



# Sharbot Lake Property Owners' Association

## Winter 2016 E-Flash

President's Message – Kevin Browne

We have now made it through most of the winter or perhaps a non-winter. Winterlude is underway and the first week found the weather was too warm for the ice sculptures and snow castles but people still found lots to do. While I enjoy the milder days I wonder if the climate changes will further affect the algae levels that we see throughout the summer months in our lake.

As mentioned in the last years AGM, the Love Your Lake program has completed the shoreline survey of the West Basin and Elbow Lake meaning that all of the shoreline is completed. Letters will be mailed to the property owners this spring to these owners allowing them to obtain their FREE copy of the shoreline report for their property. We hope that you will take advantage of this. If you are part of the East Basin and have not obtained your copy and do not remember your access codes please reach out to me and I will work with Watersheds Canada to get you the information so that you can still get the report.

Also we are still in progress for the Fish Habitat Improvement project. The planning and organizing is well under way and a few sites have been identified. We are working with Watersheds Canada to obtain funding and will be looking to our members for volunteer support to develop the chosen site.

We are in the process of planning the presentations for the 2016 Annual General Meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 10:00am. Once again it will be held at the St. James Major Catholic Church. This is a week later than normal to allow everyone to have the opportunity to take advantage of the Hazardous Waste day on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We will also in the process of organising the Social Dinner on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the church and will provide detail in the Spring newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We are always looking for new programs/projects and for people who believe in them and wish to be a part of it. If you have a program or project that you think would benefit the lake environment please let the executive know.

Best wishes for a wonderful winter and for looking forward towards a fantastic summer at the lake..

**\*\*\* CALL TO ACTION \*\*\***

### Amnesty Load at the Dump under review again

In the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 edition of The Frontenac News there was a small article where Public Works Manager John Badgley recommended that Council reconsider the decision they passed last March 2015 to see the program extended until November 2019, I believe due to the many letters sent from property owners. Once again it seems that while the seasonal people are absent from the area that items like these come up. Wouldn't it be nice if they included a list in our property taxes as to what they are considering to take away from our services.

In the article Badgley states that there were 800 amnesty loads in 2015 which represent \$20,000 in lost revenue and that his aim in ending the program is to extend the waste sites life by diverting or charging for the loads. I believe it has been forgotten that one reason these loads were started were due to the amount of garbage dumped along township roads. That also had costs to it which do not seem to be a factor in this decision and are now forgotten.

But the best part is that Badgley believes that many of the summer residents use the program to clean up our permanent homes and yards. Obviously we are taking the time to collect our garbage in Toronto, Ottawa and other surrounding areas, and transport it to Central Frontenac to deliver to the dump because it is easier. I do not believe Badgley understands that we have home garbage pickup that is not limiting our ability to deal with it easily in our home towns. I myself tend to take my garbage from Central Frontenac back to my permanent residence as the Township dumps are in the opposite direction that I travel.

Councillor Bill MacDonald supports cancelling the program as he has never used it. He also mentioned that he was considering the costs to open new waste sites.

It has been mentioned on the Central Frontenac website that Badgley will present the following letter at the council meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Amnesty Load continued

### What is an Amnesty Load Program?

Once per year, during specific dates, the Township offered property owners with inhabited dwellings one free load of bulky waste to the designated municipal landfill site.

### Excerpt from a Report to Council from the Public Works Dept. on this program:

The Amnesty Load program has run for a number of years with the original intention of giving residents an opportunity to clean up their properties for free so that clutter and garbage did not build up and become unsightly. This program has incurred a high cost without really meeting expectations... Read full report to council at [www.centralfrontenac.com](http://www.centralfrontenac.com).

**Does it make good business sense to continue this program? You decide!**

**Your council representatives want to hear from you. Please tell them what you think.**

Email: [township@centralfrontenac.com](mailto:township@centralfrontenac.com)

### Or you can reach out to them directly at:

Frances Smith, Mayor [mayor\\_smith@centralfrontenac.com](mailto:mayor_smith@centralfrontenac.com)

William MacDonald, Councillor [billmacdo@outlook.com](mailto:billmacdo@outlook.com)

Sherry Whan, Councillor [swhan@centralfrontenac.com](mailto:swhan@centralfrontenac.com)

## Cottage Succession Workshop

SLPOA is working with the Lake Networking Group to organize a Cottage Succession Seminar to be held by FOCA. Presently the date is slated for August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and it is to be held in Perth. Once the details are finalized we will provide additional information.

This would be similar to the very popular August 2011 workshop that FOCA and the Lake Networking Group held in Perth.

It has been 5 years since the last local workshop on this topic and there are probably many families in our local lake communities who would find the information presented at one of these workshops very timely. As before, estate lawyer Peter Lillico would be the presenter.

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### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Date of Meeting: February 9, 2016**

**From: John Badgley Public Works Manager**

**Re: Amnesty Loads**

### A. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Central Frontenac Waste Management Committee is recommending that the Council for the Township of Central Frontenac consider re-opening the discussion on the Amnesty Loads and consider discontinuing this for this year and the years to come.

### B. BACKGROUND/ INFORMATION

The Waste Management Committee met on January 27th 2016 and discussed the amnesty load program. As part of that discussion, they would like council to reconsider the decision to continue this program until 2018.

