

COTTAGER'S ASSOC.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OXBOW LAKE

-- as received from the Ontario Department of Natural Resources - 1974.

Mr. Brooker is the Lands Manager for the area.
Mr. Bill Elrington - is the Fisheries Manager for the area.

Oxbow Lake has 413.1 acres of water surface, and 7.42 miles of shoreline.

It has a maximum depth of 115 feet, (in the area near the cliff on the East Arm of the lake,) and an overall average depth of 34.7 feet.

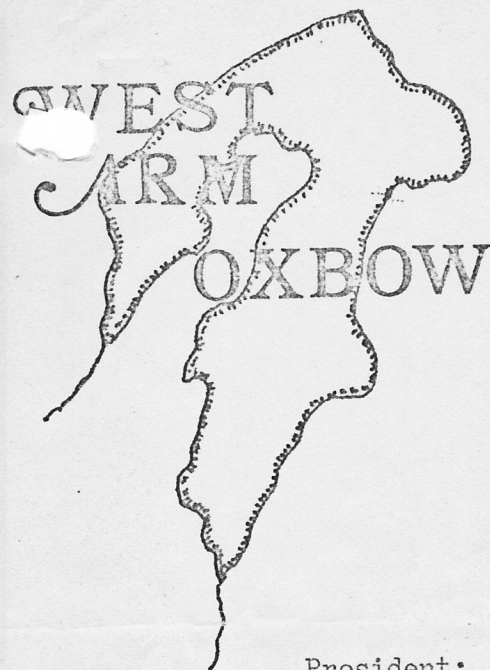
There are two particularly hazardous points on the lake for boat navigation, as rock shoals come very close to the surface and the water is only a foot or so deep depending on the water level. The two areas marked with a red mark on the map above.

The lake is stocked on a regular basis with Lake Trout species. The program at the present time is as follows - April 1973, 6,600 L. Trout were planted, - April 1974, 6,600 L. Trout planted - and with the balance of the five year program until 1978, it is expected that a similar amount will be planted until 1978. It takes about four years for these fish to mature to a proper size for keeping, if they have in fact survived the four years.

As a point of interest, persons may visit one of the raising ponds nearby where these fish are raised - located on Skelton Lake, near Ullswater. (About 11 miles west of Hwy 11 and about 10 miles south of Huntsville. - Turn west of Hwy 11 at Mary Lake Motors. Follow signs.

The Fisheries Manager has requested our co-operation, (that is everyone on the Lake) of keeping track of our fish catches - no matter what type or whether they are kept or returned to the water - then recording this data on the forms provided - and sending this information in to them, will help in better fish management and future assesment of species etc. We will try to have plenty of these forms available this year.

Gerry Dodds.



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West Arm Oxbow Cottager's Association Executive

for 1973 - 74 and the 1974 - 75 seasons :

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Assisted by

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Member at Large: Mr. Bob Fenwick
609 Gainsborough Ave.,
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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS

Council Meeting

TUESDAY, November 27/73

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Township of Lake of Bays held on Tuesday, November 27, 1973. Meeting called to order 7:00 P.M. with all members of council except Ted Hungerford in attendance.

KEY-CUTTRESS: That the minutes of the regular meeting, Nov. 14th, and the special meeting, November 20th, 1973, be adopted and circulated. Carried.

Those attending on Council on various matters of business were:

Messrs. Meredith, Lilly and Cheney (cottagers on West Oxbow Lake) and Mr. R. V. Allison, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, to discuss with Council the possibility of the Township assuming summer maintenance on the West Oxbow Lake Road. This request had been made previously and refused by Council as the Road in question does not meet the present required standards. However, it was pointed out to Council that the cottagers had brought the road up to the standards which prevailed when the subdivision had been put in and any work done would be eligible for subsidy from the M. T. C.

1. Perry Copes - to ask re-deeding two very small portions of the road into the Delbrooke subdivision to the municipality, with the same agreement which covers former conveyances.

2. Doug. Russell - White Pines Resort - to ask if anything further had transpired with regards to the Lohman severance application, his concern being with the 16' right-of-way leading to his commercial property. He was advised that there have been no further definite developments in this matter.

SPENCER - CUTTRESS: That we assume summer maintenance of the West Oxbow road for a distance of one mile from Little Oxbow Creek, inasmuch as it has been brought to our attention that this subdivision was put in prior to January 1, 1966, and met the requirements existing at that time and that the M.T.C. will subsidize our work. Carried.

