

## OXBOW LAKE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: SUNDAY AUGUST 1, 1993

LOCATION: OXBOW LODGE

Meeting was opened by president Ed McRobbie.

Ed McRobbie introduced guests Bill McNaughton (Councillor) and Ernie Martin (District & Area Councilor) to members.

Ed McRobbie announced that minutes from 1992 meeting were available.

John Bowman made a motion that 1992 minutes be accepted. Motion was seconded by John Cowan. Minutes were accepted.

The financial report was presented. Vic House motioned that the \$5.00 membership fee be maintained based on adequate funds at the present time. Dick Scott Seconded motion. Motion carried.

### REPORT ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES:

MNR was confirmed as owning the land leading into and around Little OxBow Lake. Any signs stating private property are to be ignored in this particular area.

Hunting blinds have been reported in several locations in proximity to cottager's lands. There will be an investigation into this with unauthorized blinds being removed.

### ADDRESS FROM BILL MCNAUGHTON:

Mr. McNaughton stated that he has worked extensively with the appropriate Roads Superintendent regarding the big hill on the west arm road. The estimated cost of circumventing the hill to MTO standards is \$110,000. The moneys are not provided in current year budget and if they were to move ahead with the project this year the money would have to be borrowed. If they were able to obtain a grant for the work, the municipality's expense would be cut to about \$50,000. Mr. McNaughton assured the Association that the big hill project will be included in the 1994 budget. He went on to say that even when the existing big hill is removed, snowplowing would not continue past the community dock turn-off.

There has been some work done recently on the west arm road, ie: grading, new culverts, brushing of some corners, and gravel dressing in some locations. Additional work will commence within two weeks on particularly poor sections between lots 47 and 50 and lots 57 and 61.

Al Barsevich (Road Supervisor for the association), thanked Bill for his efforts to date and reiterated the feelings of many present that some significant improvement must be made in 1994, most particularly the big hill, or there will be collective actions taken towards the municipality for breach of promise and reallocation of budgeted funds.

Tom McBride commented on the unnecessary and excessive use of sand on the west arm road during the winter months. Could these funds not be better utilized in respect to our road?

Peter Heibert commented about the lack of attention given to the condition of the east arm road. It was recognized that this roadway is particularly rough in places and in need of brushing in several locations. It was recognized by the members to make an effort to include the concerns of this road when addressing the west arm road conditions.

The problem was described as one of a lack of voice in the past. Mr. Heibert agreed to become a Member at Large in order for the Association to better communicate the needs of the east arm road to the authorities.

Tom McBride suggested that the cottagers get together and do their own brushing to help widen road. Tom asked anyone interested to meet him Tuesday August 3, 1993 by the Cambray's to commence brushing.

#### HIGHWAY 60/MUSKOKA ROAD 8 INTERSECTION

Mr. McNaughton stated that the MTO conducted a study and deemed that a left turn lane was required but that a lamp standard was not necessary. The lack of light was an issue with several members. It was described as turning into a black hole at night. Request was made to further address this issue with the MTO perhaps in conjunction with other lake associations along Muskoka Road 8.

#### PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY 460.

The proposed construction of Highway 460 east of Muskoka Road 8 was tabled by Mr. McNaughton. This is a \$150 million (plus) project which is meeting strong objection throughout the community. Current studies show that 85% of traffic leaving Huntsville on Highway 60 turn off before Dwight. This statistic suggests that a new highway is unnecessary.

Mr. Alford motioned that the Association take a stand against the movement of Highway 60. John Cowan seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Bill McNaughton suggested that members of the Association send letters of objection and c.c. to Bob Rae and Dan Waters. Letters opposing movement of highway can be sent to:

The Right Honorable Gilles Pouliot  
Minister's Office  
Ministry of Transportation of Ontario  
3rd Floor, Ferguson Block  
77 Wellesley St. West.  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1Z8

Phone - (416) 327-9200

Fax - (416) 327-9185

Gord Jackson presented the following motion:

That the executive of the OxBow Cottager's Association diligently and forthwith begin discussions with the Township of Lake of Bays relative to the following improvements to allow year around access to the residents on the peninsula;

- 1) removal of a minimum of sixteen (16) feet from the top of the big hill to facilitate the plowing of the road. This to be done by the winter of 1994-95.
- 2) That the present road from the bottom of the big hill to the end of the peninsula be upgraded (not necessary to MTC standards) in three (3) stages beginning in 1995 with completion by 1997.

