

Oxbow Lodge 6 Aug 1978

At the annual meeting of the West Arm Oxbow Cottage association, several cottagers from the East Arm attended. Mr Peterson, our representative on council was present and spoke to us of several ~~de~~ developments in the district.

The Boris Lorp and Mc Namara construction company's plan for Lumberlost lodge will soon come before the Environmental board for final approval and almost certainly be passed. The development plans 340 dwellings and a small shopping plaza. No. 8 highway will be upgraded all the way and this should also be a tax boost to the area. The builders have planned a sewage treatment plant (Tertiary?) which should be .3 per thousand efficient and the effluent will be divided equally and run into Little Clear Lake and Buck Lake.

The Kiwanis Camp is up for sale and the Ontario Crippled Children's association is said to be making enquiries about purchasing it.

Mr Peterson mentioned that title to waterfront road allowance may now be purchased for \$1.50 a foot.

There is \$40,000 in the roads dept. budget to be spent on improving Muskoka road 8 near Billie Bear Lodge.

The cottagers are concerned with the need for more road speed signs on Muskoka road 8 and also for a left turn lane or a flashing yellow light on the turn-off from Highway 60.

The lack of cooperation of the school board with the council re holding the tax line was discussed by Mr Peterson. He suggested the school in Dorset with only 60 pupils should be closed.

The tax situation pertaining to Britannia Lodge and the T.M. group was also discussed. If this group manages to be classed as exempt because they are in the education field, the district would lose \$14-16000 yearly taxes. Council intends to fight any exemption.

A motion by Mrs Lee Cowan inviting the cottagers of the East Arm to join with the West Arm and become the Elbow Cottage Association was passed. The annual dues remain at \$2.00. Doug Slatter and Robt. Jenkins were named to coordinate with the East arm cottagers with the West arm.

A "get-together" was proposed for 8pm on Saturday August 26 at lot 27 of the West arm. This is the second lot from the public dock. Each family will bring sandwiches for their family and they will be put together. Coffee will be provided.

Plans were discussed for a Canada day celebration - weiner roast - canoe races etc for next July first. The annual meeting will probably be held during the Civic holiday in August.

The West Arm of Elbow Cottage Association has been a member of the Federation of Cottage Assoc. of Ontario for 4 years, paying the annual fee of \$25. Their representative is Jerry Dodds. He spoke of their activities and told us that they now have a permanent office at 115 Moorish Rd. Scarborough and a staff of three. They hold their annual meeting in Jan. or Feb and he would like to see a good turnout at it. It was suggested that the Ont. federation should tackle the drastic rises over the past few years of the hydro rates.