

North and South Otter Lake Association  
Annual General Meeting  
August 7, 2016

The North South Otter Lake Association Annual General Meeting was held at the Frontenac Park Office Interpretive Centre on August 7, 2016 from 10:00AM to Noon.

Attendees: Bill Racz, Simon Smith, Steve Blostein, Mike Kramer, Shelagh Baker and Alan Torrance, Pam and Don Stuart, Jean Hodgson and David Crane, Anita and Keith Dunn, Lynn Austin, Edith Costello, Ben Chabot, Mary and Jeremy Clarke, Mike and Liz Evans, Brian Roche, Peter Neumann and Louise Gwyn, Brigitte Roussel, Linda and Aaron Zimmerman, Sally Dundas, Pam Wheaton and John Vincett, Bonnie Brown and Roslin Sinclair, Anne and Barry Robertson, Judy Tetlow, Joyce and Rudy Duncan

From 9:30 to 10:00 AM Coffee and cookies were served. Mike Kramer accepted membership fees. Everyone enjoyed socializing during this time with thanks to all who brought refreshments.

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

At 10:02 AM Peter Neumann President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He reminded everyone to renew their memberships. He mentioned that the Executive decided not to have a pot luck lunch this year and instead decided to extend the time in the meeting room for further socializing after the AGM over coffee and snacks. He suggested that members could stay on after the meeting to socialize and catch up with other members on the lake.

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

Steven Blostein, Secretary, had completed the Minutes of the 2015 AGM. These were emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Motion #1

Anita Dunn moved that the minutes of the 2015 AGM be adopted.

Seconded by Anne Robertson.

Carried.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Mike Kramer presented the treasurer's report.

	Income	Expenses	Balance
July 11, 2015			1,291.02
Dues collected	330.00		
AGM refreshments		21.49	
Interest	0.87		
Web site costs		42.00	
Bank fees		11.25	
June 30, 2016			1,547.15

## Motion #2

Liz Evans moved that the treasurer's report be adopted.

Seconded by John Vincett.

Carried.

After presenting the treasurer's report where it is noted that the balance is healthy and increasing, Mike conveyed that the executive is recommending a one-time donation of \$500 to a local organization. The following three potential worthy recipients were identified:

1. South Frontenac Fire & Rescue: a volunteer fire department comprised of dedicated residents in the township. They have been called to fires and medical emergencies in this area in the past and they had spoken to NSOLA in the past to educate us on fire safety and guidelines for fire vehicle access in rural areas.

2. Algonquin to Adirondack (A2A): a group of organizations concerned with protection and enhancement of the Algonquin to Adirondack region, a natural wildlife 'corridor' between Adirondack State Park in New York and Algonquin Park in Ontario. This corridor, an arm of the Canadian Shield known as the Frontenac Axis, stretches 300 km from Algonquin Park to Adirondack State Park. Their vision is an "Algonquin to Adirondacks region that is a resilient, ecologically connected landscape which sustains a full range of native wildlife and enhances people's quality of life for generations to come."

3. Friends of Frontenac Park: an organization in its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary that operates within the park that partially surrounds North Otter Lake and South Otter Lake. Their mission of is to undertake activities to enhance appreciation of the Frontenac Provincial Park ecosystem. These includes cooperating with Ontario Parks by suggesting and implementing park policies as well as working to create programs and materials to promote public awareness, education, and an understanding of the park's natural and cultural heritage. The Friends of Frontenac Park also embark on trail maintenance and hold wilderness skills training programs throughout the year.

Ballots were provided to each voting entity, which according to our constitution is one member per property. After the ballot count, it was determined that the organization that received the most votes was the Friends of Frontenac Park.

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

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 Property #54, put up for sale by Gail & Charlie Wonsetler last year, was since purchased by Leslie and Dustin Kemp. The above property number refers to the NSOLA map and property owners' list dated April 6, 2016.

John Vincett suggested that the electronic NSOLA map be in a form that is easily “openable”, by computer and that the map’s formatting displays correctly.

