



# Acton Island Association

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## A Note from the President

I have to start this year's note with the sad news of the passing of long time director Larry Scott on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Larry's time on the Board was marked by his wit, his ready smile and and keen sense of the politics of any situation. We'll miss you Larry.

Looking back at last year's Newsletter note I told you how, despite a relatively soft winter my dock had been moved four inches from its designed home. Well this year, despite lamb-like demeanour, Mother Nature flexed her ice muscles and finished the job. Lesson learned; building a fixed structure in an ice-active part of the lake is a mugs game. We're going back to a floater.

Naturally, there is an element of frustration in this repeating saga but more so is it a reminder of the charm of having a cottage on the Island. That endless challenge of maintaining a comfortable, happy place in harmony with whatever nature's 'gifts'.

Part of creating that happy place is our involvement with the Association. The Directors have looked at the language in the current mandate and have found it already contemplates a 'community' aspect - something we plan to build upon. One manifestation of that community was the photo sharing campaign on our Facebook site run by Phil Randall. The campaign awarded prizes donated by local businesses to 7 participants. Thank you, Phil, for organizing that. At last year's Meet & Greet we ran some very successful activities for kids, and plan to do so again. We're also exploring introducing some historical perspectives on life on the Island. We'd be happy to hear other ideas from the members.

Please pass along your e-mail address if you haven't already done so. We are transitioning to e-transfer dues payment capability in the near future so e-mail addresses will be essential. There is more information on that in the Renewal Form.

Let's keep our island and waters clean and beautiful.

Hugh

## **Annual Acton Island Meet & Greet**

**Saturday, July 22, 2017 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 again 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

The AIA Facebook page has been getting some great feedback! We have made a few updates this year so check it out! It is a great place to go for news, pictures updates about the island when you can't be there yourself. The updates this year to include a calendar, filled with fun, local, family events, as well as a list of some useful links that you may find handy this summer. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the photo contest last summer. We appreciate all the entries we received and we had such a great turnout that we will be having another contest this summer! Be sure to check out our Facebook page for more details!

### 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.

## Acton Island Association Membership and Roster

**The 2016-17 AIA Roster** remains in effect for another year. If you've lost yours or are a new member, copies will be available at the AIA Meet & Greet on Saturday, July 22nd. When you complete the Membership form to renew or initiate your AIA membership please confirm or update your Roster information. If you can get it to us two weeks prior to July 22nd, we'll have your details included on an insert for the Roster. The AIA website Facebook page and the printed Roster are a great source of information!

### 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 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>

## **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  
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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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