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The purpose of the Lake of Bays Association is to promote, maintain and enhance a clean and healthy natural environment, a well-served community and a safe and peaceful Lake of Bays.

Lake of Bays Association Annual Meeting Saturday July 11, Dwight Community Centre

Coffee & Exhibits at 9 a.m.

Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone Welcome!

Guest Speaker:

Craig MacDonald

Topic:

*Native travel routes in the
Lake of Bays Area and
stories of early contact
with white settlers*



A gifted historian and story teller, Craig MacDonald has been a recreation specialist in Algonquin Park for the past 25 years, where his expertise in wilderness travel and camping is legendary. His work in the Park mainly involved trail design, construction, maintenance and mapping. But during his 47-year career with the Ministry of Natural Resources he has also been involved in wildlife surveys, fisheries, road construction, timber cruising, archaeology, fire fighting, land surveys and recreational publications. When he isn't out on a wilderness expedition, Craig calls Dwight home.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda includes an update on the activities of the Lake of Bays Association as well as exhibits and news from other community groups in and around Lake of Bays. Don't miss it. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Bring your friends and neighbours.

Silent Boat Rally: An Eco-Tour of the Lower Oxtongue River Saturday August 1, 9:00 a.m.

The tour will begin with a short exploration of the land above river. We will launch below Marsh's Falls and paddle down the river to the mouth, before returning to the falls for lunch. Silent boats are canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. This is an eight kilometer route of easy paddling in the most beautiful setting in the township. The registration form is posted on the LOBA website: www.loba.ca.

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President's Message

by Ian Beverley, President, LOBA



The \$5 million increase in policing costs for Muskoka to be phased in over three years, and how it will be allocated by the District of Muskoka has been a hot topic for LOBA since the OPP billing reform was announced last summer. We have followed the issue closely and kept you informed on the issue through our newsletter and electronic newsflashes. (see the spring issue of Current Connection posted on our website for a report on the January meeting).

On April 23, the District of Muskoka Corporate and Emergency Services Committee (CES) voted against a motion proposing that policing costs be allocated to the municipalities based on the actual cost of services. District Council will make its final decision on May 19. If the District decides to allocate these costs based on the weighted assessed property tax base, the townships within it will pay significantly more than the actual cost of delivering police services as calculated by the OPP.

The Lake of Bays Association supports Mayor Bob Young in his work to implement a new allocation method based on costs.

LOBA has been working with representatives of the Muskoka Lakes and Georgian Bay Associations to adopt a common position for District Council. If and when this position is finalized, it will be circulated to LOBA members. LOBA is also planning to attend the May 19 District Council meeting to represent the interests of our members. By the time you receive this issue of Current Connection the decision will have been made.

The increase in OPP costs is one of a number of cost increases that we will be facing in the coming years. Hydro and solid waste management charges are also going up as a result of efforts to adjust the distribution of costs. Along with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, our elected representatives and our colleagues in the other lake associations in the District of Muskoka, LOBA is actively involved in monitoring these matters and we continue to do what we can to restrain the increases.

Have a wonderful summer and I hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting on July 11 at the Dwight Community Centre.

Ian Beverley

You Asked:

Can I safely use biodegradable soap and shampoo in the lake?

There are a lot of misconceptions out there about biodegradable cleaning products, soaps and shampoos. It sounds wonderful when products are labelled "biodegradable" or "natural" but is it really all that good?

When the first cottagers settled here on the shores of Lake of Bays it must have been an exhilarating, exciting thing to jump into the lake and wash with soap and shampoo. There was no indoor plumbing, the lake was right there and, after all, any bubbles created quickly dissipated. It was assumed that a little bit of soap in a big lake was harmless. We know better now.

Biodegradable soaps and shampoos are NOT natural products. They are chemical products even if they are labelled "natural" and made by hand.

