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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 13, Dwight Community Centre**



Coffee & Exhibits at 9 a.m.  
Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.  
Everyone Welcome!

**Guest Speaker:**

**Patrick Boyer**

**Muskoka author, historian and publisher**

**Topic:**

**A Future for Muskoka's Vacation Economy**

For a-century-and-a-half, the four pillars of forestry, agriculture, manufacturing and vacationing supported Muskoka's economy. The pillars upheld the social and economic well-being of all Muskokans, whether part-or full-time residents. Today Muskoka's vacation economy is the most enduring, dynamic, vulnerable, and promising of these supporting pillars. Muskoka historian and publisher Patrick Boyer says it is time to recognize and reinforce the primacy of the district's vacation economy because Muskoka depends on its future. Boyer will talk about the perils and prospects for Muskoka's vacation economy at the Lake of Bays Association Annual Meeting on July 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Dwight Community Centre.

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 now and plan to attend.

Dr. J. Patrick Boyer, Q.C. has been a typesetter and printer, newspaper reporter, television host, and university professor. He is a lawyer, author of more than twenty books, and a frequent commentator on CBC. While a member of Parliament for a decade he chaired three parliamentary committees, and was parliamentary secretary for External Affairs. He has been chairman of the Canadian Institute for International Affairs, chairman of the Pugwash Commission in Nova Scotia, and founding chair of the Corinne Boyer Fund for Ovarian Cancer Research and Treatment (today's National Ovarian Cancer Association). Patrick is president of MuskokaBooks, a frequent writer in Muskoka publications, and as a fourth-generation Muskoka, he is devoted to preserving the district's heritage and future well-being.

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## President's Message

by Ian White, President

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

Last spring, your Association conducted a member survey and, as previously reported, its results confirmed many of our observations. The survey led us to ask who the Lake of Bays Association represents and who makes up the community referred to in our mission statement, which is above. After several meetings and opportunities to offer ideas, your Board of Directors reached consensus.

The Board concluded that the Lake of Bays Association represents those who own property or reside near the lake and its members who support the mission, ideals, concerns, policies and goals of the Association. While there was support for including the broader community, the consensus was to focus on those who affect the lake and those who are affected by it. Our strength is in the vast majority of lake property owners who are members. We are the voice of the lake.

We discussed the meaning of “a well-served community” for hours. Our community is made up of all who live, on a permanent or part-time basis, around the lake. Other communities of interest to the Association are the municipalities that provide services to our community. A well-served community means a community in which our membership and the other communities of interest work together to advance the objectives of our mission statement.

The District of Muskoka is in the process of conducting a Resort and Tourism Official Plan Policy Review. Tourism, one of the largest economic drivers in Muskoka, is facing some serious challenges. The District contracted PKF Consulting, a tourism and hospitality advisory firm to examine current and emerging trends in Muskoka's tourism industry and to identify potential Official Plan policy directions and their implications for successful resort development. PKF's Interim Options Report can be viewed at [www.loba.ca](http://www.loba.ca). At open meetings in each of



Muskoka's municipalities, options for changes designed to facilitate a stronger tourism industry were debated. Many could be affected by some of the proposed changes, which include re-zoning existing resorts from commercial to residential, and possible policy changes that could affect private cottage rentals. The Association is closely monitoring the process and working with sister organizations across Muskoka. Lake associations are an important voice at the table where policy governing large scale resort development is discussed. Watch our website for news and info on upcoming meetings and opportunities for public input.

Last summer we experienced a severe drought during July and part of August. The lake level plummeted and resulted in inconvenience and damage for property owners and boaters. This spring a late and rapid spring melt combined with heavy rain brought severe flooding, the likes of which has not been seen in decades, with considerable damage to roads and private property around Lake of Bays. As reported last fall, lake levels are controlled according to a multi-stakeholder management plan, but ultimately, Mother Nature is by far the determining force.

We are frequently in contact with the Ministry of Natural Resources to learn of the factors affecting Lake of Bays. Real

time data for water levels on Lake of Bays is also available at:

<http://www.muskokawaterweb.ca/water-101/water-quantity/water-levels>. Under TOPICS click on “Checking water levels for your lake” and then click on “Lake of Bays.” You may need to select “secondary water level” under “Parameter Type” for the real-time graph of Lake of Bays water level to appear.

On behalf of the Association, I hope that you will have a relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer, enjoying all that our amazing environment has to offer while respecting the rights of others.

