So spring of 2019 is upon us. Some years it feels like it will never arrive, but for some of us there didn't seem to be the usual winter break from the business of the lake. Many of us have been busy dealing with issues we are facing, right through the winter months.

If you have been reading local papers, or following various Facebook feeds, you will know that your SLCA has been busy working on your behalf along with other neighbouring lake associations with regards to the possible McBride exploration and mining project just north of our lake. Great progress has been made on this issue, but the threat is far from eliminated!

Some notices from the County went out regarding applications to create a right of way to the Headlands. The wording and lack of details surrounding these applications gave some members cause for concern, but your SLCA investigated further and concluded that there was no reason to object. We attended the public meeting held in Belleville and the applications were approved. We are confident that sufficient safeguards and precautions have been taken to protect the lake from excessive development, but will remain vigilant in assuring our community and the environment are protected.

Much has occurred since late last year when the outgoing Tudor & Cashel Council threatened to impose a by-law restricting motor vehicle access along "seasonally maintained" roads like Steenburg Lake South Road. Some of our members along the South Road have done an enormous amount of work on this, but now the issue of reaching a year round maintenance agreement rests with the two townships.

More details about these three issues can be found within this edition of the Shoreline News, but beyond these three critical issues, your SLCA have been busy preparing for another great season on the lake. Be sure to participate in all the great events we and your neighbours have planned, and don't be afraid to get involved in YOUR association! You'll be glad you did.

Have a safe and fun filled, responsible summer on the lake, and hope to see you around!

President’s Message
by Pat Stallaert
Another amazing Family Day event was held at Mike and Donna Cochrane’s place this year and the weather co-operated beautifully!

There were lots of great games and events including the main event, a tug of war out on the ice. Teams were assembled based on North and South sides of the lake. Though both teams fought hard, the North team emerged victorious.

Lots of great prizes were donated and awarded, and some tasty fries and doggies were just the thing on a sunny winter day.

A huge thank you goes Mike and Donna who, with the help of their friends and family, have hosted this event for the past XXX years. But this Year Donna announced with some sadness in her voice, that this would be their last year.

So take heed all you winter lovers... The gauntlet has been thrown down. Who now will take on this wonderful Steenburg Lake tradition and host the 2020 Winterfest?
Membership Report

by Diane Burke

Summer is almost here! I am sure that you are looking forward to spending time at the lake with friends and family and enjoying warmer temperatures.

Our canvassers will be out visiting cottagers over the next few months to catch up, answer questions and provide your membership kit and listing. Your canvasser will also collect the annual $30 dues if you have not already submitted your payment via the other options available. There are several ways to submit your dues – electronically using PAYPAL service or e-transfer (etransfer@steenburglake.com), cheque or cash. For every payment received electronically, we will donate $1 to a local cause. This is a great way to support both our association and the community!

A warm welcome to our new members, Evan Loucks and Caryn Hurst (#111) who recently joined our community. We look forward to seeing our existing and new members at upcoming events.

We truly appreciate your ongoing support for our active lake community. Have a safe and fun summer and I hope to see you around the lake or at our many events!

Food Share Program

Limerick Township is running a Food Share program for those families who could use the assistance. The SLCA always looks to find ways to help our fellow residents of our host townships. This year, we will be making a donation of $50 towards this great cause.

This donation will be above and beyond the $1 per electronic membership payments we receive this year.

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Financial Report

by David McDonald  As of April 30, 2019

To date this fiscal year we are running at a loss, which is the usual case, as many of our expenses for the year have already been paid while the majority of our expected revenue will not be received until the summer months. The loss is much lower than usual which is due mainly to a significant gain that was realized on the maturity of an equity GIC in December, as well as Advertising Income which is higher than last year.

Year-to-date expenses for the current year, with previous year-to-date (FY 2017-18) figures in parentheses are as follows: AGM/Regatta $0 ($50), FOCA Dues & Expenses $819 ($648), Insurance $1,259 ($1,259), Newsletter Expenses $645 ($691), Members’ Handout $20 ($0), Bank, PayPal & Admin Charges $31 ($30), Donations/Gifts/Memberships $100 ($105), Web/Webcams $315 ($331), and Community Investments $143 ($0).

