

North and South Otter Lake Association
Annual General Meeting
July 9, 2017

The North South Otter Lake Association Annual General Meeting was held at the Frontenac Park Office Interpretive Centre on July 9, 2017 from 10:00AM to 11:30AM.

Attendees: Bill Racz, Steven Blostein, Mike Kramer, Pam and Don Stuart, Jean Hodgson, Anita and Keith Dunn, Edith Costello, Ben Chabot, Mike and Liz Evans, Brian Roche and Frances Wright, Peter Neumann, Sally Dundas, Anne and Barry Robertson, Joyce and Rudy Duncan, John Fraser, Mary Farrar, Gillian and Gary O'Connell, Cam and Wilma Kenny, Dale Midwood, Heather Jamieson, Ross Sutherland, Ben Chabot.

From 9:30 to 10:00 AM Cookies, cakes and coffee were served. Mike Kramer accepted membership fees. Everyone enjoyed this social period and a well deserved thanks goes out to all who brought refreshments.

1. Introduction

At 10:04 AM Peter Neumann President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He reminded everyone to renew memberships. Rather than a pot luck lunch, he suggested that members could stay on after the meeting to socialize.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Last AGM

Steven Blostein, Secretary, had completed the Minutes of the 2016 AGM. These were emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Motion #1

Anita Dunn moved that the minutes of the 2016 AGM be adopted.

Seconded by Pam Stuart.

Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Mike Kramer presented the treasurer's report.

	Income	Expenses	Balance
July 1, 2016			1,547.15
Dues collected	240.00		
Donation to Friends of Frontenac Park		\$500.00	
Four lake signs		\$183.01	
AGM refreshments			
Interest	0.64		
Service Charges		\$ 3.75	
June 30, 2017			\$1,101.03

Motion #2

Anita Dunn moved that the treasurer's report be adopted.
Seconded by Steven Blostein. Carried.

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 the following:

Property #14, Keith Austin passed away. Carol Leason is the new owner.

Property #65, Frontenac Outfitters has new owners: Kiley and Zach Fiddis.

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

5. Lake Binder and Reports

No reports were discussed at this time. Paper forms were circulated. Pam Wheaton has been tracking this since 1977.

6. Water Quality Testing

The data for Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA)'s lake quality reports are actually provided by lake associations, including Mike Evans, who has contributed North and South Otter lake tests for many years. Mike plans to retire from this position. Mike announced that anyone who wishes to take over water quality testing is welcome.

The CRCA report could be found on their web site at the link

<https://crca.ca/lake-reports/#1434542999695-a56fab9e-1f6710b4-996e>

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

7. Election of Officers / Directors

The following positions are up for election this year:

Treasurer: Mike Kramer has agreed to stand for re-election for a 2-year term

Directors: Barry Robertson and Sally Dundas have both agreed to stand for re-election for 2-year terms

Besides the incumbents, there were no other candidates.

Motion #3

Liz Evans moved to re-elect the incumbents. They join the current serving officers: President Peter Neumann, Immediate Past President Liz Evans, and Secretary Steven Blostein.

Seconded by John Fraser.

The motion was carried. The above candidates were nominated and elected with near unanimity based on a show of hands.

In 2018, the positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary will be up for election.

8. Fire Safety and Prevention

Tom Veldman Deputy Chief from South Frontenac (SF) Township presented background information. South Frontenac has 80-90 active firefighters, 9 stations, a fire boat, and two fire stations that respond to each situation. He reminded that there is a \$235 fine for no smoke alarm in homes, cottages or camper trailers. Fines for fire calls during burning bans are \$470/truck, and 6 trucks typically get called along with 10-15 fire fighters. CO₂ detectors are also required if burning solid fuel. Civic addresses (green 911 signs) should be cleared of brush. 911 should have emergency contact numbers for those renting, if applicable, for ambulance services. Chimneys and gas BBQ connections should be checked when opening up cottages. Power lines should be checked after storms for limbs on lines. Finally, Tom stated that Alcohol is the #1 reason for fires in homes.

Burning bans can be total where only BBQs with a fuel shutoff are permitted. The burning ban status can be obtained by calling the SF municipal office at 613-376-3027.

Tom Veldman also pointed out that Provincial parks are not formally within the scope of municipal fire services and have their own regulations. This is significant for NSOLA since many properties are located close to Frontenac Park and fire protection services governing Provincial parks are not transparent to NSOLA. Through an informal arrangement, South Frontenac will respond to a fire call within Frontenac Park and will do what it can to help. The Ministry of Natural Resources does have water bombers in the Bedford area. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources also has air support to fight fires.

Tom also circulated printed information regarding best practices for fire safety around homes and cottages including steel roofs, keeping wood piles more than 10' away from cottages, etc.

At the end of the presentation, Pam Stuart won a fire extinguisher that was raffled.

9. Developments in Frontenac Park

Ben Chabot, Frontenac Park Superintendent, provided the following updates:

- The Park Management Plan is in effect. Its nominal lifespan is 20 years and its main elements are to keep Frontenac Park as is.
- Parking lot expansions are underway. The Big Salmon Lake parking lot is doubling in size that should get parking off the very narrow Salmon Lake Road. The Arab Lake parking lot is undergoing a more moderate change.
- Food lockers have been installed at all 48 interior camping sites. He noted that the Park does not have bears or other animals that are habituated to getting food from humans, which is a positive and unique feature of this park.
- Historical panels funded by Friends of Frontenac Park are being erected near Arab Lake, Buck Lake, Arkon Lake and near the Park entrance.
- Free days this summer include: Healthy Parks, Healthy People (July 21) 30x30 Nature Challenge (Aug. 16), and the Friends of Frontenac 25th Anniversary.

10. Other business.

10.1. Ross Sutherland, member of South Frontenac Township council, raised an issue regarding waterfront property. South Frontenac is running out of cheap and plentiful waterfront and is trying to restrict development. The “pillars of protection” for lake quality are (i) keeping lot sizes large on lakes, and (ii) minimizing lake access points. As a township, he stated that they “do not sell road access”.

He then briefly described a scenario on Dog Lake where a narrow 40' lot was created that ran from a condo down to the lake. Another allowed a development with back lots 40'-60' wide water access. Recently, a back lot 73' wide was given approval.

Frontenac County Council's September meeting could set precedents. Condominium approvals are granted at the County level. Current minimum lot size is 300' wide. However, the above recent decisions are likely to be challenged by the Ontario Municipal Board.

10.2. Heather Jamieson reported that the Friends of Frontenac Park is looking for members to join its executive including as president. Anyone who is interested should contact Simon Smith or Herb Helmstaedt.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Brian Roche at 11:32am.
July 9, 2017.