*Ian White*

### What's New @ [www.loba.ca](http://www.loba.ca)? Updated Products and Services Directory

The production of our yearbook is 100 percent supported by our advertisers and we encourage you to consult your Lake of Bays Association Yearbook first when seeking products or services for your Lake of Bays property. For your convenience, a link to our advertisers is also provided on [www.loba.ca](http://www.loba.ca) for easy reference year round.



## Silent Boat Rally—Lower Oxtongue River Eco-Tour

### Saturday, August 3rd (9 a.m.–noon)

### Lunch following on Dwight Beach

Discover the serenity of the Lower Oxtongue River with only the sound of your paddle to disturb the beautiful scenery and wildlife that awaits you around each turn in the river. Bring your own manually propelled water craft or electric boat for this self-directed eco-tour. From Dwight Beach participants will travel through the delta and up the Oxtongue River to a point before Marsh's Falls. Once on the river, you will be encouraged to sharpen your observation skills as citizen scientists; volunteers stationed along the river will help identify species and provide some background about the surrounding natural landscape. Collect a card at each eco-station for a chance to win a prize for the best hand!

The seven kilometre route should be easy to complete within three hours at a moderate pace in a canoe or kayak. Departure from the west side of Dwight Beach is at 9:00 a.m. with lunch and prizes back on the beach at noon. Participants are responsible for bringing their own boats and must ensure they have the proper safety equipment onboard. This event is presented jointly by the Lake of Bays Association and the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation. We hope you will be inspired pick up your paddle and join us!

There is a limit of 20 boats, so don't wait. Pre-registration is required.

TO REGISTER: go to [www.loba.ca](http://www.loba.ca) and register online.

COST: \$10 per person (Bring your payment to the event)

RAIN DATE: August 4th

## From the Archives

### High Water in 1958

These pictures, provided courtesy of the Newby family, were taken in the summer of 1958. Prior to the opening of the new Baysville dam in 1959, water levels fluctuated wildly. Combined with a "storm of the century" lasting several days, the old dam couldn't handle the volume of inflow from the surrounding watershed. Water levels rose about 36" in two days. Cal Martin, former owner of Kelmar Marina in Baysville, remembers the water being halfway up the gas pumps on his marina dock.



Doug Newby, former LOBA president (1976–1978)



The Bigwin sun deck



The Bigwin Island Ferry terminal

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## Water Levels—the Highs and Lows of Lake of Bays

### A roller coaster ride

From record lows last summer to record highs this spring, the water level on Lake of Bays has been a roller coaster ride. By early April, the Association had received several e-mails from members expressing concern about the lake level being below normal. On April 16 we posted an update from the Ministry of Natural Resources on our website explaining that the late arrival of spring had resulted in significant snow pack remaining in the bush. With significant precipitation in the forecast for the end of that week, they had held off on adding logs to the dam to refill the lake after the winter draw down until the weather system moved through. And what a system it was! The combination of a rapid snow melt and heavy rain on April 18 and 19 resulted in the worst flooding in recent history to hit Muskoka, Haliburton and areas beyond. During the month of April water levels rose 106 cm (41.7 inches) on Lake of Bays. The most rapid increase began on April 17, rising 77 cm (30.3 inches) between April 17 and April 25. Unfortunately, the ice broke up and moved out when the water level was at its peak. The end result was damage to roads, bridges, driveways, docks, basements, boathouses and shorelines. Boating this spring will require vigilance, with floating debris in abundance. Please be cautious!

Township of Lake of Bays staff and council are to be commended on their swift response to the situation. Particularly the Public Works staff who worked tirelessly throughout the entire weekend (and beyond) to minimize any danger or inconvenience to residents. Mayor Bob Young kept the Lake of Bays Association updated on road closures, which we passed along to 1,400 members on our e-mail distribution list. Updates from the Ministry of Natural Resources on water levels were also posted on [www.loba.ca](http://www.loba.ca). *Note: If you are not on the Association e-mail distribution list, or you wish to add other members of your family, such as adult children who use and maintain your property, please e-mail [info@loba.ca](mailto:info@loba.ca) to be added.*

On May 2, Mayor Bob Young sent the following letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing which provides a good summary of the impact of the flooding on the Township of Lake of Bays. On May 7, a representative of the Ministry attended the Council meeting to explain the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP), specifically who and what qualifies. Subsequently, the

Township of Lake of Bays has submitted an application for assistance. The Lake of Bays Association will report on the outcome of the application and impact of infrastructure repairs on Township finances.

