

Cassels Communicator



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President's Message

I hate to rush my life away, but c'mon spring 2016! Let's get on with it! As I write this we are impatiently waiting for ice out on Rabbit Lake. Meanwhile back in mid-March, we cancelled our winter lake visit because the ice was too soft and conditions were too unpredictable. And besides we thought, after a relatively mild winter, and weak ice in mid-March, we no doubt will be able to get into our cottage in early April. Then Mother Nature turned the winter switch back on. The temperature plummeted to well below "0" for days on end, and she dumped a couple of feet of snow over the last half of March and early April. So now it looks like the first week of May before the ice and our calendar will allow us to open up. In the meantime, as is tradition, the supplies and the Rubbermaid tote boxes are piling up in the living room.

Nonetheless it's been a hectic winter season; and in a way, somewhat remarkable. Our eldest son and his wife and infant daughter purchased a house in east end Toronto. Now that in itself

President's Message continued.....

is pretty remarkable given the current housing market in TO. But what is unbelievable is the fact that the house they bought is about two blocks away from where I was born and raised some 60 odd years ago. In fact, I might have played in this house when I was a kid! How spooky is that!? As I walk around the east Toronto neighborhood, dozens of memories come flooding back to me. So much has changed. Yet so much has stayed the same. Where are all of those "youngsters" I grew up with? How does that Beatles song "In My Life" go? "Some are dead and some are living.....some are gone and some remain." Without question this is the most remarkable case of "What goes around comes around" I will ever experience. And it makes me think about our little piece of sacred ground on the shores of Rabbit Lake; we can only hope that it creates countless happy memories, and that the circle completes itself for generations to come.

Summer 2016 is going to be another great season on our CALA lakes. Here's just some of the items that your CALA will be involved in. See more details inside this newsletter:

- Our waterways should be a little safer this year with the installation of new marker buoys. We are very grateful to the Municipality of Temagami for a 2015 grant towards this initiative.
- Upgrades to the access points to our lakes are scheduled to proceed this spring. These upgrades were initiated in 2015 as the result of funding from the federal, provincial and municipal governments. Once again we are very grateful for this funding.

- The annual Boat Poker Run and BBQ are scheduled for the August long weekend.
- We are working on the first ever CALA Dockside Garage sale. Look for more details shortly.
- Based on the test results from 2015, I would say our water is in pretty good shape. Nevertheless, CALA has more testing planned for 2016. See the report inside this newsletter by Martin Nighbor, your CALA Director for Water Quality
- Don't forget about the Municipality's Fire Pump subsidy program. It's been extended for 2016. Visit <http://www.temagami.ca/blog/id/285> for more details.

Stay tuned. Get involved. Support your local businesses and your cottager's association whenever you can. Remember there is always strength in numbers. See you on the lake.....as soon as the ice goes out.

Prez Peter
Peter Olynyk



Important Date Change

Our annual long August weekend CALA get-together will be held on SUNDAY, July 31, 2016 (not Saturday as in the past)
STAY TUNED!

Directors' Corner



WATER QUALITY REPORT

March, 2016

Last year CALA undertook an initiative to test our lakes for E.coli. E.coli testing requires the services of a certified testing agency which generally charges per test. The overall cost to perform tests in a few locations could have easily run hundreds of dollars. To make this project affordable CALA took a different approach. Thanks to the volunteer services from Chris D'Aoust, CALA tested for coliform bacteria. In general terms, coliform bacteria include the entire family of fecal matter that includes water fowl, animals and E.coli. Although high counts of coliform bacteria may be of interest to us, there are no government regulations for coliform bacteria. However, the provincial and national health criteria standards for closing beaches in recreational waters due to E.coli are 100 E.coli CFU/100ml. The standards for drinking water is 0 CFU.

The coliform bacteria testing served as a cost effective solution to identify hot spots that may exist in our lake system. CALA followed up with E.coli testing by a certified lab at potential hot spots. Approximately 50 coliform bacteria tests within our lake system were performed with the assistance of several volunteers. A summary of this testing is as follows:

1. The results of the initial tests for coliform bacteria are summarized as follows:

MPN Coliform/ 100 ml.	# of sites	%
Less than 10	25	57%
11 to 20	7	16%
21 to 30	7	16%
30 or more	5	11%
Total	44	100%

2. Further samples were taken at five (5) locations in the mid to south end of our lake system that had tested 25 CFU/100ml or higher for coliform bacteria.