If a product is labelled biodegradable it means that it can be decomposed by biological agents, especially bacteria. It may take as little as a few weeks but may also take years to biodegrade. Almost everything is biodegradable if you wait long enough.

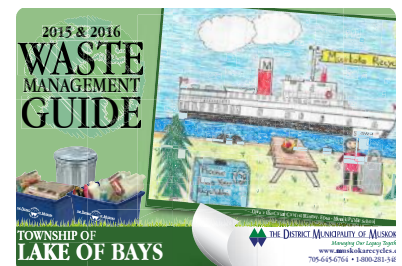
Biodegradable soaps and shampoos are NOT biodegradable in the lake. They need soil and the bacteria within it to filter out or break down the contaminants properly.

Even products that contain only "natural" ingredients may affect the ecological balance. In the lake they can contribute to algae bloom and reduce surface tension, lowering oxygen levels. The surfactants in soaps and shampoos can be toxic to lake life, especially tiny invertebrates that are near the bottom of the food chain and essential for the health of the lake.

The best and simplest rule is that if you wouldn't drink it, don't put it anywhere near the water. So, put down that bar of soap and bottle of shampoo that you were going to bring down to the dock and slowly back away.

Muskoka's Waste Management Guide Now Available

The District of Muskoka's 2015-16 Waste Management Guide provides collection schedules for each area municipality and important waste management information including special dates, acceptable set-out, locations of landfill and transfer stations and more. The Guide can be downloaded electronically on the District of Muskoka's waste management website (www.muskokarecycling.ca). Residents who would like a physical copy can request one by filling out an online request form at www.muskokarecycling.ca, or picking up a guide at any landfill, transfer station, municipal office or library in Muskoka. For additional information on waste management in Muskoka, visit www.muskokarecycling.ca. Garbage and recycling information for Lake of Bays Transfer Stations is also available in your 2015 LOBA Yearbook on pages 150 and 151.



Watch for Hydro Bill Changes

By Ian White, Past President, LOBA

There will be a number of changes to your Hydro One bill this year. The key reasons for them are:

- A new rate plan for Hydro One (H1) which is being approved by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for 2015 through to 2017, including the elimination of the seasonal rate class, which includes most cottages
- A directive from the OEB, yet to be finalized, that will require delivery costs to be charged primarily as a fixed cost, apportioned to customers according to the cost of maintaining the delivery infrastructure

Some background

Hydro One, which is owned and operated by the Ontario government, is the delivery arm of what was previously called Ontario Hydro. It distributes electrical power sourced from Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and other providers.

Electricity prices (cost per kWh) are set by the OEB twice a year (in May and November). Hydro One collects this portion of your bill on behalf of the electricity provider and is not responsible for setting the rates.

The “Delivery” line on your bill belongs to Hydro One and this is where changes come in. Hydro One is required to set delivery rates on a cost recovery basis. When Hydro One submits a plan to the OEB for future rates, the objective is to distribute the costs of supplying power to all of its customers fairly, avoiding large rate increases.

Hydro One bills can be difficult to understand. Does a particular fee depend on how much power you consumed during the billing period? For some lines on the bill, the fee not only reflects electricity consumption but also includes a fixed component. The fact is that most of the cost of delivering power is fixed. It costs Hydro One the same amount to maintain the equipment to supply power to an empty cottage as it does to a year-round residence.

What to Expect

Under OEB directive, the Hydro One rate plan for 2015 to 2017 must rebalance the delivery rates to reflect real costs. The 2015 rate plan was announced May 1, retroactive to January 1. Low-use customers will see large increases and high-use customers slight decreases in the delivery portion of their Hydro One bills because the fixed cost of maintaining the delivery infrastructure is now spread equitably among all users, regardless of their electricity consumption. This delivery charge can more appropriately be considered the cost of having the system there and available for use.