Further detail on our financial results is always available to SLCA members upon request. Please feel free to reach out directly to treasurer@steenburglake.com. Any questions or comments will be welcomed.

SLCA Merchandise

Our great Steenburg Lake merchandise will be on sale again this year but only at the following events:

- Beach Regatta and BBQ
- Annual General Meeting
- Artisans’ Exhibition
- 5 km Fun Run

Until we have a new volunteer to handle Marketing and Merchandise, we regret that we will not be able to accept advance orders for specific items.
Where Will the Next Sixty Years Take Us?

by Pat Stallaert

Everyone lives a busy life these days, some more than most. And cottaging is seen by many as a way to escape the daily demands of modern life. But a community like ours doesn’t just happen by accident, and as proud as we should all be with our very long history, the SLCA faces a crisis. Those who have carried the torch for the past several years are facing burn out, not because the roles they agreed to fulfill are that demanding, but because we have been unable to attract new volunteers to fill all the posts. That leaves the few of us that are left, scrambling to fill the void, doing two or three or even more roles as required. The old saying that many hands make light work, couldn’t be truer of your association Executive, and obviously enough, the converse is also true.

For the past several years, the SLCA have tried to attract new volunteers. We ask at every AGM, but with very few exceptions, the call goes unanswered. It’s not overly surprising as those who attend the Annual Meetings tend to be the same faces every year, and many of them are getting older and have previously served their community in some capacity.

We currently have vacancies in at least four positions, Vice President, Social Director, Newsletter and Merchandising. Most of these have gone unfilled for over a year, some more. Most of the present Board members are in their second term or more, and some have already indicated that they will not be able to continue beyond this year. You know that we are facing a problem when we have detailed by-laws covering an election process, yet we have not had an election in more than 12 years, probably longer.

As rewarding as these roles are, there comes a point where enough is enough, and too much is simply just that. Nothing can make a person feel less appreciated than being left to do a task indefinitely. Some people believe that those of us who serve, do so because we enjoy that kind of thing. I believe those people are only deluding themselves, and rationalizing why it is that they don’t make the effort. Though it is true that it can be very rewarding, most do it out of a sense of duty and obligation.

By all indications, we have all the makings of a great association: We have a very low cost structure, a very high membership enrollment, solid revenue streams and financial reserves that are the envy of most associations. There are no feuding factions like we see in some organizations, and those who do volunteer to serve get along very well. So why let this all go to waste? If the actions of your SLCA this past year did not demonstrate the need for a continued strong association, I don’t know what would.

It’s time for all to show their pride and love for what we have here on Steenburg Lake, and step up to the plate. I know that there are many diverse skills out there, but the main thing we need is commitment.
Lake Steward’s Report

by Maria Kaczmarek

Hello All!

Welcome back to another warm season on Steenburg Lake!

Water quality test samples for the Lake Partner program were taken in May and water clarity readings were taken throughout the summer. The two tests that are done provide results for total phosphorus (TP) levels in the lake, water quality, as well as calcium levels.

Phosphorus levels control the growth in algae in most Ontario lakes. An increase in phosphorus levels, therefore, may simulate algae growth and decrease water quality. Our most recent results, from November 2018, as shown in Figure 1, showed an average of 11.30 µg/L of phosphorus. Lakes with a TP level between 10 and 20 µg/L are called mesotrophic and are in the middle in terms of trophic status. Such lakes show a broad range of characteristics and those closer to the lower end of the spectrum, such as Steenburg Lake, can be clear and unproductive. For reference, according to FOCA, roughly more than 50% of lakes in Ontario (of the 1421 measure inland lakes in Ontario) have TP concentrations of 4-10 µg/L.

