

North and South Otter Lake Association  
Annual General Meeting  
July 12, 2015

The North South Otter Lake Association Annual General Meeting was held at the Frontenac Park Office Interpretive Centre on July 12, 2015 from 10:00AM to Noon.

Attendees: Brian & Annie Milne, Anne & Barry Robertson, Sally Dundas, Steve Blostein, Jean Hodgson & David Crane, Mike Kramer, Larry Showler, Don & Pam Stuart, Keith & Anita Dunn, Mary & Edward Farrar, Mike & Liz Evans, Edith Costello, Brian Roche, Brigitte Roussel, Cam & Wilma Kenney, Peter Kenny, Heather Jamieson, John Vincett & Pam Wheaton, Laura Hodgson, Aaron & Linda Zimmerman, John Fraser & Denise Harrington, Louise Gwyn & Peter Neumann, Jill & Gary O'Connell, Jeremy & Mary Clarke, Kevin Ryan, Bill Racz.

From 9:30 to 10:00 AM Coffee and cookies were served. Edith Costello accepted membership fees. New members completed membership forms. Everyone enjoyed socializing during this time with thanks to Anne Robertson for organizing the coffee and treats table.

**1. Introduction and Welcome of New Members**

At 10:04 AM Peter Neumann President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Name Tags were provided.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of Last AGM**

Steven Blostein, Secretary, had completed the Minutes of the 2014 AGM. These were emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Motion #1

Liz Evans moved that the minutes of the 2014 AGM be adopted.  
Seconded by Brigitte Roussel.  
Carried.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Edith Costello, Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$1,291.02 as of July 11, 2015.

July 2014	Income	Expenses	Balance
Dues	290.00		1080.37
Interest	0.06		
Web site		36.00	
AGM		17.51	
Bank fees		26.50	
July 11, 2015	290.66	80.01	1291.02

Peter thanked Edith for her service as Treasurer.

Motion #2

That the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Carried.

#### **4. Changes to Lake Map and Property List**

Barry Robertson displayed an enlarged map of North and South Otter Lake and area. The map refers to the NSOLA Property Owners' list that he has maintained for many years.

Barry Robertson noted that there were several changes in property ownership: Property #7 (Mueller), a vacant lot, was purchased by neighbour Mike Kramer (#6). Property #10 (Healy) transferred to (Baker and Torrance). Property #22 (Tibbutt) was sold to Oriana Muzzin and Nick Ajduk. Property #45 (McQuillan and Skoggard) was divided between #44 (Tudiver) and #46 (Wheaton and Vincent). Property #52 (Weller) was sold to Kris and John Breza. Barry also noted that Property #54 (Wonsetler) is for sale. The above numbers refer to the NSOLA map and property owners' list.

Peter thanked Barry for his work in the updating of the NSOLA Property Owners' List.

A copy of the property owners' list is available by emailing Barry at [bar@sno.phy.queensu.ca](mailto:bar@sno.phy.queensu.ca)

#### **5. Lake Binder and Reports**

Pam circulated forms for recording wildlife information. It was reported that a black rat snake was spotted.

#### **6. Water Testing**

Mike Evans reported the most recent results of water quality testing using (secci) tests:

Phosphorous readings were lower than in 2014.

Water clarity was about the same as last year in May/June at 3.2-4.2 metres, which was deemed to be low. Mike remarked that Desert Lake and Devil Lake are clearer, and that Buck Lake is similar in clarity.

Mike also noted that these types of results may be found on the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources website.

#### **7. Election of Officers / Directors**

Peter Neumann reported that since the president, vice-president and secretary serve two-year terms, no election for these positions are required this year. This staggering of

positions complies with our constitution. The following candidates were nominated and elected with near unanimity based on a show of hands:

Treasurer – Mike Kramer (new)

Directors - Barry Robertson, Jean Hodgson (both continuing)

Motion #3

Peter moved that the above elected Slate of Officers for 2015-2016 be adopted. They join the current serving officers President Peter Neumann, Vice President Brian Roche and Secretary Steven Blostein.

Seconded by John Fraser.

Carried

### **8. Greeting from the new Park Superintendent Ben Chabot**

Peter Dawson, the former Frontenac Park Superintendent, has retired. His replacement is Ben Chabot, who introduced himself. He grew up in Harrowsmith, attended Sydenham High, has worked at programs at Gould Lake, majored in environmental studies at Trent University, and spent a number of years working in different Ontario Provincial Parks.

Ben mentioned that there is a Park Management Plan under development and asked NSOLA members for comments to be submitted by paper forms by July 20, 2015, just 8 days from this meeting. This plan would cover the next 20 years of park management. "Resource management" was mentioned as a focus area. A more immediate related issue is the disposition of Crown Land lying adjacent to the Frontenac Park entrance. Generally, Crown Land is under less control than Provincial Park land. If this land became park property, it would be managed under the Provincial Parks Act. A related management planning issue is whether this land would be zoned as "protection" or as "recreation". If the latter, it might mean that overflow camp sites could be located there.

### **9. Culvert replacement/repair**

Mark Segsworth from South Frontenac Township presented current plans for culvert repair/replacement: (1) on Salmon Lake Road near the public boat launch, and (2) on Bedford Road at the west end of North Otter Lake.

The plan is for the Bedford Road culvert (2) to be repaired in Fall 2015. Mark reported that this culvert is structurally in good shape and expensive to replace (\$500,000). It was last replaced in the late 1980s and should last 50 years. Mark mentioned a possible repair, which generally runs about \$150,000, under consideration is installation of a concrete or polyethylene liner on the inside surfaces. This repair could make the culvert last 50 years. NSOLA members questioned the impact that a liner could have on corrosion, environmental impact of the liner material itself, impact on Beavers, effects

on lake levels from the repair, structural integrity of the repair, as well as the short time frame to investigate and act. Unfortunately, Mark did not provide answers to these questions.

In contrast to the Bedford Road culvert, the Salmon Lake Road culvert (1) is not structurally sound and needs to be replaced in Fall 2016, possibly by a polymer-coated or concrete-box design. A single lane of traffic is to be maintained during the construction period allowing for emergency vehicles and residents. An additional possibility is to have extended 24/7 construction to lessen impact by shortening the replacement period. Mark also noted that Salmon Lake Road itself is scheduled to undergo reconstruction work in 2018. Questions by NSLOA members included the size of the new culvert that would determine size of water craft that can pass underneath. In particular, members expressed that they did not want larger than current craft to be able to pass between North and South Otter Lake. Other questions included the claims of the 50-year purported culvert life span, and transfer of invasive species. Unfortunately, Mark did not provide answers to these questions.

#### **10. Other business.**

No other business items were reported.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36am.  
Minutes by Steven Blostein  
July 12, 2015.