



# Acton Island Association

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## A Note from the President

Another winter has come and gone but this one was much more benign than the last two. That said, the fact that my crib dock was moved four inches along the shoreline reminds us of the power of the ice even when it's not at its worst.

Some things like the power of ice never change but that's not the case with the Association. We're trying to evolve with the times by implementing more e-centric means of communication. For instance look for a new **Facebook** page as a supplement to our excellent website (see page 2 for more Facebook details).

We also continue to ask all of our members to pass along their e-mail address. About 90% of members have done so but we'd love to get the final few as it makes our communications that much faster and easier. We're also thinking about electronic payment capability as cheques become less commonly used.

You may also see some new family-friendly activities at the **Meet & Greet**. The Directors are contemplating adding games and other activities for kids, adding to fun currently being enjoyed by the adults. We'd love to hear your ideas for activities and the names of those who might like to volunteer. Send us an e-mail at the AIA "contact" address - [contact@ActonIsland.com](mailto:contact@ActonIsland.com).

This is another **Roster** year so please renew your Membership and send us any updates to your information **by June 15th**. That way we can get the Roster finalized, printed and delivered by the end of June.

Let's keep our island and waters clean and beautiful. See you at the Meet & Greet!

Hugh

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**Annual Acton Island Meet & Greet**  
**Saturday, July 16, 2016 2:00pm to 4:00pm**  
**1583-8 Acton Island Rd**

The Annual Meet & Greet is combined with a short Annual General Meeting, and is a great opportunity to meet your fellow Acton Islanders. Our thanks go to **Mike and Krystyna Lewis** who have graciously offered to host this year's event. We look forward to seeing you. *Please bring appetizers for 6 and BYOB.*

## News from the Board

For those doing any building this Spring, remember that the roads are on half load until May 31st.

### Spring Water Levels:

Monitor water levels via the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources website below:

#### Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/EmergencyManagement/2ColumnSubPage/239496.html>

The Emergency Management section of the MNR website provides updated information on current flood conditions. Local information about flooding comes from conservation authorities and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). This link is also posted on the Muskoka Lakes Website. The Directors are making enquiries regarding what is being planned to prevent these floods. There have been too many over the past few years.

## Acton Island Association Membership and Roster

**The 2016-17 AIA Roster** will be updated and printed this spring and mailed in June to paid members. Copies will also be available at the AIA Meet & Greet on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. When you renew your AIA membership, please confirm or update your Roster information, so we can finalize and print the Rosters in June. We would appreciate receiving your membership and contact information by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The AIA website, Facebook page and the printed Roster are a great source of information!

### AIA Facebook Page



Check out the AIA Facebook page where director Phil Randall has posted some winter island scenes. We're planning to add to those shots and hope you will too! Look for a photo contest this summer, with prizes, to encourage participation. 'Like' the Facebook page, add some stories and this will be another great way to share information about the island.

### Lost and Found:

Use the AIA website to share "Lost and Found" information. If something is missing, or random dock chairs, water toys, etc. have appeared on your shoreline, send an email to [Contact@actonisland.com](mailto:Contact@actonisland.com) and we will arrange to post the note on the website and send an email notice to all AIA members for whom we have an email address.

### History of Acton Island:

Rayla Myhal, whose cottage is on Kemp Road, is looking for input from Acton Islanders as she continues work on a book about Acton Island - its history, stories, folklore, photos... It would be especially helpful to hear from people who have been on Acton Island for generations. Rayla would love to get together to have a chat and collect stories and photos that would be included in the book. If you and your family are interested in participating in Rayla's project, please contact her at [raylamyhal@gmail.com](mailto:raylamyhal@gmail.com).

**Muskoka Lakes Township Office:** Phone: 705-765-3156

Web site: [www.muskokalakes.ca](http://www.muskokalakes.ca)

### Tax Assessment:

If you wish to discuss the assessed value of your property, contact the **MPAC** office in Bracebridge to make an appointment: **MPAC** Phone: 705-645-8994, 169 Pine Street East, Bracebridge, Ontario, P1L 1T5

## **Boating Safety:**

The **Safe Quiet Lakes Association (SQL)** [www.safequiet.ca](http://www.safequiet.ca) Watch for SQL pamphlets and other material available at marinas and stores.

The **Safe Boating Guide** is available on the Transport Canada website for the Office of Boating Safety:  
<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-menu-1362.htm>

## **Bala Falls Hydro Project:**

For updates, we suggest that AIA members go to the Save The Bala Falls website:

<http://www.balafalls.ca/project.html>

We also encourage members to review the **Swift River Energy Limited website** which includes Project Updates.

## **Recommended Hiking Trails In Beautiful Muskoka!**

- **Huckleberry Rock Cut Lookout:** A Beautiful lookout over Lake Muskoka!  
Turn off at Beaumaris Road toward Milford Bay. Parking is available at the trail head.
- **Hardy Lake:** Hiking trails of varying distances and difficulties encircle a beautiful lake.
- **Wilson Falls Road, Bracebridge:** Park at the old train station in downtown Bracebridge. Walk along Wilson Falls Road and enjoy the view of the Muskoka River that flows towards downtown. This isn't a loop, so walk back along Wilson Falls Road to return to the parking lot.

## **Dark-Sky Awareness: Torrance Barrens Dark-Sky Preserve**

Spectacular night sky-watching right at our doorstep! <http://www.rasc.ca/content/torrance-barrens-dark-sky-preserve>

## **Summer Events**

An extensive listing of upcoming Summer Events is available on the Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce website:

<http://www.muskokalakeschamber.ca/events/2>

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And bring the kids -- we're organizing fun activities  
for children...

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The AIA 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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