![Average Concentration of Total Phosphorus (µg/L)](chart)

Figure 1. Distribution of Total Phosphorus Levels from May 2013 to November 2018

These levels for Steenburg Lake have been noted to fluctuate, as you can see in May 2014 and July and November 2018, in Figure 1. TP can be expressed as a single measurement taken at spring turnover, when the water ‘mixes’ due to changes in water density and temperature, as shown in Figure 2. In inland lakes, such as ours, climate change has been linked to warming lake water temperatures and changes in lake mixing, which may be causing lake waters to remain stratified for longer periods of the year and increasing the growing season for algae (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, 2016). This, therefore, may be a reason for the varying TP levels throughout the years.

Water quality readings are related to total phosphorus levels as an increase in phosphorus levels may simulate algae growth and decrease water quality. It is best, however, to use phosphorus results to monitor the nutrient status of the lake and use water quality readings to track further changes that may not be reflected in total phosphorus levels, such as zebra mussels or watershed disturbances. Steenburg Lake’s secchi depth average for 2017 was 4.4m, compared to a 2016 average of 5.2m and 2015 average of 4.4m.

Calcium results, finally, are important to track as calcium is an essential nutrient for all living organisms and is an important buffer to have against acid rain. Our lake’s results for July 2018 showed levels of 24.2 mg/L, compared to 21.5 mg/L in May 2017, and 24.8 mg/L in May 2015. Calcium rich lakes (> 20 mg/L), are more vulnerable to zebra mussel invasion.

With all that said, we will continue to be taking part in the Lake Partner program. I look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying the lake and continuing to work together to keep it in its healthy condition!

For more information on total phosphorus results and water quality readings on our lake and surrounding lakes, visit the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks’ interactive map at: [https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/map-lake-partner](https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/map-lake-partner).

Steenburg Lake Photo Contest is Back!

Categories:
- Photos by kids aged 11 and under
- Photos by teens 12 – 15
- Action
- Landscapes
- Nature
- Life at the cottage
- Best Lake Video (2 – 3 minutes max)

Photos or videos to be emailed to:

[photocontest@steenburglake.com](mailto:photocontest@steenburglake.com)

Provide name of photographer, age (of youth or teen), membership/cottage number and category entered.

**Deadline:** October 1, 2019

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Memories of Bass Lake

by Richard McCarthy

Chapter 22 – The important things in life

I was shocked yesterday morning listening to some of the nonsense that I heard on our local radio station here in Peterborough. The host on the radio show was inviting individuals to phone in and let him know what they considered as the three most important things in their lives. One caller let him know that they couldn’t get along without television. Another felt they couldn’t live without the internet. Still another said that they couldn’t live without their cell phone.

The three things that I feel that I couldn’t live without are good food, clean air and clean water. These are pretty basic things, but definitely the three most important things when you really think about it. I’m quite sure that we all share the same feelings that we have for our precious properties that we have on Steenburg Lake. The good work that is being done by the Steenburg Lake Community Association in water testing (thank you Maria! ) and the interest that is being shown and action taken to try to prevent a mining operation from destroying the pristine quality of our environment demonstrate what our true values are for all of us.

Some of us are spending more and more of our time at the lake as the years go by. Some of us will be or already have made their Steenburg Lake home their permanent residence. What we will enjoy at the lake are clean air, clean water and good food. You never know, maybe some of us will want to do without television, the internet and their cell phone (or at least turn them off for a while).

We all feel so very sorry for those going through flooding conditions this spring, as water destroys their homes. They will be going through a long recovery, and will truly appreciate good food, clean water and clean air as they make their recovery.

