
SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.

*** JUNE 1990 NEWSLETTER ***

Dear Members,

I hope everyone has had a good winter and is ready for another enjoyable summer. Once again it is time to update you on the issues and events the Executive is currently pursuing.

Treasurers Report

As at June 4th, 1990, Diane Tate, treasurer, reported we had \$3,475.02 in our savings account and \$469.68 in our chequing account. Fixed costs are estimated at approximately \$2,000 for the balance of the year.

Annual Meeting

Our 1990 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the usual location (on the property above Trails End). Please note the earlier start time, which will allow everyone to enjoy the rest of the day. In the event of rain, the meeting will be held the same time on Sunday, July 15th.

Following the meeting, there will be a demonstration of our fire pump down at the lake front, along with the usual feast of hot dogs and pop.

Membership

I am pleased to report that our Association paid membership continues to grow to record levels. With 1990's membership drive just underway with this newsletter, our membership count is:

158 - members paid to 1989
19 - members paid to 1990
3 - members paid to 1991
2 - honorary members

Enclosed with this newsletter is a list of all current paid members (89/90/91). If anyone you know is not on this list, please encourage them to join! The more people our Association represents, the better we can serve the interests of all residents on the lake.

If unsure of your membership status, you can easily tell by looking on your address label of the newsletter. The number in the lower right corner indicates the last year we received dues from you.

We ask you to fill out the coupon at the end of the newsletter and return it, along with your \$10.00 dues to our address in Cloyne. Thank you.

Activities

Our "Sailing Regatta" will be held on Saturday, August 4th (wind/rain date Sunday, then Monday) beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the usual spot near O'borne's point. All forms of sailboats and windsurfers are welcome to compete for prizes. Cold pop and suds at the finish line. (Spectators also welcome). Later that evening, will be a game of slow pitch at the Cloyne ball diamond (just north of Cloyne on the east side of HWY 41) beginning at 8:30 p.m. Bring a glove if you have one.

Elections

This year we will have three openings on our executive. These positions are:

- President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Director

I would encourage any interested parties to get involved in the Association. Please contact me before the meeting in July at 336-2337 or be at the Annual Meeting on July 14th if you are interested.

Water Quality Monitoring

As you may know, Dick Blake has, for a number of years, been volunteering his time to the Ministry of Environment testing the water clarity of Skootamatta Lake. At last years Annual General Meeting it was suggested that our Association become more involved in water testing, and that we test our water in different areas of the lake with increased frequency. We have been in contact with the Ministry of Environment who are sending testing equipment and supplies. Brad Heney in the upper lake and Harold Copeland in the lower end have volunteered to commit 1/2 hour of their time each week to gather data on the water clarity and chlorophyll content of Skootamatta Lake.

Fishing Contest

Trails End is sponsoring a fishing contest this summer. There will be prizes for qualifying fish caught in Skootamatta Lake which are weighed in at Trail End. Further details will be available at Trails End.

66 Foot Road Allowance

For those of you who have applied to purchase your 66' frontage and recently received a letter from the municipalities legal counsel stating that they will require a survey to process your application, we will be discussing your options at the Annual General Meeting.

Illegal Camping

It has been noted over the past several seasons that there has been camping at various lake access points. Often these campers are acting in an irresponsible manner and leaving garbage and destroying property. We have written a letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources apprising them of the situation and requesting that they enforce stricter control over these areas.

F.O.C.A.'s Fair Taxation Campaign

Please find enclosed a copy of a brochure from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association, regarding property taxes for seasonal residents. While this has not yet become an issue in our area, there is a chance that this may become of great concern in the future. We therefore support F.O.C.A.'s position and encourage you to fill out and return the information portion enclosed!

Miscellaneous

Executive members, Marty Carson and Dave Tate have been appointed "Buoy Boys" again this year. Marker buoys have been placed at the usual danger points around the lake but if any have been missed, please let us know. A few extra buoys will be available at the annual meeting if you know of a spot that needs one.

We would like to report that our fire pump has been used in a "real fire" situation and successfully aided in saving property. Last fall, a fire (due to careless campers ???) was spotted on an island on the Skootamatta River. Thanks to Bryan Boys and crew for their fast action in putting out the fire.

In support of the Land O'Lakes Community Services, and their fund-raising efforts, the executive is pleased to provide space for the following message.

Progress Report - 60 Bed Long Term Care Facility - Northbrook

1. Ministry of Health has approved final drawings.
2. Fire Marshalls approval has been obtained.
3. Well has been drilled - excellent water supply.
4. Ministry of Environment approval expected shortly.

5. Tendering process has resulted in selection of General Contractor - (name to be published shortly).
6. Name of facility has been selected from 56 submitted suggestions and will be announced when title search completed.
7. Construction expected to start early June 1990 with completion late this year.
8. Total cost of project approx. \$4 million.
9. \$400,000 of the \$1.2 million 5 yr. fund raising target has been obtained through donations and pledges.

