

Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association Inc.



Spring 2017 Newsletter

Thank you for being a member of the Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association (CCRAI) in the past and supporting us with your membership. Your continued support enables our volunteer board of directors to represent our members and the community on matters that are most important to us all. Please renew your membership again in 2017 and please attend our meetings where we share lots of excellent, topical and local information.

The mandate of the CCRAI Board of Directors is to execute on the following constitution;

- To promote and encourage Ratepayers to participate in Community matters
- To discuss, find solutions, and make recommendations on any matter that affects the quality of living of Ratepayers and to ensure the results will be beneficial to the Community at large
- To co-operate and work closely with other associations in the Municipality of Trent Lakes to protect the environment and the environmental quality of our land, lakes and on any other issues that may affect the Municipality
- To promote and encourage tourism and commercial ventures in our Community in an acceptable and controlled manner
- To provide a channel for communications with the Municipality of Trent Lakes and all other levels of government, organizations and agencies

Every year we hold a minimum of two public meetings where we share the progress we have made in specific areas that are affecting the community. We also bring in subject matter experts on a variety of topics to provide presentations and important information for our members and we regularly have representatives from the Municipal, County, Provincial and Federal government as speakers. We encourage you to attend the meetings this year as we have a great list of topics and speakers for this year. The majority of our members are land owners in the former Cavendish and Harvey Townships served by County Road 507 and we welcome any property owners in The Municipality of Trent Lakes.

CCRAI Meetings in 2017 – Everyone Welcome

We are hosting two public meetings this year plus a FOCA/CCRAI sponsored seminar on Cottage and Estate Planning presented by Peter Lillico. The meetings are open to all and we welcome all attendees. The agendas and topics for our 2017 meetings are confirmed and can be viewed at <http://cavendishcommunitycentre.wordpress.com/ccrai/>.

Public Meeting - Saturday June 24, 2017 - 10am - 12 noon
Cottage Succession and Estate Planning - Saturday July 8, 2017 - 10am-12noon
Public and Annual General Meeting - Saturday August 19, 2017 - 10am-12noon

Meetings are held at the Cavendish Community Centre – County Road 507

CCRAI Board of Directors

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Presidents Message

In 2017, the Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association Inc. (CCRAI), is undertaking one of the largest initiatives in our area focused on improving the long term health of our lakes and the quality of our lake water. The “Love Your Lake Program” is a shoreline assessment and educational stewardship program being undertaken by many shoreline communities in Canada. The program is developed and administered by Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation and delivered by organizations focused on environmental measures to protect our water.

Excellent water quality is critical to both the recreational and economic value of all shoreline properties. Shoreline ecology specialists recommend that 75% of a lake’s shorelines be maintained in a natural state to support healthy lake ecosystems and high levels of water quality. Unfortunately, the presence of manicured and fertilized lawns right to the water’s edge have a detrimental effect on natural shoreline water filtering with excessive nutrients flowing into the lake. As a result, the chance of algae bloom outbreaks is greatly increased, not to mention other ill effects to the lake water quality.

To determine the current state of our shorelines, what needs to be done in the future and how to get there, the CCRAI, in conjunction with your lake, cottage and property owners associations, will participate in a shoreline classification project on your lake or river this summer. The assessments will be carried out by a team of evaluators trained by Professor Tom Whillans of Trent University in Peterborough and certified through the “Love Your Lake” program, where they will assess the degree to which natural shorelines have been displaced through shoreline development. These shoreline assessments will be conducted from the water where they will use Graphical Information Systems (GIS) data and GPS technology from a boat. No access to your property is required or will occur. Assessments will include the following lakes: Catchacoma, Mississagua, Beaver, Cavendish, McGinnis, Gold, Cold, Pencil, Picard, Greens, Galloway, and the Mississagua River.

Once all the data collected has been analyzed and the assessments are completed, each shoreline property owner will be provided with a website address and a unique password to access their **confidential** report of their individual classification results and associated reference material. The report will also provide recommendations for potential renaturalization options property owners may wish to consider. These options will focus on increasing the amount of natural shoreline area and will be compatible with traditional shoreline activities. The report will also provide links to native plant material sources as well as advice and support resources for renaturalization work. It will be up to the individual property owner to decide what, if any, work they wish to undertake. This report can be downloaded as a PDF at no charge or a full colour printed and bound report can be ordered for a small charge.

This **confidential** information and report will only be shared with the property owner and is **NOT** made available to any government or private sector organizations such as the Municipality of Trent Lakes, The County of Peterborough, Ministry of Natural Resources, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), other property owners, or the sponsoring organizations.

Grant assistance will cover 90% of the costs of this program with the remaining 10% being absorbed by a combination of voluntary donations by property owners, your lake, cottage or property owner’s association and the CCRAI. You can make a donation directly to the CCRAI to support the “Love Your Lake” program with your 2017 membership application, in person at any of our public meetings in 2017 or at the Cavendish Community Library.

Additional information on this “Love Your Lake Program” can be found on the Cavendish Community Centre website, the CCRAI webpage and in the 507 Express.