3. The five (5) samples were submitted to Near North Labs (NNL) for E.coli testing and the subsequent test results ranged from 1 CFU/100ml to 6 CFU/100ml, well below the provincial and national health criteria standards of 100 E.coli CFU/100ml for closing beaches. It should be further noted however that these results do not meet the health criteria for drinking water. NNL's informed us that these results are extremely good for lake waters.

For the upcoming 2016 cottage season, CALA intends to conclude the E.coli testing initiative by conducting E coli testing on sites in the mid to north end of our lake system that tested 25 CFU/100ml or higher for coliform bacteria that were obtained last summer.

Water quality testing with the Dorset Environmental Science Centre (DESC) / MOE partnership program for phosphorous and water clarity was carried out last year once a month from May to October. The results from these tests, including results from previous years have been released by DESC and may be viewed on the internet at

<https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

Results from last year's testing for our lakes showed that phosphorus levels were very good to excellent.

Similar testing will be once again performed by myself and our former water quality director Dave McAlaster. I wish to thank Dave for once again volunteering his services for testing the north end of our lake system to obtain general results for Cassels, Snake Island and Obashkong lakes. In the coming weeks, CALA intends to provide a link to DESC's water quality results on our web site complete with a description of what these readings mean for you in your specific area, as well as for all Ontario lakes.

Should you have any questions, or if you wish to assist CALA with regard to water quality testing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Martin Nighbor, CALA Water Quality Director.



Following up on Martin's important report; while it seems that for the moment CALA lakes are in pretty good shape, we all have a vested interest in maintaining the health of these lakes. It is also important to recognize that our lifestyle choices can contribute positively and negatively to the health of these lakes.

FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association) published a booklet in 2011 which can be viewed or printed from their website. It's called "A Shore Owner's Guide to Healthy Waterfronts."
www.foca.on.ca/shoreline-owners-guide-to-healthy-waterfronts-2011-edition

Not all of the info is applicable to CALA lakes, but it is a comprehensive collection of waterfront issues, facts and suggestions.

As we make our 2016 cottage shopping list, one simple thing we can all do to keep phosphorous levels as low as possible is by purchasing and using phosphate-free detergents, personal care and household cleaning products. There are now more of these alternatives on our grocery shelves.

Every little bit helps!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hopefully you all received the renewal form for your 2016 CALA Membership which was sent out in February. Thank you to all who have submitted their annual fees. If you haven't sent yours in yet, I shall look forward to receiving it soon.

Greg Feys,
Membership Director

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Allan Schellenberg and Dona Cardarelli. I am looking for up to date email addresses for each of you. The addresses we have are always returned to us, so if you could please send me an email with the correct email address, CALA would appreciate it.

Almost certainly, there will be another newsletter coming out after we have our May executive meeting. As was mentioned in Peter's message we have some ideas for a new look to our August get together.

I was surprised that no one had any significant Milestones for the newsletter----of course relieved that no one had passed away either. Keep us in mind when you reach an earth-shattering birthday or anniversary or joyfully welcome a new grandchild to your family circle.

You will notice a new page of reporting on the activities of the Municipality of Temagami. Paul Middleton, a local resident and CALA member, has agreed to write it. He has always had a strong interest in local politics. We thank him for taking this on and I know that anyone interested in local affairs will welcome this addition.

When I first wrote this, apparently spring WAS arriving early; however, I hear now that things have changed. Whenever it gets here, I am looking forward to getting back to Temagami and I'm sure you are too.

Kaye Barrett
Communications Director



**DEADLINE
EXTENDED !**

The deadline for submissions for Memories of the Lakes of CALA has been extended.

We await your family stories to complete this collection of our lakes' history.

I wish to extend my thanks to the members who have already submitted their stories for the Memories book. I have received great stories so far that span from the north of Cassels Lake to the south of Rabbit Lake. However I do not yet have enough content to make it worthwhile for preparation for publication. Therefore the deadline will be extended to fall 2016 or until we have 25 submissions in hand. For those who have already submitted in 2015, thanks again and your stories will be collected together and copied for each of you this spring.

