

CASSELS COMMUNICATOR

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Editors Report:

On another note Pat & I have spent a enlightening 20+ years each on the executive. We feel it is time for us to step down. This means there will be two open spots on the CALA executive come the AGM on Aug.3/13. The executive is looking for some new input into our great association. Kindly let your name stand for election next Aug. The two position opening up are Director of Membership & Treasurer. "All interested parties contact Jim Vance "ASAP." jvance501@hotmail.com

Bob Drake

Spring has been a long time coming, especially for folks up north.

“Earth and sky, woods & fields, lakes & rivers, the mountains and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books.

-John Lubbock

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CALA's Mission Statement

CALA is committed to conserving the natural scenic beauty of the Cassel's 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 it's members; and by organizing social activities to enrich member relations and to foster growth and involvement within the association.



Presidents Report

We hope that the winter season was kind to CALA members and their families. I'm sure that you are all as anxious as Mary and I to get back to the lake for the open water season. Here in the north it seems that we have had a long winter, although deep snow and safe ice conditions arrived late this year.

There are a few matters I'd like to bring to your attention at this writing. First, for those interested in attending the periodic CALA Executive meetings, the location has been changed for the upcoming year. Instead of using the Municipal Office, we will be at the Family Medical Centre at 17 O'Connor Drive for these meetings, and the Annual General Meeting will once again be an abbreviated meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Pork Roast and Poker Run

A new issue I'd like to bring to your attention concerns a potential future land claim by Temiskaming First Nations. This winter, a group of First Nations have begun meetings with the Federal and Provincial governments to lay out their "Assertion of Title and Land Rights" for a large territory which straddles the Ontario-Quebec border. Please note that this is not a "Land Claim" at this stage, although it could lead to one later on. The area involved extends from Kirkland Lake to Algonquin Park in Ontario and includes land on the southeast side of Rabbit Lake from the mouth of the Matabichuaun River to the south tip of Rabbit Lake (ie the south landing). In public information sessions that were held this winter by the Temiskaming First Nation, they informed the public that any future claim would not involve properties where there is ownership by third parties (ie our cottage properties). My reading of the situation is that there is no need for panic about this, but we should continue to monitor progress over the coming years.

The Temagami Lion's Club has begun a new recycling program for wearable used clothing to raise money for diabetes research. The Diabetes Drop Box is located at the grocery store (Our Daily Bread) and I encourage CALA members to consider donating their recyclable items that include: Reusable clothing; Linens: Blankets; Bedding; Shoes; Hats; Handbags; Towels and Drapes.

Finally, a new situation has arisen that may indirectly affect our fishery in the CALA area. In short, the walleye fishery on Lake Nipissing has reached a critical situation with the rapid collapse of the population of adult, egg laying fish. This has resulted in a lowering of the catch limit of walleye, on Lake Nipissing only, to 2 fish from the previous limit of 4 fish. MNR netting surveys show a good abundance of young walleye but a severe shortage of mature fish, so the limit has been lowered to allow more of the juvenile fish to survive to egg laying maturity. While there is no change to walleye limits on our CALA lakes, it is unknown if we will see increased fishing pressure if folks who normally fish Lake Nipissing start to spread out to nearby lakes such as ours. Only time will tell.

I wish you all a good cottaging season in 2013 and hope to see you this summer.

Jim Vance

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Water Quality Dave McAlaster



Nothing to report right now . Will be checking in the spring with Brent Trach of MOE to ask if MOE is testing our lake in 2013. They skipped us this year (2012) because they were testing smaller lakes in the area and our lake system had been testing consistantly for the last several years as good to excellent. Will keep you posted.

Thanks Dave

Communications Report Kaye Barrett



Nothing to report at this time

Logging Report Director Dave Zimmerman



Nothing to report at this time as timbering has been very slow.

Temagami Lions Club

Hi CALA Members

In mid December the Diabetes Assoc. and the Temagami Lions Club set up a clothesline box at the Temagami Grocery Store (Our Daily bread). As you know the Lions are involved in many projects that benefit the community. As stated in the attached documents Temagami's population has approximately 11% of the community that is diabetic as compared to the provincial average which is 8.3%.

There are many benefits to having a clothesline box located within the Temagami area as:

- 1) It will assist many seniors who do not drive to get rid of some of their useable clothing items.
- 2) It will assist the Diabetes Assoc. in raising funding for Diabetes research.
- 3) It will divert useable clothes that would normally end up at the Temagami land fill sit which will prolong the life of the Land fill.

We would appreciate your help in getting the word out to your members about this new initiative within Temagami area.

Thanks To All

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Fishing Report Brad Davies



Welcome back to all of our friends & neighbors for another cottage season. With the help of TAFIP & of course the weather man I hope to be able to report to you this fall of a successful year of Walleye stocking helping our CALA Lake system produce more Walleye. If you would like to volunteer your time for any projects that we may have please let me know & I will add your name to my list of volunteers.

Have a wonderful summer & remember that catch & release will improve fishing on our Lakes.

Brad Davies



BOAT POKER RUN & PORK ROAST

Sat. Aug 3/13 - Aug. LONG WEEKEND

To all attending kindly bring a salad or dessert to share, large enough to feed the group you are bringing to dinner. Also bring your own plates, utensils & chairs. Everyone welcome, bring your guests.

- **This years pork roast will be at Lill & Rene's**
- **I will be needing 10 check points. If you are interested kindly let me know at quakr1@execulink.com**