I remember years ago when Doris Powers was moving to her island (where the Langmans are now) to make it her home. It was probably not her year-round home, but certainly her home for the summer season. She had her wonderful square-nosed wooden boat that Bruce Fitzgibbon had made for her, and had it fully loaded with furniture, sewing machine, sewing supplies and other items. She left the shore at her landing on the north-west shore of the lake and made it part way to her dock on the island when her boat submerged. When she was rescued from the water, I remember hearing that she was trying to grab all of her spools of thread that were floating around in the water, and in her panicked state of mind, it was important to retrieve them from the water.
Pancon pulls out of McBride mining project

March 26, 2019

by Nate Smelle

In response to overwhelming opposition from the community to the controversial McBride mining project in Limerick Township, Pancontinental Resources (Pancon) has decided to walk away from the proposed development. The news broke on Monday, March 25 in a press release on Pancon’s website pertaining to the company’s acquisition of the St. Laurent Project located in Northern Ontario, 160 kilometers northeast of Timmins. Referring to Pancon’s decision to refocus their attention on the St. Laurent Project, the brief statement read “Concurrent with this acquisition, the company has made the decision to terminate its Option Agreement on the McBride Project in southeastern Ontario.”

In light of Limerick Township council’s vocal opposition, and the lack of support for a mining operation in the area throughout the community. Limerick Area Conservation Coalition co-founder Monica Nikopoulos said she is pleased to see that Pancon listened to the community.

“It has been amazing to see everyone come together to fight this,” she said.

“It really has been a community effort. There have been so many different people and organizations putting their hearts and souls into stopping the mine, and even though a lot of people have been coming at it from different angles, everyone has worked really well together.”

Nikopoulos expressed her gratitude to all who stepped up and worked to defend the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the land and water that makes the Limerick area a premier destination for cottagers and tourists. She said the fight would still be going on if it weren’t for Chief James Marsden and the Alderville First Nation, Mining Watch Canada, everyone from the lake associations and the hundreds of permanent and seasonal residents from Limerick and the surrounding communities that united to protect the local environment and economy.

Looking forward, Nikopoulos said although Pancon’s decision to pull out of the McBride project has given the community reason to celebrate, the fight to keep mining operations out of the area is not over.

“While Pancon’s termination of the McBride Project is wonderful short-term news, we still face the ongoing challenge of Hastings Highlands Resources potentially searching for another investor to continue explorations now and in the future,” said Nikopoulos.

“It’s imperative that we send a loud and clear message to Ministry of Northern Development and Mines that any application for another exploration plan or permit for this location, which is due May 6, 2019 should be denied for numerous environmental and societal reasons. It’s also imperative that we send a clear message to MNDM that these types of explorations leading to a potentially toxic mine are not welcome in rural populated areas in southern Ontario. Their mandates allowing explorations in these cottage-type areas is outdated, and should no longer be rubber stamped as the McBride Project appears to have been.”

Because the legislation which allowed Pancon to consider bringing a mining operation into the heart of cottage country still exists, Nikopoulos said it is important to recognize that there are other exploration companies and geologists searching for potential mining projects in southern Ontario right now. For this reason, she said LACC is asking everyone to write to the MNDM and voice their opposition to any upcoming exploration plans or permits for the McBride Project.

Nikopoulos said it is also necessary to encourage the MNDM to update its mandates for southern Ontario so that communities and exploration companies do not waste their time and resources in the future as she says they have in Limerick over the past eight months.

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A Newfoundlander in Canada: Always Going Somewhere, Always Coming Home.

Here is another book by legendary Canadian (Newfoundlander too) musician, author and actor, Alan Doyle. It follows on the heels of his first book, Where I Belong, reviewed here in the fall 2017 Shoreline News.

This story picks up from where Alan and his bandmates (Bob Hallett, Darrell Power, and Sean McCann…) form the popular band, Great Big Sea, and follows there adventures as they successfully extended their tours to the rest of Canada and the world. From their humble beginnings in 1997 playing at clubs in St. John’s and touring the Newfoundland countryside, they eventually broke out and made it across to the mainland, starting out in Nova Scotia, then eventually to PEI, New Brunswick and the rest of Canada.

If you are expecting this to be a story mostly about the band and their music, you’d only be partially right. Alan Doyle writes more about his experience learning about Canada and all the many cultural components that make up this great land. He shares a very interesting perspective on the people and places that he and his bandmates encounter as they toured so much of this country, and always, with a good dose of humour.