For those who were not here to see it, the photos on page 5 give some idea of the amount of water flowing and impact of the flooding in April.

COMPRISING – THE FORMER TOWNSHIPS OF FRANKLIN, MCLEAN, RIDOUT, SINCLAIR AND FINLAYSON

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Dear Minister Jeffrey,

**Re: Extensive Flood Damage to Private Property in Township of Lake of Bays.**

I am pleased that you and the Honourable Tony Clement were both able to view the flood damage in the Town of Huntsville and it is unfortunate that time did not allow you to visit our small Township, just east and south of Huntsville. We suffered moderate infrastructure damage during the deluge of waters from the upstream watershed and are now suffering severe damage to personal, private property as the flood waters recede. We do not know the full extent of damages because there are few boats on the big lakes and a majority of the residents are seasonal.

The Township of Lake of Bays suffered its first wave of infrastructure damage during the evening of Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. I met with our Senior Management and discussed whether or not to declare an Emergency. We decided against doing so for two principal reasons – there was no imminent danger to human life (residents were cut off but had been identified and contacted) and, second, the management and personnel resources needed to administer an Emergency were already busy dealing with the declared Emergency in Huntsville (with whom we share Fire, Police and Ambulance) wherein there was a threat to human life. We did not want to take those resources away from their efforts by our Emergency declaration. That is not to say, however, that we did not have a disaster on our hands.

With regard to infrastructure, we currently estimate damages of around \$300,000 due primarily to road washouts, all of which have now been repaired. However, we have two damaged bridges (replacement value \$1,000,000), one over the Oxtongue River near Dwight and the other over the Big East River, deep in the heart of the Township. Until we can get an engineering report, we cannot estimate the repair costs. It would appear that the Oxtongue River Bridge is structurally undamaged so that repair costs should be modest, but the Big East Bridge has moved off of its foundations. I have attached a page of four photographs showing a sample of our infrastructure damages

It is the devastation to private property that leaves me aghast. I have attached a second page of photographs of damages to boathouses on Peninsula Lake and Lake of Bays. As the water rose (to almost unprecedented levels on both lakes) the boathouses were lifted off their foundations and moved, albeit slightly. In addition, the ice did not completely leave Lake of Bays until Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, when the waters receded, the winds increased and the ice moved, the structures were not able to settle on the original foundations and buckled and, in some cases, sank. As I said above, we do not know the number of properties affected but we estimate repair costs exceeding \$10,000,000.

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Seasonal cottagers make up close to 60% of the people and homes in the Township. Their contribution to the local financial well-being is significant and without it our small villages of Dwight, Dorset and Baysville would not be sustainable. Therefore, how can these home owners rebuild their properties? When we read the criteria for assistance under the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP), it is quite clear that "secondary residence e.g. cottage", "landscaping, etc.", and "recreational vehicles" are not covered. For those properties covered (i.e. permanent residents) the majority live away from the water. In any event, the coverage is \$2 from the Province of Ontario per \$1 raised through donations. However, if seasonal dwellings are not covered and those are the majority of dwellings in our Township, how can we anticipate a substantial level of donations? Many of our permanent residents are employed in the construction and tourism industries and, while very generous people, it would be wrong to assume that they have discretionary cash for donations!

Another group of affected citizens/business owners are the Marina owners and small family resorts. Many of them have had significant damage to their shoreline facilities, most of which is uninsurable. They would, of course, qualify for assistance under ODRAP but if there are no or limited donations then there will be no or limited assistance (to be shared by all claimants). Many of these businesses do not have the financial reserves to rebuild this infrastructure. We must not forget that they are running businesses which earn their income over only 4 months of the year. This could be the blow which forces them to abandon their businesses. Then everyone suffers.

