' of lakes and
- Crystal Lake is recognized as an "at capacity lake"

#### **Municipal Elections:**

- 2014 is an election year, residents are encouraged to understand where each candidate stands on the issues.
- All candidates meetings will be held on September 13 at the Galway Hall and September 20 at the Cavendish Community Centre

#### **Presentation by Mayor Janet Clarkson:**

- Janet expressed that she likes the Welcome signs and recognizes the importance of Cottagers Association and the need to good membership
- there will be an additional review of the OPP cost formula by the Province. It is hoped that a new plan is developed that is fair to all
- Janet is not in favour of amalgamating the Road Department services as she wants to keep the existing services in place for residents
- garbage costs have been reduced with the implementation of the 52 bag annual limit
- It is important that people are careful in using 911 by accident, this costs everyone and may cause officers to be answering a false alarm when a real emergency takes place
- Twp. Finances are in good shape
- Trent Lakes is working with Parks Canada to ensure sustainable water levels and equitable use of water
- Septic tank inspection program is still being explored
- A community improvement plan is being developed

**Donations: (Madeline Pearson)**

Madeline Pearson generously presented the CLCA with a \$300 cheque from the annual Pearson Family sleigh ride toward the on-going maintenance of the welcome signs

**Presidents Report and Approval of Directors actions:**

John Hubbard gave an overview of activities by CLCA executive over the past year  
Moved the Bunnie Brickman and Second by Carol Ing that the actions and activities of the executive be approved

Door prizes were drawn for members in attendance

**Possible Backlot Development, West Clear Bay Road:**

A question was raised from the floor regarding a possible development on West Clear Bay Road. Don Lacombe, Councillor, stated that the current owners have been advised that Crystal Lake is an “at capacity lake”, therefore, no development would be allowed within 1000’ and that approximately 100 acres of the land is zoned hazard land due to wetland this area can not be developed.

Moved by Carl Brickman and seconded by Sean Milligan that the business portion of the meeting be adjourned

**Septic System presentation:**

Randy Winkler, a local plumber and septic system contractor gave an interesting presentation on cottage plumbing and septic tank maintenance, some highlights from the presentation:

- ensure that you have a pressure tank that is suited to your needs
- in the spring ensure that your hot water tank is fully filled prior to turning on the tank to avoid burning out your elements
- Septics tanks should be pumped at least every 4 years and more often if you have high useage at your cottage
- Residents are encouraged to ensure that no large vegetation particularly cedar, willow and poplar are growing on or near your septic bed.
- Septic systems are intended to digest items that have first been digested by a human, with the exception of toilet paper, nothing else should be flushed through your septic
- Antibacterial soaps may inhibit the proper function of a septic system