Just like the famous Newfoundland TV commercials that tell of the many extraordinary tales that Newfoundlanders are famous for telling, or the many old ballads that their music and traditional songs are based on, Doyle tells his own tales of what it was like to meet the many people they encountered as they travelled across Canada. Each chapter covers a particular area or province of Canada, but just as the title of the book suggests, they were always going somewhere, and always coming home.

From an early age, as described in Doyle’s first book, the author struggled to know and understand his origins as being part of a generation born since the latest province joined Canada. Was he a Newfoundlander or was he a Canadian. By the close of his book, after exploring this vast mosaic of a nation, he finally seemed to have found the answer.

This is a delightful book, just like his first attempt, albeit for different reasons. I highly recommend both titles.

Fun Run Entry Form

August 10th – Registration at 9:30
Race starts at 10:00

Please drop off the entry form below with Payment to Christiane at (519) 939-6665 or email: crlangman@gmail.com by July 31st. Entry fee is just $5

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Municipal Affairs Report

By Nancy Kelly

Ontario passed Bill 68, to amend the Municipal Act. All municipalities must appoint an Integrity Commissioner. T & C and Limerick have requested the services of the Integrity Commission from the County of Hastings on as needed basis. Councillors who find themselves in possible conflicts of interest must now put it in writing. If a complaint is filed against a Councillor regarding a conflict, the complainant must swear an affidavit and it will be investigated by the Integrity Commissioner. Litigation costs will be funded by the municipality on behalf of the I.C. and a Councillor may have to fund their own defense.

Ontario has said that they will review the issue of joint and several liability. This has been a longstanding issue for municipalities. Under the current system, a municipality could be 1% liable but in the event of a court ordered judgement against another party that are not able to pay, the municipality may be required to pay the entire judgement. High risk for targeting municipalities for litigation and tax dollars taken from other services.

T & C are in support along with many other Ontario municipalities of having the Province review the way the Municipal Voters’ Lists are managed.

T & C were awarded a $1,100 grant from the Canadian Heritage Grant for activities under Celebration and Commemoration Program.

Both Townships have “opted in” to the Cannabis Legalization Fund.

Tudor & Cashel Offices M – W, 9 to 4. Waste sites; Grimsthorpe; Saturday 10 – 5, Tues. Noon to 7 and Stat Holiday Mondays, 10 to 7.

Township of Limerick Offices Mon – Thurs 8 – 4, closed Fri & holidays, but will remain open on Friday’s in July and August. Waste site open from 1 – 8pm Wed, Sun. and Holiday Mon., 10 – 5 Saturday’s only

Flood Watch

May 3, 2019. Natural Resources and Forestry advised there was a Flood Watch in effect for all Bancroft District. Exercise extreme care around rivers and streams and seasonal roads as they may have been washed out during flooding. Public Notices are here http://www.township.limerick.on.ca/publicnotices.php?id=376

New Drone Regulations Across Canada

By Pat Stallaert

Effective June 1, 2019, new regulations will come in effect regarding the use of drones and model aircraft (planes and helicopters) weighing over 250 grams. There will be two classifications of use: Basic and Advanced. Under the new rules, part of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) Part IX – Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), all operators will be considered pilots, and must be certified, and all aircraft must be registered.

The Basic classification is intended for hobbyists and recreational users, while the Advanced level is intended for professionals, commercial operations, and researchers. Certification in either category requires the successful completion of an approved exam, and all aircraft must be clearly marked with an assigned registration number received from Transport Canada. The Basic exam can be completed online. There are guides available to help prepare for the exam, but enrollment in a “drone flight school” is recommended. The fee for writing the exam is $10.

Once certified and your aircraft properly registered and mark, there are a number of requirements that must also me met and followed.