McKey - SPENCER: That we request the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to make a Roads Needs Study in the Township of Lake of Bays. Carried.

CUTTRESS - KEOWN: That we give the Ministry of Natural Resources permission to grant water lot occupancy permits to South Portage Marine, Lot 22, Con. 10, Franklin; and to Kelnar Marina, Pt. Lot 15, Con. 8, McLean Ward. Carried.

KEOWN - CUTTRESS: That we instruct the Building Inspector to issue a building permit for the 71-room extension to Britannia Hotel. Carried.

8 Hampton Brook Drive
Weston 626, Ontario

15 October 1970

Mr. Ed. McRobbie
86 Clansman Blvd.
Willowdale, Ontario

Dear Mr. McRobbie:

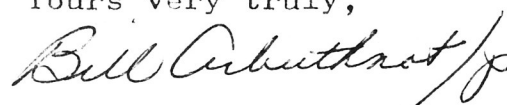
Due to the excellent response and co-operation received from yourself, and the majority of the cottagers, we have been able to institute our plans for the development of a road on the West-Arm Peninsula of Oxbow Lake.

The contract for the road has gone to Marrob Developments. When discussing construction details, we were asked to advise all cottagers that it is very important they post their "Lot Lines" as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, would you please arrange this at your earliest convenience. Some people have already posted their "Spur road" markers and if time allowed, possibly this could be done at the same time as the Lot Lines are posted. The contractors have agreed to advise us a week or so prior to commencement of the construction on the spur roads.

You will be receiving a letter from Mr. McBride advising you of a meeting to be held by the Local Roads Board. It is very important to the development of this new road that, where possible, we attend this session. Would you, therefore, make a special effort to try and attend the meeting.

We, of the Committee, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the excellent co-operation we have received from you. We appreciate the trust placed in us and will certainly do our utmost to keep you up to date on the progress made. If we may be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,



W.J. Arbuthnot

Messrs.
R.W. Lilly
W.J. Arbuthnot
Dr. B. Herod
K. Chency

R.W. Lilly
26 Ravenscrest Dr.
Islington, Ontario

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DEAR COTTAGER:

During the past three years there has been discussions about building a road up the Oxbow Peninsula to serve those cottagers that presently rely on transportation by water. The possibility of this becoming a reality is now in our hands and we, the undersigned, are pleased to present the facts for your immediate consideration.

PROPOSAL

1. The location of the road will be on Crown Land only as approved by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.
2. The road will commence at the East side of Little Oxbow Creek, proceeding in a South-eastern direction to a point where it will turn to a North-western heading, thence over the top of the first elevation of land, crossing the narrows at Alford's and continuing in a Northern direction, terminating on or about the Concession road allowance near the point of the Peninsula.
3. The contractor will locate the road as close to the rear markers of each lot as the terrain will permit, and generally will be parallel with the markers.
4. The construction specifications are the same as the Local Roads Boards which are acceptable to the Ontario Department of Highways.
5. The spur, or driveway roads, leading into the cottage properties are the responsibility of the individual owner. When the initial road has been completed, those owners wishing to, may choose their own contractor or accept the flat rate of the main road contractor of \$125.00 per spur or driveway. The owner is to mark the location of the spur or driveway and arrange with the contractor the necessary financing.

ASSESSMENT

1. Each surveyed lot including a cottage thereon, constitutes one share and the value is \$400.00.
2. Raw land, owned by principals other than the Crown, the assessment is determined as follows: Each 300 feet of lake front constitutes one lot but, because it is underdeveloped land, the value is $\frac{1}{2}$ share or \$200.00. Conversely, 1,000 feet of lake frontage would be $1\frac{1}{2}$ shares valued at \$600.00.

This is the last opportunity we on the Peninsula will have in establishing a road as, on January 1st, 1971, the Regional Government takes Office. On this date, all existing roads which were controlled by a Local Roads Boards will automatically come under their supervision.

We have a written quotation and the Contractor is ready to go. Would you, therefore, sign in the appropriate place that is acceptable to you.

Yours very truly,

MESSRS. K. Cheney
W. Arbuthnot
Dr. B. Herod
R. Lilly

Enclosures.