So I ask you, and by copy of this letter, to the Honourable Tony Clement, how can we help the residents and businesses of the Township of Lake of Bays, permanent and seasonal, as they are part of one integrated family? ODRAP, in its current structure, will provide virtually no assistance whatsoever. It may be appropriate for an urban disaster but not for a community of 3,500 permanent residents. We earnestly request that you review this and any other program and find a way to help us.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Robert J. Young  
Mayor

## SEPTIC SMARTS

### Tips for cottage guests, renters and new property owners

Managing your household on the waterfront requires septic smarts and garbage savvy. The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations have produced posters with tips for the kitchen, bathroom, laundry and garbage to promote BEST PRACTICES for LAKESIDE LIVING. These posters are posted on our website for you to download and print. Even if this is old news to you displaying these posters in your home or cottage will educate your guests or renters who may not be familiar with septic systems or living with wildlife at their doorstep. Protect our pristine lake and forest wildlife by following these simple do's and don'ts.



Raging Oxtongue River Photo by Brian Simpson



Burlemarie Road Photo by Jamie Doran



Damage on the South Shore Photos by Bev Govan

## News from around the Lake

### From Dwight, Dorset and Baysville

#### DWIGHT

##### New Farmers' Market Coming to Dwight

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., beginning June 25.

Located at the old Township building site, 1009 Dwight Beach Road.

We aim to create an inspiring, unique and nourishing (in every sense of the word) market for residents and visitors to the Dwight area by bringing together farmers, artisans, educators, entertainers and service providers from the Muskoka/Haliburton area. Interested vendors are invited to contact us at:

[DwightFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DwightFarmersMarket@gmail.com). For more information visit: [www.dwightfarmersmarket.ca](http://www.dwightfarmersmarket.ca).

#### DORSET

##### Big Improvements at the Old Mill Marina

Plans to improve the facilities at the Old Mill Marina include the construction of five new floating docks on the south side of the bridge in Dorset. One pier and fingers will provide 10 seasonal slip rentals for water-access cottagers. Another pier and fingers will be for general use, including public short-term parking with access to Dorset.

These docks will have a two-hour limit and are intended to be used for boaters accessing all businesses in Dorset, not just the Old Mill Marina. We are determined to bring more people through Dorset by providing easier water access and more viable business services. To coin a nautical phrase, a rising tide raises all ships. The fuel pier will also be improved, and we have acquired two new boat lines—Rinker family bow riders and Tige tow boats—to add to our Princecraft pontoon and utility boats. We will also be engaging a much more vigorous Certified Pre-Owned and Consignment program.

By popular demand, we will be bringing in

a wide variety of newspapers and the big news is that we will be serving complimentary Tim Horton's coffee! We anticipate the Muskoka chairs on our waterfront boardwalk will be fully occupied in the morning by visitors with a Tim's coffee in one hand and a newspaper, or an iPad using our wireless hot spot in the other hand.

*Jeff Barnes, General Manager,  
Old Mill Marina—Dorset*

##### Lake of Bays Marine Museum

##### One stop shop for all things SS BIGWIN!

Please come out and visit us at the newly renovated Lake of Bays Marine Museum located on the Main Street of Dorset by the bridge. You can step back in history by taking a scheduled cruise on the SS Bigwin or by chartering the boat to entertain family or friends for that special event. Don't miss out and be sure to visit us at the Lake of Bays Marine Museum where there is a lot to learn about the history of the lake. Check out some remarkable local art available for sale and browse through our retail store where you can pick up a souvenir to remember your SS Bigwin experience. We have everything from high quality apparel to that perfect hard-to-find cottage gift.

Also, please mark your calendar and be our guest as we celebrate the **official opening and launch of the SS Bigwin on Saturday June 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Dorset community barbeque and family fun day**. Please visit us on Facebook or at [www.ssbigin.com](http://www.ssbigin.com) for more information on the SS Bigwin and how you can support the Lake of Bays Marine Museum through donations, public cruises, private charters and our calendar of special events.

*Carley Williamson, Retail Sales Manager,  
Lake of Bays Marine Museum*

#### BAYSVILLE

##### Fork in the Road—a new eatery in Baysville

Corner of Hwy 117 and Bay Street in the old LCBO

My wife Marlene and I are both chefs. We have a combined culinary history of over 50 years cooking for the rich and famous, family and friends. We studied and worked in Toronto's best restaurants. We had our own restaurant for over 10 years called Musky Supper House. We sold it and we moved here to relax. We can't relax. We love people and food.

Fork is a funky little takeout catering joint that will allow us to keep our spoon in the pot. It is a kind of "L.A. food truck experience" but glued to the ground. The main deal is to make our own artisanal sausages with no nitrates, sulfites, MSG or mystery meat, using the finest cuts of meat and a pinch of beer grain from our friends at Lake of Bays Brewing Company. We dig potatoes and make fresh cut fries with some cool sauces and flavors.