They include:

- Never flying in controlled airspace (such as around airports, accident scenes, areas under police investigations or other emergency scenes – forest fires, floods, earthquakes, crime scenes,...)
- Never flying within 30 meters (100 feet) horizontally from bystanders or passing over bystanders
- Never flying near or over vehicular traffic such as roads and highways
- Never flying in the path of, or interfering with any other aircraft (this could include watercraft)
- Obey all other federal and provincial regulations such as privacy and trespassing regulations
- Obtain prior permission to film or photograph individuals or private property
- Taking off or landing within a National Park (without prior approval from a park’s Superintendent
- Never flying near or over advertised events such as concerts or sporting events
- Always carry proof of your certification while operating a remotely controlled aircraft
- Foreign operators must hold a valid Special Flight Operations Certificate (SFOC) and must already be approved to fly such a device in their own country

Significant fines for not complying with the new regulations will exist, and several sections of the related criminal code have been revised to include remote aircraft operation, and can carry stiff fines and even periods of incarceration.

There are also new provisions for reporting incidents of non-compliance with these regulations.

Further information can be found at:

https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/services/aviation/drone-safety/find-category-drone-operation.html#basic
Roadside Clean-up

Mark this date on your calendars...

Saturday, July 20

Start Time: 9:30 am

North Road – Meet at the Beach
South Road – Meet at the first Y in the road

Let’s all pitch in!

Garbage bags will be provided. Please try to bring your own work gloves. Refreshments will be served following the event.

Reminder to high school aged students: Participation in this event can be applied towards community volunteer hours. Bring your forms!!!
Triple Threat: An update on major issues facing our community

by Pat Stallaert

In years past, our lakeside community has faced challenges from various forces that have threatened the very nature and survival of our lake and the community we have built around it. Whether it was from a corporate developer seeking to create a massive new cottage subdivision or a small operator looking to create a large tent and trailer campground, our community has stood strong and successfully defended this area. But never before have we experienced a time where so many major forces have come together to threaten what we hold so dear.

In this past year, your SLCA, with the help of a few key individuals and organizations, have been dealing with no fewer than three major challenges, all at once. These are of course, the McBride exploration and mining project, the potential development of the Headlands and the maintenance and continued access to our South Road. The following is a brief update on where all three issues stand.

McBride Project:

Last August, we learned of a renewed attempt by Geologist Dr. Derek McBride, to develop a parcel of land 880 hectares in size, less than a kilometer from the north shore of our lake. Your SLCA worked quickly to gather resources and information, and along with a local area resident, Monica Nikopoulos, helped to establish the Limerick Area Conservation Coalition (LACC), to oppose the development of a large open pit nickel, cobalt and copper mine. Your SLCA, thanks to the efforts of our own Anthony Genovese, helped LACC establish a web presence and paid for the registration of the internet domain name, MineStoppers.com. Anthony also created their website, established their Facebook group and Twitter account, created the online petition at Change.org and the GoFundMe page.

Following a very well attended public meeting on September 9th, the exploration company which had partnered with Dr. McBride and Hastings Highland Resources, Pancontinental Resources Limited (Pancon), put the whole project on hold awaiting the results of an environmental study and further consultation with local stakeholders including the Alderville First Nation who hold treaty rights in this area.

Your SLCA worked to get word of this threat out to other lake associations in the surrounding area, and enlisted their support in opposing this project. By some time in October, it became clear that some organizers of the LACC had differing opinions and approaches than did the lake associations who had rallied in support of the effort. A decision was made that the lake associations would not join LACC but would work together and form their own task force to combat this threat. We agreed to work with and cooperate with LACC were it seemed appropriate and beneficial to do so. Each of the six area lake association provided a representative to work on this task force, and develop a plan on how best we could protect the area from the devastating effects of a large commercial mine.

All through the winter months, LACC worked to get the word out to area residents and launched a letter writing campaign to various politicians and provincial ministries. Flyers were mailed out to thousands of households and businesses, and ads were run in local newspapers. LACC volunteers went door to door to raise awareness of the issue, and to gauge concern over the prospects of a large commercial mine in Limerick Township. Not surprisingly, local residents surveyed to date were almost unanimously opposed to such a development.

The local lake associations’ task force held several conference calls and meetings through the winter and spring, and have developed a carefully considered plan of action for both the near and long term.