As a reminder, the aim of the project is to record the development of cottages on the CALA lakes, AS WELL AS fond memories of the families that have come to enjoy good times on the lakes. Stories are not limited to history of the lakes but can be about what makes your time at the lakes special to you and your families. Memorable adventures, difficulties overcome and achievements would all make interesting reading for your friends and neighbours on the lakes.

Stories that relate to the history or development of your cottage, history of CALA, knowledge of the area, or just stories of interesting adventures, good fishing and family memories at the lake are welcome. Each submission can be up to 4 pages long (up to 1,200 words) and can include up to 3 pictures. Final preparation and printing will be done when the target number of submissions are on hand.

Why not take the time now, while you are thinking about the quickly approaching summer at the lake, to prepare your story and send it in? Submissions will be accepted in digital format (email or attached word processor file), or clearly legible typed or handwritten hard copies.

To submit your articles, please send to:
jvance501@hotmail.com
or
Jim Vance
PO Box 81
Temagami, ON
POH 2H0

THANKS



Thanks to Dave Zimmerman who kept us apprised of ice conditions this unusual winter. His several reports were important for those folks who were considering coming to Temagami from afar for snowmobiling etc. I'm sure he helped guide their decisions and maybe even kept some people safe.



TBL – April 29, 2016

Municipal Watch

By Paul Middleton , CALA Member

The amalgamated Municipality of Temagami is more than just the Hwy 11 corridor, although that highway is our main street for sure, weaving its way up through Marten River, Temagami Village, by the Temagami North subdivision, to Smoothwater Road in the north. The Municipality is composed of 5 neighbourhoods, each with its own particular distinctions and even social orientations, making for an enriching experience for us all up here in the North-East Ontario.

My intent in this column, as I was invited to do so by CALA President Peter Olynyk and newsletter editor Kaye Barrett, is to expand upon an informal exercise I have been doing over the past few years, a courtesy “blog” if you will (but non-Facebook), to inform and help keep various key folks I have come to know and groups I have been involved with, up to date on developments and issues at the Municipal level here in Temagami. This has been accomplished largely by simply passing along straightforward information, editorial-free (but not “gluton-free”), to CALA for example, through your President, from my attendance at most Municipal Council Meetings – in “The Gallery”.

What you folks do with it once received is up to you; I will make no comment or interfere in the independence and integrity of the Association. After all, myself and my dear wife Sally, enjoy summertime visits to the “family cottage” of Clayton & Cindy Dougall and grandsons Jackson & Jamison, at the South Rabbit Lake narrows – the new “teachers narrows” area ... we don’t want that invitation to ever dry up! ;-)



New Docks at Net Lake



Docks Project nears Completion in 2016

This project, with several levels of government funding, started a year or so ago in the Village at the town waterfront park and marina – boat slips. All main access points in the Municipality, whether public boat launch areas or contractor yards, will have new permanent floating docks by the end of this season (check them out at: www.pipfusion.com – NyDock company, with a local office/yard in the downtown Village). These docking systems are structured to stay in the water all year round and are strongly anchored to the lakebed and shoreline.

The Town Public Works department advises that all the materials, docks, fittings, etc. have been received and they are simply waiting for the ice-out and open road access over the next few weeks to get to, for example, the South Rabbit Lake Access point off Rabbit Lake Road.

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The Public Works crew have been working hard at the landing on Net Lake at the Temagami North Arena parking lot and at the Cassells Lake – Snake Lake boat launch points during the week of April 25th. All that is left to do is put the floating dock structures in-water and connect them.

At South Rabbit Lake access point, this docking work both at the shore landing area and on the water still awaits the snow melt-off, road opening and ice-out. It is expected this will happen over the next couple of weeks. Warmer weather and some clearing rains would be very helpful. In respect of the cement boat launch ramp itself, while not technically part of the new docks project, the PW Dept. folks advise that they always keep an eye on conditions at the ramp and try their best to respond to any calls of wash-outs or other parking lot issues at this landing ... after all, the Land Use Permit agreement between the Municipality and the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF), having been renewed back in 2010, is an ongoing and a sustained commitment and `belongs` to us all. There may be the possibility that if there are some monies remaining in the project after completion of the docks, the boat launch ramp itself could be rehabilitated (rebuilt), although work on the water, at the shorelines, is heavily regulated by the MNRF permits system, with strict seasonal times in their regulations.