As of January 2016, the seasonal rate class will disappear and all current seasonal rate customers will be reassigned to the one of three residential rate classes. The seasonal rate class is being eliminated because it does not adequately define a group of users with similar supply requirements or consumption habits, whereas the residential rate classes are based on population density. Delivery costs more to low-density areas because many kilometres of line are needed to serve a relatively small number of customers. It is anticipated that most customers in cottage country will be in the R2 Class, the lowest density of customers per kilometre of circuit length. The plan to reassign Seasonal Rate class customers is being developed and will be completed by August 4 for implementation in 2016. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations is monitoring the process closely and LOBA will be updating our members on our website and by email as we learn more.

With a move to charge for delivery as mostly a fixed cost per customer in each assigned residential rate class, users can expect to see a pre-set flat rate on their bills. So cottagers who lock the door in October and return in May will see significantly higher bills because the cost of maintaining the delivery system will be included. Those who use their places extensively in the winter will see little change or a possible reduction in their delivery cost.

Developing a more transparent rate plan is just one area of change needed at Hydro One. In February 2014, Ontario Ombudsman André Marin launched an investigation into Hydro One’s customer service and billing practices. The move followed an unprecedented number of complaints, mostly related to the implementation of the smart metre program. Hydro One has much work to do in restoring public confidence in their systems and procedures for responding to customer complaints.

Ian White is a Director and Past President of LOBA and a Director of FOCA. He serves as the FOCA representative on the Hydro One Customer Advisory Board (CAB), and has been monitoring the rate review process for FOCA since November 2014.

Lake of Bays Men’s Bridge Club

New members welcome

Every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m.
at different cottages
around the lake
hosted by Bridge Club.

Contact Ross Curtis:

705-766-1818

or

705-646-4318

or

ross@drcurtis.ca

www.aroundlakeofbays.ca

This website is a comprehensive resource for all things Lake of Bays: accommodations, attractions, dining, events, organizations, services, shopping, and winter fun. Judy Vancleave’s regular column that appears in What’s Up Muskoka is archived on the site. Check it out.

The Future of Hospital Services in Muskoka

by Gloria Woodside, External Affairs Chair

Muskoka Algonquin Health Care (MAHC) led by the Executive Director, Natalie Bubela, has a difficult decision to make. MAHC is in the final phases of its master planning exercise, which is mandated by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

In early 2015 petitions supporting two full service hospitals in Muskoka were circulated. Over 6,000 signatures were collected in the Huntsville area (more than voted in the last municipal election in Huntsville). In March rallies to “Save Our Services” were held in Huntsville and Bracebridge. More than 1000 people attended the rally in front of the Huntsville Town Hall to send a message to the Board of Directors of MAHC. The message was loud and clear from politicians and physicians—strong acute care hospitals in both Huntsville and Bracebridge are required.

The following week MAHC held public meetings in Gravenhurst, Bracebridge and Huntsville. They were also well-attended and MAHC gave a presentation at each one entitled “Hospital Care for Our Future Generations—Planning for 2030 and Beyond,” which identified three final models for the delivery of health care in Muskoka.

The three models presented were:

- Two redeveloped full service acute care sites at their present locations in Bracebridge and Huntsville
- “Centres of focus” in the existing hospitals. Each hospital would have its own Emergency Department, with some changes in program and services across the two sites
- One new acute care hospital at a new, as yet to be confirmed, central location

Comments on the three proposals were taken online until April 15, 2015 and the Steering Committee overseeing this work will analyze all of the data and community feedback to make a final recommendation to the Board of Directors in May.

Any choice other than the two acute care sites we have today will have an immediate effect on the economic well-being of the two towns and on the health care availability to the citizens of the Muskoka and East Parry Sound.

We encourage members of the public to get in touch with their MPP or the Hospital Board to urge MAHC to choose the two site option.