The facility is located behind (east) of Seniors apartments in Northbrook.

Sincere thanks to those who have already contributed to this essential project. We hope you will continue to support this project with your pledges and tax deductible donations.

To those who have not yet contributed, we ask that you please support and assist us with pledges and donations which of course are kept confidential.

Thank you.

Harve McKay
Chairman Fund Raising Committee
613-336-8145 (Skootamatta Lake)

The executive wishes to thank Marg Perkins for paying the postage of this newsletter in return for the following message:

PRIME TIME FOR RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES!

Buying or Selling - if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

I will be living on the Lake permanently in the near future and looking forward to meeting you all personally!!



MARGARET PERKINS

Sales Representative

Cottage 613-336-8252

4 Main Street North
Markham, Ontario L3P 1X2

Office: 416-294-1372
Residence: 416-477-3929

Please note the coupon at the bottom of this newsletter which we ask you to tear off and return with your annual \$10.00 dues.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you at the lake.

Yours truly,



Doug Jones
President

Please remit your annual membership dues for 1990 - 1991 by completing the following and returning to:

Skootamatta District Ratepayers' Assoc. Inc.
P.O. Box 160
Cloyne, Ontario
K0H 1K0

OR: In person at the annual meeting, \$10.00 per family

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

**PAID UP MEMBERSHIP LISTING FOR
SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS' ASSOC. INC.**

MEMBER NAME	PAID YTD	MEMBER NAME	PAID YTD	MEMBER NAME	PAID YTD	MEMBER NAME	PAID YTD
AASS MR. & MRS. MAACON	89	GLECOFF ROBERT & MARGARET	89	NEIKLE MR. & MRS. K.N.	89	STOCKER PAT & BOB	89
ALLEN GARY	89	GLECOFF MR. ANDREW J.	89	MERTENS FRANK	89	TATES THE	89
ALLEN W.R. (BOSS & LORNA)	89	GLOVER ALAN	89	MORRIS MR. & MRS. J.G.	89	TEED MR. & MRS. JIM	89
ANDERSON MR. & MRS. C.	89	GORDON SYLVIA & GEORGE	89	MORRISON MR. & MRS. ALLAN	89	TETTMAN MR. & MRS. LARRY & MAUREEN	89
ARTURS MR. & MRS. WAYNE	89	GULLEY MR. & MRS. JAMES A.	89	MURRELL R.C.	89	THOMPSON DARRELL & MENDY	89
BARCOCK G.L.	89	KALPERIN BRENDA & MITCHELL	89	NOVELL MR. & MRS. RON	89	TITUS MR. & MRS. HOWARD	89
BARKER MR. & MRS. GEORGE	89	KASLER BOB & GAIL	89	O'BORNE JAMES G.	89	TRIMBLE J.W.	89
BAILEY MR. & MRS. FRANK	89	KENEY MR. BRAD	89	O'CONNOR MR. & MRS. E.O.	89	VOLPE JOANNE	89
BAILEY DONALD & HANNAH	89	KENEY YVONNE & BRUCE	89	O'NEIL JOHN	89	VUKOBRAT M.M.	89
BARAN TONY & JEANNE	89	KENNIGER MR. & MRS. JOHN	89	OBORNE J. ROSS	89	WATSON LEROY & GAY	89
BARNETT MR. & MRS. KEN	89	HERING WILLIAM & FLORENCE	89	OLSEN MR. & MRS. WILLIAM	89	WATT MRS. BILL	89
BEAUPRE JOHN & BERNICE	89	HIGGINS MR. & MRS. W.G.	89	PAUZERS V.	89	WEBB MS. MONA ELIZABETH	89
BELL MR. CRAIG	89	HITCHCOCK DON & LAURY	89	PEARSON MR. GEORGE A.	89	WICKETT DR. BEATRICE E.	89
BELYEA MR. & MRS. H.M.	89	HOLE MR. BRUCE	89	PEARSON MR. GEORGE A.	89	WILLOUGHBY WILLIAM	89
BIRINYI MR. & MRS. GEORGE	89	HOWELL DENNIS & DOLORES	89	PERCIVAL MR. & MRS. H.	89	WYLLIE FRED & AL	89
BLAKE R.P. & E.M.	89	HUNTER MR. H. WILLIAM	89	PERIN ROBERT	89	YOUNG MR. & MRS. JACK K.	89
BLATCHFORD MR. BOB	89	HUTCHISON MR.	89	PERKINS MR. & MRS. M.	89	ZALOT JOHN	89
BLEECKER MR. JOHN I.	89	IMNES F.A.	89	PERKINS WILLIAM	89	BASS LT. COL. EARL J.	90
BOYS MR. RUSS	89	JONES MR. DOUG	89	PLONKA VICTOR	89	BASS LT. COL. EARL J.	90
BRUNDAGE D.W.	89	KARLIK MILAN A.	89	POVIHNSKY MIKE & CHARLENE	89	CLAPP FLOYD & PATRICIA	90
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CHAPPELL MR. ERIC	89	KISSMAN MR. & MRS. GORD	89	RATTRAY MR. DAVID	89	HALL MR. DONALD K.	90
CHINICK MR. & MRS. JAMES H.	89	KOJRO MR. & MRS. J.F.	89	REIMER MR. & MRS. DAVID	89	HUNTER KIM & KATRINA	90
CLARK MR. & MRS. T.D.	89	KOMARONI ELAINE	89	RIVERS MR. & MRS. RAYMOND	89	KING BOB & CAROL	90
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COTE JEAN-CLAUDE	89	LEVEQUE GRACE	89	SABLINSKAS MRS. P.	89	PIERCE MARION	90
COUCH R.F.	89	LIDSTER MR. DONALD	89	SANDS MR. & MRS. J.C.	89	SOLDER MR. ALLAN D.	90
COVIE MR. & MRS. W.H.	89	LINDSAY ROBERT P.	89	SCHWENGER MRS. ELENA HELEN	89	STEPHENS MRS. J.L.	90
CROME HARVEY & DOREEN	89	LINDSAY PAUL	89	SCHWENGER BRUCE & LESLEY	89	STOKES MR. JAMES A.	90
DAKUK MR. & MRS. DAVID	89	LITTLE MR. ROBERT	89	SCOTT BEV & JOE	89	VANDERZEE SANDRA	90
DAKUK MR. & MRS. JOHN	89	LUDOLPH ROBERT	89	SELLE MR. DON	89	WARDMAN BRIAN & ISABEL	90
DAVIDSON A.T.	89	MACLELLAN MR. & MRS. STEWART	89	SHEA MR. & MRS. MICHAEL	89	WEST KEN & HADA	90
DUCKWORTH MR. LEN	89	MACLELLAN MR. & MRS. DONALD	89	SHEPHERD MR. & MRS. CHARLES S.	89	BARNES SHIRLEY	91
DURMO MR. CHARLES	89	MANGOLD MR. & MRS. FRANK	89	SILKE MR. & MRS. ALFRED	89	CAZALY MR. LAWRENCE	91
EENSILD MR. & MRS. ELMAR	89	MATTHEW JOHN	89	SISSON SUSAN	89	LAKE CLARENCE H.	91
ENGLAND MR. W.	89	MCBRIDE MRS. JANE	89	SMITH MR. EDUARD A.	89	HANCOCK MR. SEAN	91
FARROW MR. & MRS. WILF	89	MCKAY MR. JIM	89	SOMLEY DR. & MRS. E.G.	89	HUGHES MRS. GEORGINA	91
FARROW JAN & KENT	89	MCKAY H.R.	89	SOLDEN FRANCES	89		
FAULKNER MR. & MRS. BRUCE	89	MCKAY MR. & MRS. RON	89	ST. AMAND MORLEY & ELEANOR	89		
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FITZGERALD MR. & MRS. R.R.	89	MCMURRAY MR. JOHN A.	89	STEVENS MR. RON	89		
FRASER MR. & MRS. PHILIP	89	MCHILLIAMS CARL	89	STEWART DR. & MRS. D.	89		