With our waste site filling up, we need to be responsible waste site operators. And therefore, we need to divert waste, grind waste and find ways to reduce our waste and no longer allow free disposal of items.

Allowing the free disposal, residents are not considering that a number of these items could be donated or repurposed instead of disposing them at the waste sites at no cost. With this program we already see a significant increase in volume, which ultimately is filling the waste sites quicker than anticipated.

Presently, Wemp waste site is scheduled to be at capacity within 4 years, Olden is scheduled to be at capacity in 12 years and 38 is a transfer site. With the large number of loads that enter these sites on the amnesty days, we are shorting the life of these sites at a quicker pace than expected.

### C. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

When our waste sites are full, we will then have to start trucking all our waste and that will in turn increase our cost dramatically.

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## SLPOA = GNPWCASL

Our neighbouring association at Eagle Lake found that there was a number of things they would like to do but they needed more help from their members. They used a reach out letter which I asked to borrow and use for our executive. I hope you enjoy the read and look forward to hearing from you.

In the 1990 movie “Crazy People” an advertising exec played by Dudley Moore finds himself in an insane asylum where he engages his fellow patients in the fine art of crafting marketing slogans. The product of this exercise is made hilarious by unvarnished, bald truth as reflected in this beckon to Broadway: “Come to New York. There were fewer murders last year”. Moore’s helpmates were unfettered by the niceties, customs and conventions of language. They spoke directly and truthfully and in that vein we humbly suggest that SLPOA (Board of Directors) *really means* Good Natured People Who Care About Sharbot Lake or GNPWCASL.

We’re inviting you to join this group of Good Natured People Who Care About Sharbot Lake. We’re remarkably social – we meet at someone’s cottage in summer and use teleconferencing in winter for a couple of hours a few times a year. There’s always a bit of lunch, lots of catching up on what’s happening around the lake, as well as current issues. We are about as unlike an Executive as you can possibly imagine. And what we do is about as unlike ‘work’ as anything pleasurable can be.

Over the past 40 years, we’ve tackled and made progress on a lot of problems but there’s one problem only you can help with – **we need more, new members in the executive**. And we’ve come to realize that joining the Executive of the Sharbot Lake Property Owners’ Association sounds pretty daunting. So don’t think about that long, dusty title. Think about joining a bunch of Good Natured People Who Care About Sharbot Lake. Come on in! The friendship is warm!

If you would consider joining the board, please use the following contact information. Remember also that our board meetings are open to any member. So, if you would like to attend a meeting this summer to get a better idea of what is involved, please do get in touch by email at [kevin.browne@slpoa.ca](mailto:kevin.browne@slpoa.ca) or by telephone at 613-668-7416.

Your Executive has a second request for our membership. We are beginning the process of reviewing accomplishments since the publication of our initial *State of the Lake Report*, and considering the goals that can be set for the future. Among the topics are water quality information, status of fish stocks, wastewater management, climate change effects, and flora and fauna important to the lake environment.

We would like to have more of our membership involved in this endeavor. If you are willing to participate in any of the above topics, have material and information you would like considered or have a special interest and expertise that would assist with any of the topics, we would appreciate your contacting us by email at [kevin.browne@slpoa.ca](mailto:kevin.browne@slpoa.ca) or by telephone at 613-668-7416.

Kevin Browne

*On behalf of the current Executive*

## Hello Friends of the Market!



Good Morning Everybody!

There's some changes going on in the background of the Sharbot Lake Farmers Market that you should all know about. One is that I am your new market manager. Come find me and introduce yourselves this summer!

The other big one is about contact information. **We no longer have the info@sharbotlakefarmersmarket address.**

The website has the same URL, and it contains a "contact us" page that forwards your email to me thru a private server (did I say that correctly, Tim?). Regardless, you can go thru the "contact us" page, or you can send emails directly to me ([slfmsumarie@gmail.com](mailto:slfmsumarie@gmail.com)) as the market manager, or to Mary who is now the treasurer ([marydslfm@gmail.com](mailto:marydslfm@gmail.com)). If you try to reach us thru the old email address, you will get various error messages.

Thank you in advance to all of you for being a part of this amazing resource we are creating for ourselves and our community!!

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

### CALLING AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS



**Submit your photos to us and you could be a winner!**

After the success of the first year of the photo contest we continue to want your photos to see the pictures that you feel reflect the cottage environment. These can consist of nature, animals, kids, friends and events.

Email your photos to [kevin.browne@slpoa.ca](mailto:kevin.browne@slpoa.ca) along with your message/description. Contest rules are posted in the Forum ([click here](#)).

**Contest entries must be received by midnight  
on Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

Contest winners will receive:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: a FujiFilm FinePix XP70 camera
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: a \$50 gift certificate to Sharbot Country Inn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: 2 Cineplex movie tickets

**Winner will be announced at the  
AGM on July 23, 2016.**

## Winter Activities

### Family Day in the Frontenac's

**February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**11AM – 3PM**

Frontenac Community Arena – All events are Free!

All details can be found by clicking [here](#)



### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Frontenac Heritage Festival

**February 12-15, 2016**

Fireworks, Pioneer Displays, Crafts, Food, Skating,  
Music, Variety Night, Photo Contest, Heritage Walk/Run.

All details can be found by clicking [here](#)