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare:

<http://www.mahc.ca>

100 Frank Miller Drive,
Huntsville P1H 1H7

Phone: 705-789-2311 Fax: 705-789-0557

Love Your Lake Shoreline Surveys to Continue this Summer

2014 Property Reports Available Now

The Love Your Lake program began on Lake of Bays last summer when almost 800 shoreline properties were surveyed by the Love Your Lake survey team. Team members Daniel Vancleave and Heather Dixon are already out on the lake this year working to complete shoreline assessments on the remaining unsurveyed properties. Do give them a friendly wave if you see them out there and feel free to call Dan over for a chat.

If your property was one of those 800 already surveyed you should have received a letter from Love Your Lake (mailed to the address on your property tax roll). That letter contains your personal code (PIN number) that you will need to arrange to have your confidential Love Your Lake report mailed to you. This ensures that you, and only you, receive the report for your property. This report will identify what is good about your shoreline as well as provide suggestions for things

you can do on your shoreline that will help maintain or improve the health of Lake of Bays.

Our LOBA 2015 Yearbook has a feature article on the Love Your Lake program entitled **Love It or Lose It**. It explains the program in detail. Please check it out on page 11. We hope you find it interesting and informative. If you have any questions about the Love Your Lake program or how to access your property report, please contact LOBA's Environment Chair, Caroline Konarzewski at caromike@gmail.com, (705) 788-0395.



Muskoka
WATERSHED COUNCIL

Your Septic System

By Caroline Konarzewskie, Environment Chair

A septic system is a private sewage treatment system and requires careful attention to design, construction, operation and maintenance. A suffering septic system can be costly to you and the environment and will bring down the value of your property. Here's how to keep yours in good shape.

Know where it is

It is important to know your system's location and have easy access to its tank and leaching bed. Avoid driving, parking, or building on or near any part of the system.

Keep trees and shrubs away

Keep trees or shrubs off your leaching bed. Roots can wrap around and plug up distribution pipes in the leaching bed, causing a lot of damage. Planting native grasses and ground covers with shallow roots over the leaching bed is safe for your septic system, prevents erosion, and aids in evaporation. And don't overwater. This may interfere with the soil's ability to treat waste.

Conserve water

Excessive water use overloads septic tanks and prevents solids from settling on the bottom. This may block the filtering system and cause backups. So, please, flush only when necessary, use a low-flow toilet, install high-efficiency taps and showerheads, ask guests to be conservative with their water use, run your dishwasher and washing machines less often, and fix any dripping taps.

Flush organic only

If it isn't human waste or toilet paper labelled "septic safe," don't flush it. Do not flush such things as paper towels, disposable diapers and wipes, condoms, sanitary napkins, tampons, facial tissues, coffee grounds, cigarette butts, grease or kitty litter. They will quickly fill your tank and clog the system.

Avoid chemicals

Avoid using harsh cleaners and bleach, toilet pucks, and antibacterial soaps. These products kill the bacteria that keep the system running effectively. Use biodegrad-

able products for tasks that involve frequent water use (such as showering and washing dishes). Never put paints, solvents, pesticides, gasoline, or other toxic chemicals into your system. Don't flush old medication either. Not only will these kill the beneficial bacteria in the tank, they will also end up in the groundwater and the lake.

Maintain your septic system properly

Have your septic system inspected at least every three years to ensure that it is sound. Tanks are susceptible to decay and some last only 20 to 25 years. If you turn a seasonal residence into a permanent one, or add members to your family, your septic system may need to be resized to function properly. It is cheaper to replace a tank than to have the whole septic system replaced because of overuse.

Pump out your septic system every three to five years depending on how often and how many people you have up at the lake.

It's a good idea to keep records of inspections, pumping, maintenance and repairs.