Our daily specials will be special because we cook from the heart! Don't miss our beer battered Fish and Chip Fridays. Other days, we will serve spring rolls, calamari, fresh smoked stuff, wild game and other surprises. We will also feature wonderful takeaway for you to heat and serve at home. Fork food will be modestly priced, creative, and crazy tasty. We are now open under the same roof as Humble Pie in the old LCBO building. So, stop in and say hey and ask us anything. Together we are going to brighten up this little corner of Muskoka, a place where you can eat something or take it home and cook it. Cool, Eh?

*Terry Glover and Marlene Karys  
Fork in the Road 705-224 (FORK) 3675*

##### The Humble Pie Has Grown

Come and see us in our new location—right next door inside the old LCBO!

The Humble Pie Butter Tart Factory & Pizzeria first opened its doors in the pic-



# Preserving Your Beech Tree on Lake of Bays

By Betty McDonald and Drew Hutcheson

In winter and spring around Lake of Bays, beech trees are easy to spot because they have smooth grey bark and are the only deciduous species to keep their golden leaves from fall until late in the spring. These beautiful trees offer nuts for our bears, deer, birds and rodents. Their blond wood is sold for hardwood floors and furniture.

According to recent reports from scientists, most beech trees in our area are expected to die over the next few years due to Beech Bark Disease. But healthy trees can resist the disease, and there are some things we can do to help them stay that way.

This disease develops in two stages. First the tree is infested with aphid-like Beech Scale insects, which gather densely on its bark, producing a white felty covering called “honey-dew” that penetrates the bark, weakening the tree. If the tree is weakened enough, a fungus kills it within one to three years. Bark splits all over the tree, branches fall and then the tree falls.

## What can we do individually or as community to protect our trees?

Protecting large stands of trees economically is difficult, but with the help of a professional forester, the damage can be minimized by removing and burning weak or diseased trees quickly, and other management techniques.

But around your home, or for favourite trees with high value to you, here are some of the ways you can help:

- Do not transport firewood from infested areas (including anywhere in Muskoka) between July and November, when crawlers are mobile.
- Identify the beech trees on your property.
- Examine the health of the trees—noting black or broken spots on the bark and openings in the trunk.
- Remove vulnerable trees to reduce the spread of the fungus. These include large over-mature trees, trees with rough bark, and trees with wounds, broken tops or other obvious problems. Beech makes good firewood, so use your own vulnerable beech trees for that. Do not move them from your property, to avoid spreading the disease.
- Place organic mulch, (wood chips), or living mulch, (ground covers) around the tree base to keep the soil moist for longer periods and encourage healthier roots. Mulch should not be deeper than 10 cm to avoid cutting off oxygen from the roots.
- Water your trees during dry spells. Infrequent but deep soaking, preferably during the early morning hours, is recommended. Water absorbing roots are located in the upper 25 cm of the soil and extend outward well beyond the canopy drip-line.
- Avoid unnecessary excavating, grade changes, soil compaction, root cutting or hard resurfacing around trees as these activities destroy vital roots which may lead to tree decline or death.
- Avoid using high levels of salt or herbicides around trees.
- Ladybugs, wasps and birds tend to help control the insects, so encourage them.
- On very small trees, the insects can be removed from leaves with a sponge and soapy water.

More information on Beech Bark Disease (including guidelines provided by the Ontario Forest Research Institute) has been posted on the Association website [www.loba.ca](http://www.loba.ca) on the News & Events page.

## News from Around the Lake *continued from page 6*

turesque village of Baysville in April 2010. Due to the popularity of our little bakery we have expanded and moved into our newly renovated location—the old LCBO building at the corner of Hwy 117 and Bay Street. With our expansion we will be adding new mouth-watering and scrumptious items, both sweet and savory, to our already popular baked goods, fresh and fruity frozen yogurt, and specialty pizza menus. We are thrilled to offer our customers access to the delicious delights from two local small businesses: gluten free baked goods from Cyndi Walsh Ezeilo of Gluten Free Yummies; and, custom gourmet cakes and cupcakes from Colleen Lenaghan-Western of Little Red Hen Bakery. Equally exciting, we have teamed up with Muskoka's own Diesel House Coffee to address our customer's requests for a delicious fresh hot cup of coffee. Don't forget to order your “must-haves” in advance call 705-224-tart (8278).