*[*special thanks to the Municipality of Temagami Public Works Dept. and CBO office]*



Public Works collection of new docks and anchoring materials awaiting the right weather conditions for installation.

Temagami Council calls a By-Election

At the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday April 27th, 2016, with three candidates vying for the recently vacated Councillor position, and after each made 12-minute presentations on pre-determined questions (7) in open public forum, Council went into in-camera session to discuss the appointment to fill the vacant seat on Council brought about by the recent resignation of Councillor John Kenrick (March 2016). Coming out of that session, Mayor Lorie Hunter reluctantly advised the public in attendance that Council was unable to agree upon a candidate to fill this Council vacancy and therefore brought forward a resolution to call a By-Election under the provision of the *Municipal Elections Act of Ontario*.

At the time of writing this column, the By-Election call has yet to be drafted and set up in accordance with the MEA and this will be happening in the near future, but could take a number of weeks or a month or so to complete. Municipal ratepayers/voting citizens may thus want to keep an eye on the Municipal website (www.temagami.ca – “Your Government”) or other sources of breaking news for this development.

[*note for information – I was one of the three candidates who applied to be appointed to fill this vacant Councillor position; the other two persons were Mr. Marvyn Morrison and Mr. Ron Prefasi]

Dock Sale



If you are thinking about spring cleaning at the cottage (or elsewhere), don't throw anything out. CALA is planning on co-ordinating a lake-wide dock sale on YOUR own dock. Details will be forthcoming following our first Exec. Meeting on May 22.

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If you don't think there's a sucker born every minute, you haven't had a garage sale in a while.



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CALA'S MISSION STATEMENT

CALA is committed to conserving the natural beauty of the Cassels and Adjoining Lakes region of Temagami and to sustaining the quality of life for this and future generations. CALA will preserve this commitment by promoting a clean & safe environment, supporting programs that will protect and enhance our fisheries and natural resources, collaborating and communicating with officials, organizations and associations to further develop our region's splendor and to acquire information that will facilitate reliable and informative communications to its members, and by organizing social activities to enrich member relations and to foster growth and involvement within the Association.



Community Info - 2016

TEMAGAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

Phone: 705-569-2945



Mon. – Thurs. 1 – 5 pm 7 – 8:30 pm
Friday 10 – 12 noon 2 – 5 pm 7 – 8:30 pm
CLOSED Saturday and Sunday

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Open: Mon. – Wed. 10 am - 3 pm
Thurs. 11 am – 3 pm
Friday - 10 am – 6 pm

STRATHY WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

300 Milne-Sherman Road

Year-round Hours

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8 am – 12 noon

Summer months (May long weekend to Labour Day) Sunday 10 am – 2 pm

Winter months

Sunday 8 am – 12 pm

SISK WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

3232 Hwy. 11, Marten River

Wed., Thurs., Sat. 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Summer Months: Sunday 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Winter Months: Sunday 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

HAZARDOUS WASTE

112 Patton Street, North Bay

OPEN: Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

CLOSED Mon, Tues., Sun.

Website: cityofnorthbay.ca/cityhall/department/environmental-services

TEMAGAMI MEDICAL CENTRE & FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

17 O'Connor Drive

705-569-3244

Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 am – 12 noon
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Friday - subject to availability of health care provider

Telephone Hours:

Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 am – 12 noon 1 – 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12 noon

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See website for further details:

www.temagami.ca

POST OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Tues., Wed 9 – 1:30 pm 2 – 5:00 pm

Thursday 10 – 1:30 pm 2 – 6:00 pm

Friday 9 – 1:30 pm 2 – 5:00 pm



WIRELESS INTERNET

- ❖ Temagami Public Library
- ❖ Parking lot of Temagami Tower

OUR DAILY BREAD GROCERY STORE

Monday to Saturday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

CLOSED Sunday

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HOME HARDWARE

Phone: 705-569-3300

Mon – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 – 1:00 (starting May 21)