Where to Find More Information:

Living in Cottage Country booklet:

Available from LOBA or the Muskoka Watershed Council

Conservation Ontario:

<http://www.conservationontario.ca/library?view=document&id=81>

The Lake of Bays Township Building Department: 705-635-2272

Muskoka WaterWeb:

<http://www.muskokawaterweb.ca/water-101/water-quality/wastewater/septic-systems/maintenance>

Ontario Rural Wastewater Centre:

<http://www.orwc.uoguelph.ca>

Ministry of Natural Affairs & Housing:

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca>

ATV By-law Trial Period Ends Jan. 1, 2016

This summer will be the second and final trial season of the ATV Bylaw which allows ATV access to specific Township roads. The Baysville ATV club proposed the roads to provide access to ATV trails on Crown lands south of Highway 117 and to the villages of Dorset and Baysville. In January, Council will decide whether or not to approve the bylaw permanently. Questions, concerns or complaints about ATVs should be directed to the Bylaw Officer, Mike Wilmon at

MWilmon@lakeofbays.on.ca or call 705-635-2271.

Nature Walk:

Sunday August 9, 9:00 a.m.

Here is chance to learn about the rich natural and cultural history of Marsh's Falls. Laura Gilmour, a professional naturalist, will lead a walking tour of the 160-acre property protected by the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation. The tour will wind through a mature forest, and highlight the special habitat areas that can't be seen from the river. The walk will begin at 9:00 a.m. and finish by 11:30 a.m. Look for more details at <http://www.lakeofbaysheritage.ca>.

Highlights of the District of Muskoka Budget

by Bill Rogers, External Affairs Committee

The District of Muskoka approved its 2015 Tax Supported Budget at its council meeting on April 20, completing a process that began back in July 2014. During that time, the budget was reviewed, modified and approved by senior staff, standing committees of council, and, finally, Council. Public input was welcomed at two different points in the process, including the April 20 meeting.

The total tax levy for 2015 increased 3.66 percent over that of 2014. This represents an increase of \$20.10 per \$200,000 of

residential property assessment.

The largest component of the tax increase is a 50 percent increase in charges for policing services from the Ontario Provincial Police. This increase, driven by the provincial government, was implemented through a revised billing model, and when fully implemented in 2017, will result in police service costs rising from \$10.9 million to \$15.9 million per year. A phase-in program limits the increase in 2015 to approximately \$1.1 million, resulting in 1.7 percent of the total 3.66 percent

increase in the net levy. No new or additional police services are included in the model.

The 2015 budget includes capital project expenditures of \$25 million, 59 percent of which will be on road maintenance and construction. In addition \$8 million is included for the Gravenhurst airport runway re-paving. At this time it is anticipated that all capital project financing will be done through internal reserve funds. The District continues to reduce its reliance on external debt for capital financing.

Budget Update—Township of Lake of Bays

by Fraser Govan and Kathleen Black, External Affairs Committee

The budget passed by Lake of Bays Council at its March 17 meeting will result in an increase in the tax levy of just over a five percent. This translates to about a \$4.50 increase per \$100,000 of property assessment. The total expenditures are projected to be just over \$8 million, of which the levy will fund about 50 percent.

Some of the new initiatives and programs are:

- \$40,000 for consultants to study options for expansion of township office and Public Works garages
- \$25,000 for summer students to work in the Public Works departments
- \$25,000 for additional funding for the Dorset Health Hub (bringing the total funding to \$55,000 for 2015)
- \$10,000 increase in Library collections and programs
- \$8,000 for youth programs
- \$10,000 for a customer service “visioning” exercise
- \$43,000 increase in fire services operations (the new pumper truck for Port Cunningham has been put on hold indefinitely as the number of fires is down across the province. Most calls are now for medical or accident related issues)
- \$100,000 in additional gravel expenditures for roads based on the recent

roads needs study, which still doesn’t provide the amount required over the next 10 years.

- \$25,000 to expand the Dwight dock to accommodate the SS Bigwin—in addition to \$25,000 provided by the SS Bigwin Marine Museum group
- \$100,000 over three years to remove the derelict east dock at Norway Point park which is not used and considered to be a safety hazard.
- \$13,000 more to Planning to complete the Official Plan and update its maps

The budget includes \$65,000 of reserves to keep the levy increase at five percent. Without the use of reserves, the increase would be over six percent. Given that inflation is at 1.2 percent, we were surprised at the overall expenditure level planned for 2015.