Motion was seconded by Bruce Cameron. A number of cottagers supported the motion.

In response, Ed McRobbie will communicate with Bill McNaughton and the mayor concerning this motion and aim for a commitment in writing.

Mr. McNaughton addressed the issue of access to those living on the unapproved (by MTC standards) sections of the road. School bus access is only as far as the community dock. There is no legal obligation for the town to provide school bus, ambulance, fire access, etc. for those cottagers choosing to live year around on what is considered a seasonal road.

#### WATER QUALITY:

Christine Rolls-Cambray addressed the association with respect to water quality. She has been reviewing MOE information and talking with MOE representatives and has determined that there are a number of things that as cottagers we can do to lessen nutrients being washed into the lake. We had an algae bloom during summer of 1992 and Ed McRobbie reported that there is a new bloom in the bay of the east arm.

Chris presented a single page sheet with guidelines for cottagers to follow to decrease pollution and nutrient levels in our lake. Chris proposed that the association approve cost for printing of sheet and it be distributed to all cottagers on the lake.

Eileen forest motioned to get this sheet printed and distributed for each cottage on the lake, regardless of Association membership. Bill Wylie seconded motion. Motion carried.

Chris will get sheet printed at the most competitive rate.

Gerry Dodds reported an alleged septic tank problem at the Olympia Sports Camp last summer. Was this a contributor to the algae bloom last year?

Gord Jackson noted that he observed what appeared to be raw sewage floating on the water in the vicinity of the camp in October 1992.

Judy Brouse requested that we get the lake water professionally evaluated and septic systems checked on a regular program. Others commented that we can gather suspicious samples ourselves and have them tested.

Bill McNaughton knows a university professor who brings students into area to perform lake quality studies in October. He will give name and number to Ed McRobbie. Ed will follow up and contact this professor to request a sampling.

Bill Smeaton mentioned that he receives a faster response to water quality issues by contacting the Medical Officer.

Lynn Brown brought a number of brochures covering a range of topics relevant to cottage owners. These brochures are available after the meeting.

#### OTHER MATTERS:

Ed McRobbie announced that Bob Fenwick, a former cottage owner and member of the Association, passed away last week.

Reminder of the cottagers dinner Sunday August 1, 1993 at OxBow Lodge. Dinner \$12.95 per person. Choice of chicken or beef. Reservations are required.

Gord Jackson raised concern about quantity of garbage from Olympia Camp. Gord feels that \$10.00 for a level 1/2 ton truck load of garbage is too low.

The camp is supposed to be putting their garbage in clear plastic bags and separating recyclables. Gord and other members do not feel that this is being done.

Bill McNaughton will investigate.

# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

AS OF AUGUST 1, 1993

## DEPOSITS

FROM G. DODDS	545.43	
ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	20.00	
INTEREST	2.41	
		567.84

## WITHDRAWALS

FOCA	110.00	
ED MCROBBIE	91.14	
		201.14

<u>BALANCE</u>		366.70
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SUBMITTED BY LYNN JACKSON - SECRETARY TREASURER

Ed McRobbie  
Oxbow Lake Cottagers Association  
92 Longwater Chase  
Unionville, Ontario  
L3R 4B1

September 26, 1993

### **Oxbow Lake Cottagers Association - Fall 1993 Update**

Well, the summer of 1993 is behind us now and wasn't it a beauty. The autumn colours have now arrived and our good weather has continued.

At our cottagers meeting in August I was asked to mail out the minutes and financial report of the meeting when they were completed. The minutes and financial report will be hand delivered to many on the Thanksgiving weekend and mailed to those of you we miss.

Many road concerns were voiced at our meeting. In the following week the culverts, gravelling and grading that had been committed to by Bill McNaughton prior to our meeting was completed. The work done has made a very noticeable improvement to the road. Thank you very much Bill. On-going road needs will be coordinated through Al Barsevich our roads commissioner via discussions with Bill McNaughton. Al has had 2 or 3 other cottagers assisting him in this area. Thanks for your help in coordinating this Al.