Peter thanked Barry for maintaining the up-to-date 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**

No reports were discussed at this time.

## **6. Water Quality Testing**

Mike Evans reported that depth clarity results using secci tests place our lake about average, less clear than Devil Lake and at about the same clarity as Loughborough Lake. This is similar to last year. Aspects affecting clarity are the warmer temperatures and lower lake levels. Clarity has improved recently, which may be attributed to low wind and rain lowering the amount of suspended particles that have been washing in. Mobile algae blooms were also observed. Pollen counts might affect clarity as well. Phosphorous levels were again lower this year, which is a positive sign.

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

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

The following positions are up for election this year:

President: Current President, Peter Neumann, has agreed to stand for reelection for another 2-year term.

Vice-President: Anita Dunn has agreed to stand for election.

Secretary: Current Secretary, Steve Blostein, has agreed to stand for reelection for another 2-year term.

In addition to the above regular elections, Jean Hodgson has decided to resign as Director in mid term. Sally Dundas has agreed to replace her. The executive would like to express its appreciation for Jean’s service.

The above candidates were nominated and elected with near unanimity based on a show of hands. In 2017, the positions of Treasurer and the two Directors will be up for election.

### Motion #3

David Crane moved that the above elected Slate of Officers for 2016-2017 be adopted. They join the current serving officers President Peter Neumann, Immediate Past President Liz Evans, Secretary Steven Blostein, Treasurer Mike Kramer and Director Barry Robertson.

Seconded by Barry Robertson.

Carried

## **8. Culvert replacement/repair**

Mark Segsworth from South Frontenac Township updated members on upcoming culvert repair/replacements: (1) Salmon Lake Road near the public boat launch, and (2) Bedford Road at the west end of North Otter Lake.

The plan is for the Bedford Road culvert is to be retrofitted with a polymer liner during the week of August 22 and should take one week. The relining will add 15mm of additional thickness to the culvert. Simon Smith showed a photo of the previous culvert replacement from 1987.

The Salmon Lake Road culvert will be completely replaced along with road resurfacing around the culvert. Work is scheduled to begin just after Labour Day weekend. One lane of traffic will be allowed through for most of the time, but there might be short-term blockages of about one half hour in duration. The project should last about one month.

Mark also mentioned that communal bear proof recycling containers for laneways such as those found at 6838 and 6900 Bedford Road in smaller and larger size, respectively, are available. South Frontenac Township pays 50% of cost, so a \$425 or \$800 contribution is required depending on size of bin. He noted that within the next 5-10 years the Waste-Free Ontario Act will require producers to be responsible for the disposal costs of packaging.

## **9. Other business.**

10.1 Swimming and boats (David Crane): Issues discussed included:

- The extent to which swimmers should be responsible to ensure their visibility for boats.
- Signage is to be installed on the lakeshore warning boaters about swimmers. This issue will be investigated by the executive in the coming year.
- Suggestions of buoyant aids, e.g., Aqua Buddy, that may provide visibility to swimmers as they drag them along.

10.2 Dryness and fire danger (Barry Robertson): Barry warned everyone about the potential for fire danger in this summer's dry conditions and to exercise extra caution.

## **10. Invasive Species Presentation by Erica Kendrick**

At the recommendation of Frontenac Park Superintendent Ben Chabot, Erica Kendrick, a student working with the Invasive Species Outreach Liaison gave a slide presentation that categorized and described the most significant of the 441 invasive species in Ontario, including the growing cycle and removal methods. Feature invasive species in the presentation included: dog-strangling vine, garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed, wild parsnip, invasive phragmites, purple loosestrife, Eurasian water milfoil, European frog-bit, banded mystery snail, and rusty crayfish.

She also warned everyone about the potentially harmful effects of spreading invasive species by moving firewood.

For more information, she provided the web resource: [www.invadingspecies.com](http://www.invadingspecies.com)

Meeting adjourned at 11:57am.  
Minutes by Steven Blostein  
August 7, 2016.