By the spring of this year, it was clear that Pancon had shifted its focus from the McBride project to their other projects in Northern Ontario, primarily around Timmins. I even attended the large PDAC conference in Toronto in early March to confront the President and CEO of Pancon to try and get some straight answers. On March 31st, I attended the Limerick Township Municipal Council meeting on behalf of the area lake associations, to present our unique concerns with this McBride exploration and mining project and successfully gained the support of Council who have issued a formal resolution in council outlining their opposition to the development of large mineral extraction projects in these environmentally sensitive areas of the Township.

All of this opposition and negative publicity did not go unnoticed by Pancon’s Board, and a week later, they issued a press release stating that they were pulling out of the McBride project (see attached Bancroft This Week Article on page 9).

Although all these are very positive developments, the battle is far from over, and it will not be over until we can secure the necessary protections for our communities and the sensitive wetlands at the headwaters of our watershed. We do not want to face, or have the next generation face this threat again in the future.

The Headlands:

The large undeveloped peninsula that juts out into our lake, known locally as the Headlands, has been a concern to our lake for decades. Our lake, which was proven to be already at capacity in terms of development, could not support a large amount of new development, and realistically, the Headlands are the last remaining bastion of undeveloped shoreline on our lake. Upon learning a few years ago that the owners of the Headlands wished to sell the property, your SLCA Executive were immediately concerned with what might happen to that land should it fall into the hands of the wrong interests. No one wants to see a massive resort or time-share complex developed in the heart of our lake, or see the parcel of land subdivided and a massive new subdivision of cottages built.

A number of our members received notices from the County of Hastings regarding applications to create a legal right of way to the Headlands, granting the owners legal access along the existing privately owned road, Headland Lane. The nature, terminology, and lack of details offered by the County’s Notice of Consent that were mailed out to all property owners within 200 feet of the two subject properties offering to create this new right-of-way left many of our members asking, what does this all mean.

Your SLCA contacted the Hastings County Planning Department to understand the nature, impact and extent of this request. After receiving further assurances from the parties involved with the applications, decided not to object or intervene in the applications, but to follow the developments closely. As there was at least one objection received, the County tabled the application for a public meeting which I attended on April 16th.

A number of conditions were placed on the Notice of Consent, including approval by the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority, and the rezoning of the Headlands to be Limited Service Residential (LSR), but this in no way paves the road for the future subdivision of the land or the development of more than one, single family dwelling.
Your SLCA Executive is satisfied that this was a fair and reasonable request by the parties involved and that the necessary safeguards to protect the environment from excess development have been taken. We will remain vigilant however and be prepared to oppose any development of the Headlands that we deem to be detrimental to the health of the lake and its existing community.

The South Road:

Our community became alerted to a proposed by-law, introduced last year by the outgoing, and mostly defeated members of the Tudor & Cashel Municipal Council at their final Council meeting. This by-law would have attempted to restrict access by motorized vehicles along all seasonally maintained roads in the Township from November 1 to April 30. This would have included our own, Steenburg Lake South Road.

Your SLCA and a number of key members along the South Road, most notably, Pat Schad, Keith Fletcher and Rick Burke, made well founded and passionate presentations to the new Council in January, outlining the expectations of residents along the South Road, as well as the fallacy of the argument that this by-law was necessary to reduce the Township’s liability during the winter months.

Some optimism was felt when both Limerick and Tudor and Cashel met to discuss a possible agreement for sharing the costs and responsibilities to providing proper, year-round maintenance of the South Road, but these discussions seem to have stalled.

Pat Schad gave another excellent presentation to Tudor and Cashel Council on May 7th, outlining all the investigation she has made into the related Acts and Regulations, along with many examples of relevant case law that clearly shows that a municipality has a legal obligation to maintain public roads, year round.

We hope that both townships will act in good faith and work diligently to come to an agreement and a plan of action to provide the necessary year-round maintenance to the South Road which it has been denied for decades. Your SLCA will continue to monitor this issue, provide support to our members acting on behalf of our community, and take what actions are necessary to reach an acceptable resolution with both Townships.
Your SLCA Executive would like to thank all our generous sponsors and welcome a number of new ones. Without their support, this newsletter and our internet site would not be possible.

