

# Acton Island Association

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

**Saturday, July 10, 2021 4:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**Virtual**

The Annual Meet & Greet is combined with a short Annual General Meeting and is a fantastic opportunity to hear and ask questions about the issues affecting Acton Island. Zoom details to follow. We look forward to seeing you.

## A Note from the President

I hope this note finds you safe and well. As we are all aware, those words carry extra poignance due to the pandemic under which we have lived since March 2020. While we have all suffered its effects, no doubt some have been more severely affected than others and to those we pass along our thoughts and best wishes.

This year, the Island seems not to be under threat of flooding so at least that is one perennial problem avoided. One hopes that this is due to better water management by the authorities but time will tell.

Due to Covid restrictions we are again deferring the 'official' Spring Roadside Clean-up. That said, the Island roads need a clean up so we are suggesting that each cottage undertake a Roadside Clean Up in their immediate vicinity. Once done, share the photos of your 'haul' with us via email and we will post them to the AIA Facebook page.

The Roadside Clean up is necessary because of litter discarded by the vehicles using our roads. Those same vehicles are also often using excessive speed on our roads. The Directors are looking for solutions to both issues, including speaking with the OPP and looking into signage. Please feel free to share any ideas you may have.

Recall that in recent years there were some thefts on the Island so we remind you to be vigilant and also to keep an eye on your neighbour's property. A little attention goes a long way. We also remind you of etiquette items such as not disposing of your garbage in your neighbour's bin and to be responsible for Airbnb guests.

For the growing number of members who are year round residents, we laid the groundwork for a 'winter social network' last fall. Sadly the pandemic constrained those activities but we had some good learnings. Please let us know if you would like to get involved for next year.

Take advantage of the ability to pay our 2021/22 annual dues of \$25 and provide our contact details electronically. Just go to the website, click on the Join/Renew tab at the top and follow the instructions. It's easy and you get a next day confirmation of the transaction. No more looking for cheques and stamps! And feel free to tell new neighbours about AIA!

My thanks to all of the Directors for their on-going efforts. It is a pleasure working with you.

As always, let's keep our island and waters clean, beautiful and safe.  
Hugh

## News from the Board:

### Spring Water Levels:

While flooding doesn't appear to be an issue this year, 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 2020-21 AIA Roster** accompanies this Newsletter. The Roster reflects the information we have on hand. 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 10th, we'll have your details included in the Roster. If you've lost yours or are a new member, copies will be available via email (or mail for those for whom we have no email). 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.

**Muskoka Lakes Township Office:** Phone: 705-765-3156; Web site: [www.muskokalakes.ca](http://www.muskokalakes.ca)

The Official Plan is being amended. The Directors are monitoring and commenting through the MLA. Special thanks to Jim Lewis for his activities on the file.

### 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>

### Wildlife Sanctuary:

**Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary**, Rosseau, Ontario (705) 732-6368

**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>

**2020/2021 Membership Renewal and Roster Information**

To renew your AIA Membership, please complete the online form at [www.actonisland.com](http://www.actonisland.com) and pay by credit card or **complete the information below** and mail it, together with your payment of \$25 payable to the Acton Island Association, to the address shown above. You may also pay with Cash at the AGM/Meet & Greet.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Acton Island Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Name(s) for Members' Roster: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Acton Island telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Residence Address:**

No. and Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.