2017 Love Your Lake Program Schedule

Catchacoma Lake	July 17 – August 2, 2017
Mississagua Lake/River	July 24 – August 4, 2017
Gold Lake	August 3 – August 11, 2017
Beaver Lake	August 8 – August 10, 2017
Greens Lake	August 11 – August 15, 2017
Picard Lake	August 14 – August 15, 2017
Pencil Lake	August 14 – August 17, 2017
Cavendish Lake	August 16, 2017
Cold Lake	August 16, 2017
McGinnis Lake	August 16 – August 18, 2017
Galloway Lake	August 18 – August 21, 2017





Volunteers Required For “Love Your Lake” Program



1. **Accommodations:** The shoreline evaluators are a team of two students and they will require accommodations on the lake they are working on. If you have a bunkie or extra bedroom available for a day or two for the evaluators, please email us at ccraimail@gmail.com. On the larger lakes there will be two teams of two students conducting the assessments. If a few cottagers could offer one or two nights per lake we would easily accommodate the evaluators. Only required from Monday to Friday.
2. **Boats and Drivers:** The shoreline evaluators are a team of two and they will require volunteers to drive them along the shorelines in a boat so they can conduct the assessments. Pontoon boats are ideal as it provides the evaluators lots of room for their maps, laptops and equipment. If you can volunteer to drive evaluators around the lake in your boat please email us at ccraimail@gmail.com. On the larger lakes there will be two teams of two students conducting the assessments. If a few cottagers could drive the evaluators for a day or two per lake we would have plenty of transportation for the evaluators. Only required Monday to Friday.

Please provide your support to successfully roll out the Love Your Lake Program

Public Meeting Agenda Saturday June 24, 2017– 10am-12 noon

Rebecca Webb - Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) - Understanding How Properties Are Assessed and Other Information From MPAC

Ted Spence, Chair - Coalition for Equitable Waterflow - Update on water levels and water management

Paul MacInnes, Chair - CHA - The “Love Your Lake” Program - Importance and value of natural shorelines

The Cottage Succession and Estate Planning Seminar - Saturday July 8, 2017– 10am-12 noon

Presented by CCRAI and FOCA, a presentation by Peter Lillico, a recognized estate lawyer on how to “Keep The Family in the Family Cottage”. This session will focus on cottage succession paths; direct ownership vs trusts vs corporation. This is the third of the series from Peter Lillico entitled “Cottages at the Crossroads”. Don’t miss it.

CCRAI Annual General and Public Meeting – Saturday August 19, 2017 – 10am – 12 noon

CCRAI Board of Directors – Annual General Meeting – yearly report, financial statements, election of directors

Love Your Lake Program Update – Gary Jarosz – President CCRAI

Septic Re-Inspection Program – Matt Farris Public Health Inspector – Peterborough Public Health Unit

Climate Change in Cottage Country – Ted Spence – Chair Coalition For Equitable Water Flow

Mississagua Dam Replacement Project Update

Parks Canada through the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) agency is constructing a new dam at the outlet of Mississagua Lake. The new dam is being built immediately downstream of the existing dam. After the new dam is operational the old dam will be removed. Over the past winter the new east spillway of the dam was constructed. This new structure is now open and construction has moved on to work on the new centre and western spillways. In a later stage a new deck including public access space will be constructed across the entire structure. Construction will continue through the summer and into the fall. Details of the project can be found on the TSW Website.

Winter and Spring Water Levels Update 2017

After a very dry summer in 2016 the rain in the last half of August gave us very good water levels through to mid-October when levels were brought down to winter setting to accommodate the lake trout spawning season. The summer drought conditions returned in November and we experienced very low water levels in late fall. December was a wet winter month restoring normal lake levels with snow accumulating and by the end of January we had a higher than normal snowpack. That changed in February when fluctuating temperatures and rainfall resulted in melting snow and a short period of rising water levels. As Spring approached in early April there was no significant snowpack in our area and the Trent-Severn Waterway began to fill our lakes. April turned out to be a very wet month and by the end of the month all the reservoir lakes were near to full. The period from April 30 to May 6 saw record rainfall across the entire Trent River watershed ranging from 130 mm in Haliburton to over 160 mm in Trenton. These conditions resulted in significant high water and flooding across the reservoirs, on the Kawartha Lakes, and downstream on the Otonabee and Trent Rivers. On the Mississagua chain of lakes we were spared the worst of the high water because our lake was filled slowly to accommodate the construction work on our dam. At the time of writing on June 1st the high levels persist throughout the Trent watershed. The opening of the canal was delayed by a week and even now only half the locks are able to be operated. Overall we have again experienced some extreme spring precipitation events resulting in high water and flooding on many lakes and waterways in northern Peterborough and Haliburton Counties. Up-to-date water level information is available by following the links on the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) at cewf.ca.

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Application for/Renewal of CCRAI Membership

Membership Fees

I am RENEWING my membership for 2017

\$20.00 per household

I am APPLYING for membership for 2017

\$ _____ Additional Voluntary Donation

Name of Member/Applicant: _____

Additional Member in Household: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cavendish Phone: _____

Do you prefer to receive your yearly newsletter electronically via email? _____

Email Address: _____

Cavendish Address (Lake/Lot & Conc): _____

Waterfront: Yes No

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Everyone welcome. Stay informed. Be heard. Make a difference.

Please write in your comments or suggestions below or email us at ccraimail@gmail.com.

Please mail this form with a cheque or money order made out to CCRAI to the address at the top of this application. Thank you for your continued support of the Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association. We look forward to seeing you at our public meetings in 2017.

NOTE: DUE TO INCREASED PRINTING AND POSTAGE COSTS THE CCRAI ANNUAL NEWSLETTER WILL ONLY BE MAILED TO MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

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