

WEST OXBOW COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION

30 Forest Hill Road
St. Catharines, Ont.
May 25th, 1960.

Dear Cottage Owner,
Oxbow Lake.

Despite the poor weather over the past holiday week-end most of the cottagers were up, many for the first time this year, and hammers and saws could be heard where additions and improvements were being made. The road committee hope to continue to do their part as quickly as possible so far as the funds and services are available. Lack of attendance at last year's annual meeting can only be regarded as satisfaction rather than lack of interest.

The annual meeting was held at the McBride cottage on August 3, 1959, and minutes as recorded by George Hawley are enclosed. Please keep them for reference for this year's meeting which is expected to be held on Sunday, July 31, which you will be more definitely advised of before that date.

A financial statement is enclosed, and it is most gratifying that all arrears have been brought up-to-date. Fees, together with the bank balance at December 31, 1959, are expected to provide funds of approximately \$500 to \$525.

The new parking lot and dock facilities were proceeded with late in 1959, and due to unknown conditions that turned up after the bulldozing was done the cost will run higher than estimated. The road committee made a survey on the holiday and conditions were found to be excellent with the exception of several spots, and orders have already been placed for the renewal of several culverts and ditching, particularly on the hill. The dock is expected to be ready for this summer. The parking lot should be able to be used in the top area if the gravel compacts sufficiently. It is hoped that this year's funds will be sufficient to cover these expenses.

Last year most cottagers were in favor of a sign with their name on it. The Department of Highways will no longer allow signs of more than 3 names to be posted, and as a result the Department have been requested to place a sign at highway #514 to read "Oxbow Lake - West Arm Road". The individual names have now been placed at the end of the road leading to the lake. It has already been erected and compares with any that would have been erected by the Department of Highways. Vic House is to be commended for his work. Unfortunately the list of names supplied to have signs painted was lost, and rather than send out a further questionnaire everyone's name has been included and we trust that all will be glad to pay the cost of \$2.50.

No further action has been taken on the questionnaire for the inhalator until provision is made by the Kiwanis who are sponsoring the project.

Your attention is brought to several items that will benefit everyone. If you rent your cottage be sure to impress upon the tenant that garbage should be

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burned or disposed of at the dump and not along the road. For the sake of safety of children and adults the speed limit along the road should be kept to 10 miles per hour. At the same time the road will stay in better condition. The hill should be ascended and descended in low gear. A slow steady pull will keep the road in much better shape.

In order to conserve the time of the writer it would be appreciated if the fees and cost of the signs are sent in promptly.

Sincerely yours,

WEST OXBOW COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION



C. S. McBride.

Your dues for 1960, including the cost of the sign of \$2.50, plus exchange if applicable, are \$ 10¹⁵. Make your cheque payable to "C. S. McBride - In Trust" and mail to 30 Forest Hill Road, St. Catharines, Ont.

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Minutes of meeting held at the McBride Cottage on August 1, 1960, at 10.00 a.m.

Present: H. Cambray D. Goodhand
 L. Coleman B. Henson
 B. Fenwick S. McBride
 T. Gee J. Evenden

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Tom Gee, seconded by H. Cambray.

Financial Statement (and minutes) - given by Stan McBride;
Accepted on motion of Tom Gee, seconded by D. Goodhand.

Verbal Report given by Stan McBride re activities of Road Committee and other subjects discussed :

- 1) The parking lot at the Bay has been completed and the dock built. The parking lot is in good condition and should improve as it compacts during the winter months.

The dock is an excellent job, and it is now possible to back a trailer into the water at this point for launching a boat.

- 2) The sign bearing the names of West Oxbow Cottagers, placed on Mr. Scott's property with his consent, is a definite asset to our Association.

The sign when completed cost \$102.84, and was paid for by those cottagers whose names are on the sign, at a fee of \$2.50 each, the balance coming from the general fund.

Our thanks to Vic House for the fine job done on this sign.

