

Acton Island Association

P.O. Box 271, Bala On P0C 1A0

Report to Members
Fall, 2007

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Annual General Meeting- 2007

This year's AGM was held on July 15, 2007. Highlights of the meeting include:

Steve Fahner- Speaker

Steve attended representing the Planning Department for the Muskoka Lakes Township and discuss building codes in our area. I'm sure many people enjoyed his insight and comments about the restrictions and allowances the code provides.

Innisfree Road Landing

As a result of the numerous complaint letters and a study completed by the township, it has been ruled that finally the Innisfree boat ramp be completely closed as a public access point to the lake. This has stopped all barging or launching from our Island.

2007 Membership Roster

The latest edition of our Members' Roster was handed out at the annual general meeting last July. This year we have included a business card advertising section for Island residence and local business. We are pleased with the results and the wide range of services available. If you would like to consider placing your card in next years roster look for the membership renewal letter for further details or contact us at www.info@actonisland.com

Fire Department Tanker Shuttle

The township fire department recently received its "Superior Tanker Shuttle" Certificate. This improvement considers your cottage to be closer to a water hydrant, which in turn might mean that your insurance rates may be subject to a drop. I have been advised that not all insurers will acknowledge this status but it is worth mentioning to your agent. The information can be accessed on the web or from the Township office.

2008 Annual General Meeting

July 13, 2008 1pm, at the Bala Community Center. New Board members are always needed if you have any interest in participating please let me know at leslie@summitmortgage.ca

2008 "Meet and Greet"

Tentatively set for July 27, 2008. Mark the date on your calendar, last summer it was held at Donna and Larry Scotts on Innisfree Rd and we had a great turnout of over 60 people. What an opportunity to meet your neighbors and find out what is happening on the island.

Bear Problems

This year had shown increased bear activity on our island. Garbage is the biggest draw for these animals and it is suggested that you do not put your bags out until the morning of pickup. (This timing would not give the animals the opportunity to locate your bins and attempt to access them.) The Board has installed an information sign at the crossover point of the bridge. The sign displays the Ministry of Natural Resources bear hotline number and if we all call about the bear sightings, the better our chance that the municipal trappers will be sent to remove these animals.

Garbage Collection

The weekly collector for the island has a system I'm sure you have noticed. He places a stick in the lid of the empty bin. This is his signal to stop or pass by your cottage.

Boat by Example

This past summer, on each long weekend, the board placed a banner across the bridge which was visible to the water traffic. This sign is meant to remind boaters that speed limits and safe boating rules do apply and they should be observed at all times. If parents don't follow the rules, how can we expect our children to be responsible, safe boaters? Be safe! Be courteous! Be a good example!

October 20, 2007 Election

Mr. Norm Millar was once again elected as MPP for the area of Muskoka. His family have been cottagers on Acton Island for many years and we congratulate him on his re election.

Cottage tips:

Deers eating your garden?

Did you notice during the "Meet and Greet" that Larry has placed bars of "Original Irish Spring" soap on sticks throughout his garden? It seems the deer eat the soap and don't like the taste. These soap bars in addition to the sensor water sprinkler seem to have solved most of his deer problem.

Bounce Fabric Softener towels.

Not only do these repel the mosquitoes if wiped on your clothes and arms with them, but they also keep mice from getting into the engine of your car during the cooler months. Mice like to crawl up into your motor or even higher looking for the warmest spot they can find. They can cause major damage to your automobile wires and hoses so be aware of this in the future.

Bala Events to Come

Novemeber 17, 2007- 1-3pm -Santa Claus Parade

November 23, 2007- 7-9pm- Annual Tree lighting

December 1, 2007- 6-9pm- Bala's Trek to Bethlehem

Your Township Mayor and Ward C Councillors

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Your board is here to serve the needs of its members. If you have ideas or topics to discuss please let us know.

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