Furthermore, a look back over the years shows that the reserves have grown from \$1.2 million in 2010 to a projected \$4.1 million for 2015. As a reminder—our permanent and seasonal population of 3,500 and 12,900 respectively has not changed much over the past few years.

Consequently we have all paid for this increase in reserves—partially through surpluses generated each year from the levy as well as sales of surplus lands and

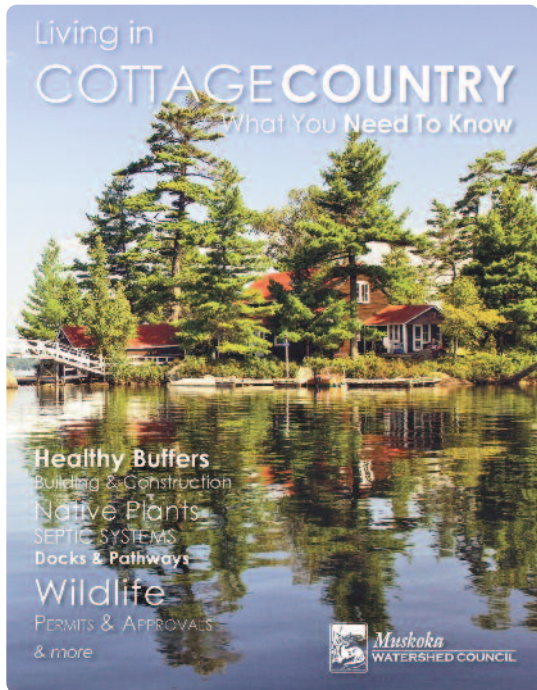
shoreline allowances. With over \$4 million in reserves compared to an annual budget (operating and capital) of about \$8 million, we now have 50 percent of the year “in the bank.”

The recently-completed Asset Management Plan and Capital Asset Review suggests that major capital expenditures (\$10 million) will be required over the next 10 years, so healthy reserves are not necessarily a bad thing. Our concern, however, relates to how these reserves will be managed over the upcoming years as the various capital projects are presented to Council for funding. We encourage council to develop guidelines for evaluating and ranking the prospective capital projects to make best use of the reserves and other funding sources and look forward to the presentations for public input.

Editor’s Note: At the time of writing District Council had delayed approving the tax rate until further discussion on how to allocate policing costs to the municipalities (see President’s Message in this issue of Current Connection). The education portion of the levy had also not yet been finalized. Property tax updates will be provided on the LOBA website and by email to members.

Pick up your copy of this new handbook at the LOBA AGM!

Living in COTTAGE COUNTRY
What You Need To Know



Welcome to Cottage Country!

You're here, but now what?

The same features (cool water, clean air, healthy forests, and abundant wildlife) that brought you here are the very features that are most in danger of being lost unless you protect them.

Cottage Country protection may seem like a daunting task, but it isn't! This handbook will show you how your simple, everyday actions can keep Muskoka healthy, while complying with the various guidelines, regulations and by-laws. Learn about healthy shoreline buffers, native plants, septic systems, wildlife, building and construction, docks and pathways, permits and approvals and much more.

Published in January 2015 by the Muskoka Watershed Council, this 108-page spiral bound handbook is only \$20.00 (tax included). Contact the Muskoka Watershed Council at 705-646-0111 or by email at info@muskokawatershed.org to purchase your copy, or pick up a copy at the Lake of Bays Association Annual Meeting on July 11th at the Dwight Community Centre (9:30 am).

Take a peak inside the handbook on the Muskoka Watershed Council website: www.muskokawatershed.org.

Check out the Photo and Visual Arts Contest Exhibit at the Library!