An important environmental issue was brought to the floor at our meeting by Chris Herz-Cambray. Chris felt that all cottagers shared a common concern for the water quality of Oxbow Lake. To assist in maintaining and improving the quality of the lake water requires everyones attention. To assist in this matter Chris prepared an excellent one page poster which we ask that you post in your cottage. All of the points mentioned in this poster will assist all cottagers and their friends who periodically use their cottages to help keep our lake clean. This "OxBow Lake is Our Responsibility!" poster will be hand delivered to many of you on Thanksgiving weekend. For those of you who we miss we will be delivering them to you in the spring of 1994. This poster is too important to be put in the mail and possibly lost. Thanks for your great work on this item Chris and Evan..

In previous mailings an update on annual dues was periodically included. Many cottagers miss our annual meeting due to having visitors up for the long weekend and would like to keep up to date on their annual dues. We have included a personal update for you with this mailing. It shows your dues status for 1992/93/94/95. Dues are still only \$5.00 per year. If you are behind and want to get up to date please forward a cheque to our treasurer Lynn Jackson, RR#4, Box 323, Huntsville, Ontario, POA 1KO. Please make the cheque payable to Oxbow Lake Cottagers Association. Thanks Lynn for continuing on as our treasurer. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

At this time I would like to say thank you to our 1992/93 executive. I would also like to welcome our new executive additions, Kerry Judges (Vice President) and Chris Herz-Cambray (Secretary). Welcome aboard and thanks for the help.

In closing I wish all of you a happy and healthy fall 93 & spring 94. See you all next year.

Yours Truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ed'.

Ed McRobbie

c.c Lynn Jackson  
c.c Kerry Judges  
c.c Chris Herz-Cambray

Ed McRobbie  
President  
Cxbow Lake Cottagers Assoc  
92 Longwater Chase  
Unionville, Ontario  
L3R 4B1

February 10, 1993

Mayor M. Scott  
Township of Lake of Bays  
Dwight, Ontario  
POA 1HO

Reference: Concerns of Cxbow Lake Cottagers Association

Dear Mayor Scott

At our last cottagers meeting of Aug 2, 1992 a number of items came up which I am requesting your assistance with.

Bill McNaughton visited us for the meeting and heard all of the concerns. I promised Bill a copy of the minutes of the meeting in order for him to give us feedback on the items of concern. A copy of the minutes of our meeting are being sent to Bill, Dave McHattie and yourself.

On Oct. 13, 1992 I met with Dave McHattie to discuss our association's biggest concern which is the relocation of the road over the big hill. Dave mentioned that the formal tendering to properly address the relocation was to take place within the week.

I am asking that you arrange a meeting with Dave and Bill and yourself to discuss the questions highlighted in the minutes.

After you have discussed the highlighted concerns with Bill and Dave, I would appreciate an update note which I could forward to the cottagers in our spring newsletter.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be most appreciated.

Yours Truly

Ed McRobbie

cc. D.C. McHattie and Bill McNaughton

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May 17th, 1993

Oxbow Lake Cottagers Association  
92 Longwater Chase  
Unionville, On L3R 4B1

ATT: Ed McRobbie  
President

Dear Ed:

Further to your letter to Mayor Scott and our telephone conversation today I will answer your concerns as highlighted in the minutes of your Association August 2, 1992 meeting.

A proper design package has been completed as well as tender documents for the reconstruction of "The Big Hill". Construction cannot begin this year as funds are not available due to budget cuts by M.T.O. The design work and the tender document package will be paid this year even though it is not in the budget. When funds become available to go ahead with construction all design and paper work is complete and will only have to be advertised and the tender awarded.

The culvert behind the Franks cottage will hopefully be installed this year. It would have been placed last year while ditching but rock was encountered therefore requiring blasting. Funds were not available at the time.

As discussed brushing will be kept to a minimum this year, due to cuts, only being carried out for visibility at intersections etc. I will inspect the East Arm Roadway.

I hope this answers your concerns. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Yours truly,

David C. McHattie  
Superintendent of Public Works and Roads  
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