

# CCA BULLETIN

Welcome to our first newsletter which will be published twice annually.

November, 2016

## GOOD NEWS:

Our membership growth grew 53% in 2016 to 100. We are most grateful for the support of our cottagers' and road access members who believe we are doing some good. We will continue our membership drive next season to ensure we capture more engagement from those who have not seen the benefit of being a CCA member. You can help by talking to your neighbors' as well.

## 2017 BOARD ACTIVITY

Two prime focuses for your Board in 2017 is to continue our goal to relocate the Fire Boat back to Catchacoma Marina. (See page 3)

More engagement with other chain of lake associations to share and learn. (See page 3)

## Clear Garbage Bag Program to become Effective January 1, 2017

Trent Lakes Council has endorsed a plan to see the Municipality transition to clear garbage bags therefore it will be mandatory for all residents and cottagers to use only clear plastic bags being deposited at the Landfill Site on 507 or in Buckhorn. For more information contact the Municipality at 705-738-3800 or 1-800-374-4009.



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DockFast Sail Boat Race, August 2016.



### DOCKFEST 2016.

This year we held the event in the afternoon rather in the evenings previously.

It was a huge success. Queen Elsa was greeted by many children, face painting was a hit and other activities too. To our surprise we sold out on the food but were rescued by the Marina store. The best part was to meet people we had not seen before being marketed as a community event not a member event. Tim Bishop won the sail boat race which was an exciting last minute finish between him, the Mackey's and the Lilloco's. Thanks to David Swales for organizing the sail boat race.

### Replacement of Mississauga Lake Dam

Parks Canada announced that the project was put out to tender recently

The current dam at Mississauga Lake dates to approximately 1930 and replaced a timber crib dam that had been previously built in the area. Remnants of this timber crib dam can still be seen in the water upstream of the dam site. While numerous repairs have been made on the dam over the years, there have not been any major rehabilitations since the original construction. When the existing dam was built it was anticipated that the water level of Mississauga Lake would be set much higher, thus explaining the abnormal difference in height between the dam and the overflow weir.

The new dam will be constructed immediately downstream of the existing dam and will tie into the existing overflow weir. As part of this project the dam's height will be lowered, a raised catwalk will be added to the weir, and a service gain will be added to the dam. Following construction public access across the dam will be maintained, however, this access will be separated from the operating and service gains

Contact Darryl Whitehead at 705-750-4936 or C 705-761-8555 or [darryl.whitehead@pc.gc.ca](mailto:darryl.whitehead@pc.gc.ca) for updates.

### Invasive Species & Cottage Country Utilities

This summer, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) wrote to Hydro One to enquire about their **boat-moving practices in rural Ontario**, with concern for the potential spread of invasive species between waterbodies. We were pleased to receive a response detailing Hydro One's practices for boat and trailer washing, and their intentions to comply with the draft regulations for Ontario's Invasive Species Act

A similar letter to Bell Canada has, as yet, gone unanswered. Through CCA, FOCA will keep us updated with any developments. This follows FOCA enquiries to the Ontario Provincial Police Marine Patrols last year, on the same subject

### CAVENDISH COMMUNITY RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION. (CCRAI)

CCA work with. CCRAI the organization taking the lead for us all on relations with the Municipality, the KHSSP, water levels and coliform and ecoli testing covering all our lakes

Annual General Meeting was held on October 27 2016 via conference call.

Posting of draft AGM Minutes & Financial Statements can be viewed on the website shortly.

Soon to Come: CCA is launching a new website by the first quarter of 2017

### EMAILS ARE IMPORTANT

If you plan to change your email, please advise us.

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Contact numbers for the Board of Director are listed on our website.

### IMPROVING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER COTTAGE ASSOCIATIONS

Our desire is to learn and share with other associations on our chain of lakes who operate a website, water steward program and along with a buoy master roles. They include Mississauga & District Cottagers' Association, Beaver, Cavendish, Bottle & McGinnis Association, Gold Lake Road Association and Little Gull.



SAMPLE OF A FIRE BOAT

### FIRE BOAT RELOCATION

Originally the Fire Boat was located at Baldwin's Bay Marina, then moved to Catchacoma Marina which eventually closed and then finally moved to Little Gull Marina. For a few years now, water access members on our lake, have been concerned about the timeline for response and the fact that 70+ water access cottages are located on Catchacoma Lake. Bruce Averill your President, had discussions with Don Mitchell, the Municipality Fire Chief, to rethink the location back to Catchacoma Marina. (formerly Baldwin Bay Marina). He was not receptive to this idea stating that 7-9 volunteer firefighters lived near Little Gull Marina. He indicated response time to our lake is 20 minutes. Catchacoma Marina Group also sent a communication to Mr. Mitchell receiving the same answer.

CCA will pursue this further by making a presentation to Mr. Mitchell in 2017 by mapping out all the water access cottages on Catchacoma Lake. We will do some research/homework as to benefits of relocation and perhaps offer some options for consideration by Mr. Mitchell. We will keep our members informed as to the status of this request



The CCA puts buoys out on the lake to mark the general location of most of the main boating hazards in the lake and the narrows north of the first bridge. Our volunteer maintain the buoys in place from just before the May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend until the week following Thanksgiving.

The new yellow buoys (which have replaced the red hazard markers) are Transport Canada approved hazard markers and are highly visible. As a note, when they are located off land points it usually means there are rocks from the buoy position all the way to the shore. When there are several buoys in a row or

in a loose grouping that indicates the general location of a line of rocks or a sunken island like structure

### OUR GRADITUTE TO LEITH RHODES

This year our buoy program has changed to accommodate the “retirement” of Leith Rhodes. Leith is a serves as a Board of Director of CCA and has taken on the buoys every year for the past several years. He’s done a tremendous job in ensuring the buoys are out on time, maintained throughout the season and then stored safely for the winter. It truly goes without saying Leith, the CCA and our cottage community have greatly appreciated all of your efforts over the years – **THANK-YOU very much!**

### NEW BUOY MASTER.

Our new “Buoy Master” is Jason Card. Jay sits on the Board of Directors of CCA and has now set up a group of volunteers to help with the launch, maintenance and storage of the buoys. We’ve also had success this season in GPS locating all the buoys to ensure the CCA is always prepared with proper marking locations.

### VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Our volunteer team is a dedicated group of cottagers and members of the CCA. A huge thank-you goes out to Jay Card, Steve Scott, Peter Major, Larry Gillard, Joe Natale, Eugene Marisa, and Leith Rhodes (back from retirement to make sure we did the job right!). Again, thank-you to all of our volunteers for your support and time out of your busy schedules to make sure the primary function of the CCA is upheld – our buoy program

### CCA SAYS THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

CCA loyal sponsors are instrumental in supporting the funding required to pay for insurance, cottager events, buoy program maintenance as well as initiatives such as website upgrades. We Thank them for their dedication to Catchacoma Lake, our Cottagers and Association.