Don't miss the exhibit of Photo and Visual Arts Contest winners at the Dwight Library for the month of July and the Baysville Library for the month of August.

Many of the contest entries are featured in the 2015 Yearbook and you can take a virtual tour of all the entries on www.loba.ca. But nothing beats seeing these fabulous images blown up and mounted for display, so be sure to drop into the libraries this summer for a look.

Please share your images and impressions of Lake of Bays. Whether you capture it in a photo, on canvas, paper or with fabric or sculpture, we invite you to send us a digital image of your entry into the 2015 Photo or Visual Arts Contest. The contests are open to all LOBA members and their families. The photo (or a photo of your artwork) should be a high resolution digital image sent by email to info@abengraphics.com. Subject line of the email should read Lake of Bays Photo Contest or Lake of Bays Visual Arts Contest. Contest details are published in the 2015 yearbook and on www.loba.ca.

Thank you to Aben Graphics in Huntsville for sponsoring the contest and exhibit.

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graphics ltd.

George Daniels honoured by Governor General Receives Community Caring Award in Ottawa

Congratulations to Lake of Bays cottager and long-time volunteer, George Daniels, who was one of 49 Canadians to receive the Community Caring Award on April 14th at a ceremony held in Ottawa hosted by the Right

Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. The Community Caring Award recognizes an individual who volunteers their time to help others and to build a smarter, more caring nation. It is our good fortune that George's prolific good works have been focussed on Lake of Bays. George was a volunteer with LOBA for 25 years, serving



two years as president in addition to contributing significantly to the evolution of the Yearbook. He was also a co-founder of the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation and more recently founded the Andrew Daniels Fish Stewardship Foundation to help protect fish habitat regeneration on Lake of Bays. George was also instrumental in raising funds to purchase the Lake of Bays fire boat and has been active with the Lake of Bays Anglican Church, serving as commodore for the Annual Church Regatta which raises funds annually for the churches at Port Cunningham and Fox Point. In 2009, LOBA recognized George's outstanding contributions with the Betty Day Award, so we are thrilled that Canada has honoured him as well. At 80, George continues to lead the charge on many projects and shows no sign of slowing down. Thanks George.



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SAVE THE DATE

Visit www.loba.ca for info on these and MANY MORE EVENTS.

If you wish to post an event on the LOBA website calendar, please email Linda Robinson at lindaarobinson@gmail.com.

Dwight Farmer's Market
Starting June 23,
every Tuesday, 10am–2 p.m.
Beside the Dwight Post Office

Baysville Farmer's Market
Starting June 26,
every Friday, 2–6 p.m.
beside the Gas Station on Hwy 117

Canada Day Fireworks
Wed. July 1 at dusk
Baysville

Dorset Fireworks
Sat. July 4 at dusk
Big Trading Bay

Fish Stock Fundraising Lunch & AGM
Thurs. July 9
Port Cunningham Lodge

LOBA AGM
Sat. July 11, 9:30 am
Dwight Community Centre
Speaker: Craig MacDonald
Native travel routes in Lake of Bays

Anglican Church Regatta
Wed. July 15, 11 a.m.
Lumina Resort

Baysville Walkabout
Sat. July 25, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Annual Lake Of Bays Regatta
Sat. Aug. 1, 1 p.m.
Swimming & Canoeing Events—all ages
Bring your own canoe
Glenmount Dock, Rain Date: Aug. 2

Firefest
Sat. Aug. 1, 5–10 p.m.
Dwight Beach

Baysville Arts & Crafts Festival
Sat. Aug. 8, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

LoB Heritage Foundation AGM
Sat. Aug. 15, 10:30 coffee,
11 a.m. meeting
Dwight Community Centre
Speaker: Dan Kraus,
Nature Conservancy of Canada
Buy Now, Save Later:
Why Nature Conservation Matters

**Baysville Antique &
Classic Car & Boat Show**
Sun. Aug. 16, 12–4 p.m.
Baysville Docks