- 3) The road sign on Highway 514 was obtained after 3 years of continuous effort by Stan McBride, at no cost to the Association. It was found that Mr. Brook was actually a Road Commissioner for Sinclair Township and with his signature on the necessary application the sign was obtained.
- 4) Permission was granted to allow Mrs. Boyd's name to be placed in the "Name Sign".
- 5) Request for financial aid in the construction of approximately 880 yards of the MacFarland, Brookson Road was declined.

It was agreed by those present that once this road is established and in as good condition as the original one mile road, maintenance such as gravelling, brushing etc. would be given consideration by the Association, to the back of lot lines.

- 6) Mr. Scott (Oxbow Lodge) was to be approached by H. Cambray and T. Gee to see if he would permit the use of part of his lodge for Saturday and Wednesday night dances for teenagers on the Lake.
- 7) A committee composed of T. Gee, S. McBride and L. Coleman was appointed to inquire re relations between Camp Kiwanis and West Oxbow Cottagers.

This matter being of a serious nature was carried out immediately and with excellent results. Please refer to letter dated August 11/60 by the above committee.

- 8) It was moved by B. Henson and seconded by H. Cambray that Stan McBride contact the Dept. of Lands and Forests re stocking of Oxbow Lake.

Election of Officers -

It was moved by T. Gee and seconded by B. Henson, that the Road Committee of Messrs. McBride, Barclay, Hawley and House, remain the same for the 1960-61 season.

Proposed work to be undertaken in the year 1961 -

- 1) Road to be gravelled entire length of original mile road.
- 2) Brushing to be done along first section of road and where Road Committee deem advisable.
- 3) Culverts to be cleaned out and repaired where necessary.
- 4) Culvert at Cambray end of road to be checked in spring to see if improvements required.
- 5) Parking lot to be checked to see if additional improvements needed.

WEST OXBOW COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1960

Bank Balance December 31, 1959

\$ 98.41

Receipts from Fees 1960 and Sign

W. H. Shaver - up to & including 1960	18.00
Miss Harriett V. Poirier 1960	10.00
D. Goodhand 1960	10.00
Victor C. House 1960	17.50
J.G. Hawley 1960	17.50
N. E. Wrycroft 1960	17.50
J. J. Cowan 1960	10.00
C. S. McBride 1960	10.00
Jas. W. Evenden 1960	17.50
Mrs. Helen MacRae 1960	17.50
H. Clements 1960	17.50
Rev. R. Rolls 1960	17.50
L. Barclay 1960	10.00
Dr. M. L. Hubbard 1960	12.50
R. L. Garth 1960	10.00
Rev. Thos. Gee 1960	10.00
Jno. D. Forrest 1960	17.50
R. C. Fenwick 1960	17.50
W. D. Alford 1960	17.50
D. S. McFarland 1960	17.50
Howard Cambray 1960	20.00
Basil Henson 1960	42.50
Mrs. L. Bedell 1960	10.00
T. F. Maddaugh 1960	17.50
Ed Mosur 1960	17.50
L. Coleman 1960	42.50
Richard Scott 1960	10.00
Thos. A. Hodgins 1960	<u>42.50</u>

495.50
598.91

Miscellaneous:

Bank Interest less Bank Charges

.38
594.29

Disbursements:

Parking Lot - Edgar Brook - \$377.00 - balance	252.00
Dock, culvert, ditching - \$303.46 - part	225.00
Signs - Thos. A. Hodgins	66.00
J. Leslie Holmes	12.00
Petty Cash - C.S. McBride - Stamps 1959	6.00
" 1960	6.00
Sign - paint	5.55
" - nails	<u>1.68</u>

574.23

Bank Balance December 31, 1960

\$ 20.06

Outstanding Fees 1960 & Sign costs :

Elymer McDermott	17.50
Harvey Scott	17.50
Jno. H. O'Neill	17.50
S.H. Brookson	17.50
Gary Walters	<u>17.50</u>
\$	<u>87.50</u>

Outstanding Debt - Dock

Edgar Brook \$78.46