*Michelle Male, Owner, Humble Pie*

## Yummies in a Jar opens a second retail shop in downtown Baysville!

John and I are very excited about opening a new shop located in the old Humble Pie Bakery in Baysville. I have been producing my own unique line of gourmet preserves for sale at markets, retail outlets and our Gallery for 21 years. This new store front offers a wonderful opportunity to bring Yummies to tourists, boaters and local residents at a central location. We will feature my full line including jams, dessert toppings, pepper jellies, oil free vinaigrettes and flavoured maple syrups, along with other appetizer-themed goodies such as Milford Bay Smoked Trout, smoked meats, gourmet cheeses and tapanades. We will also be introducing several products enhanced with Lake of Bays Brewing Co. beer. A sampling of pottery and art from our gallery (John Murden Art Gallery located on Hwy 117, 2 km west of Baysville) will also be available. We will be open in early May and plan to increase our hours to seven days a week when Baysville gets busy in the summer. Be sure to drop in and check out our funky little lime green & black jam shop!

*Lynn Murden (705) 767-2578, [www.yummiesinajar.com](http://www.yummiesinajar.com)*

## Before you light an outdoor fire...

### Please follow these instructions

1. Call the Muskoka Fire Danger Rating number: 1-877-847-1577
2. Be sure you are aware of the Outdoor Burning By-laws by calling the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Fire Department at (705)-789-5201, online at [www.lakeofbays.on.ca](http://www.lakeofbays.on.ca) or [www.huntsville.ca](http://www.huntsville.ca).

Recreational Open Air Burning is a small, controlled and contained fire for the purpose of cooking, warmth or personal enjoyment.

### Did you know?

Recreational open air burning can only be conducted between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. from April 1 to October 31.

Maximum fire pit size is a burn area no larger than 61 cm x 61 cm (two feet by two feet).

Recreational fires shall contain only commercially produced charcoal, briquettes or clean, dry, seasoned wood.

A hose or other form of fire extinguishing method must be immediately available.

A competent adult must be in attendance.

No burning may take place during a smog alert, foggy conditions or when winds are in excess of 30 km/hr.

Smoke or sparks may not obscure roads or buildings.

Fire must be completely extinguished prior to burn site being vacated.

No yard waste may be burned. Yard waste includes, but is not limited to, grass, leaves, trees, brush/hedge trimmings, spent flowers, garden plants, weeds, pine needles, hay, straw and sawdust. Yard waste should be disposed of by home composting or at the local landfill site.

A non-recreational open-air burn may consist of only clean, dry seasoned wood or brush and must be conducted between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. The burn pile can be no greater than 2 metres x 2 metres (6.5 feet x 6.5 feet) and 6.5 feet (2 metres) in height. A minimum distance of 100 metres (328 feet) from adjacent dwellings is required.

Fireworks are prohibited. Public fireworks displays take place on Canada Day in Dorset and Baysville and on the Civic Holiday weekend in Dwight. Check out the website calendar on [www.loba.ca](http://www.loba.ca) for details.

### BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

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## Gathering your Memories of the Lake of Bays Area

The Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation (LBHF) is looking for people with memories and experiences from the early 20th century about the lake and surrounding communities. The LBHF has hired Andrew Watson, a local historical and environmental PhD student, who will conduct interviews and create a permanent record of memories, recollections and events of past times. The work has just begun and we hope to hear about people to contact. Depending on responses, interviews will take place throughout the summer of 2013. We also welcome pre-written memoirs and recollections of past and present residents. Without a system to identify residents and visitors and collect their stories, we risk losing this history forever.

If you, your parents, grandparents or others have a history at Lake of Bays, you have a role to play in building our personal history bank. Please send your suggestions to [info@lakeof-baysheritage.ca](mailto:info@lakeof-baysheritage.ca) or call (416) 969-2727.



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## LAKE OF BAYS HERITAGE FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Early History of Main Street, Dorset will be explored in a booklet and film. The book will be available and the film will be screened at the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation's Annual General Meeting. Natural heritage efforts will also be recognized. Mark your calendar.

Place: Dorset Community Centre  
Date: August 17, 2013  
Time: Coffee and registration 10:30 a.m.  
Meeting: 11:00 a.m.  
Heritage tour to follow.



*Dillenberger cottage and boathouse on Sibylla Point circa 1910*