This year, our sponsors include:

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Please give these sponsors your fair consideration when looking for services they provide, or when recommending someone to a friend. And if you stop in to visit their facilities, be sure to mention that you are with the Steenburg Lake Community Association, and that you saw their ad here.

AED: Know where it is and how to get it!

In any emergency, always call 9-1-1 first

1. Tell them exactly where you are located (remember your ER address number) and what the emergency is
2. If you suspect a possible Sudden Cardiac Arrest, you can tell the operator that an AED is located on the lake and someone is being dispatched to get it.
3. Have the casualty laydown with the head elevated slightly if possible.
4. Stay with the casualty and monitor for consciousness, breathing and pulse. If there is no breathing and no pulse, perform CPR.
5. If possible, have someone meet emergency responders at your driveway.
6. Contact the Cochrane at (613) 474-3167 and arrange for the quickest pick-up or delivery of the AED. Mike is a trained member of the Emergency Rescue crew.
7. If there is no answer at the Cochrane, or if you know they are away, contact their neighbours Karl and Janet Sobotka at (613) 334-6145 as they will have access to the AED when the Cochrane are away. Karl and Janet are also on the Emergency Response team.
Summer Events

**July 1 weekend  Canada Day Fireworks  (Actual date to be determined)**

Fireworks will be held in front of the Cochrane’s boat launch. Contributions of $25 per family please!!!
(Check website and Facebook for start time and actual date due to possible rain postponements...).

**July 6  Beach Regatta & BBQ**

**Time:** 11:00 am @ the public beach at the north-east corner of the lake.
Come and meet your friends and neighbours at the Regatta!
Bring your own kayaks, canoes, paddles and life jackets. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers.
BBQ to follow. Steenburg Lake merchandise will be on sale.

**July 20  Roadside Clean-up  (note new date!!)**

North Road – Meet at the Beach  
South Road – Meet at the first Y in the road  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
Garbage bags will be provided. Please try to bring your own work gloves. Refreshments will be served following the event. **Reminder to high school aged students:** Participation in this event can be applied towards community volunteer hours. **Bring your forms!!!**

**July 27  4th Annual Artisans of Steenburg - Arts & Crafts Exhibition**

**Location:** The Sobotkas’ at 944 Steenburg Lake North Road  
**Time:** 11 am to 2 pm  
**Contact:** Lynn Rusaw @ (613) 202-2365 to register as an exhibitor. Steenburg Lake merchandise will be on sale.

**August 4  Annual General Meeting  (still at Tudor & Cashel C.C.!!)**

**Continental Breakfast:** 9:30 am  
**Meeting:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Tudor-Cashel Community Centre, 371 Weslemkoon Lake Rd., Gilmour Ont.  
All members are encouraged to attend. Get the latest updates on issues facing our community, and what your SLCA is doing to protect our lake. Hear great guest speakers on a number of topics that matter to you. Have your say and cast your vote on any SLCA motions or Executive elections.  
Come meet with friends and neighbours, enjoy some treats and refreshments and have chances to win some great door prizes! Steenburg Lake merchandise will be on sale.

**August 10  Steenburg Lake Fun Run  (Register in advance to reserve your size T-shirt!!)**

**Registration:** 9:30 am  
**Race starts:** 10:00 am  
Awards will be handed out to the top 3 Male and Female finishers in each age group.  
**Fee:** $5 – includes a Fun Run T-shirt, drink and a snack  
**Contact:** Christiane Langman (519) 939-6665  
Stebourg Lake merchandise will be on sale.

**August 24  2nd Annual Steenburg Lake Charity Golf Tournament**

**Register:** ASAP.  
**Contact:** karlsobotka@gmail.com or (613) 334-6145  
**Tee Time:** 11:00 am  
**Fee:** $60.00 per person (includes cart and lunch)