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAID ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: 183

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Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

FAIR TAXATION CAMPAIGN

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The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations Incorporated

- exists to assist everyone, Cottager or not, in connection with the problems in rural recreational areas of Ontario.
- is an information centre for anyone interested in the concerns of the seasonal resident.
- speaks to government, industry, agencies on behalf of the owners of well over 1/4 million recreation properties in Ontario (approx. 1 million people).
- provides a sense of identity, lines of communication and a platform for ideas, opinions, solutions, etc. for those people with a strong common interest in recreational Ontario.
- is Ontario's largest provincial ratepayers organization.
- is a volunteer, non-profit, non-governmental Federation of Member Associations who in turn have members from every walk of life, every corner of the Province. Our members are interested in all aspects of cottaging and are most concerned about the future of the cottage way of life. Federation members care enough about maintaining Ontario's cottaging tradition, environment and natural resources to join together in the common cause of all Cottagers. We'd welcome your support or membership.

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Jerry Strickland,
Executive Director

F.O.C.A.'s Fair Taxation Campaign



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Auditing for Action at Election Time

“Seasonal residents are being asked to pay more than our fair share in property taxes. This non-partisan campaign will focus our concerns for the first time for the politicians who depend on our votes.

Join Us!”

Rejeanne Anthon
President, F.O.C.A.



F.O.C.A.
The Federation of Ontario
Cottagers' Associations

F.O.C.A.'s Fair Taxation Campaign

In the Spring of 1988, seasonal residents across Ontario wrote to the Minister of Education and the MPP representing their home riding, to support our idea for an Education Tax Credit to begin to reduce the burden for education funding from the property tax and start to base it more on an ability to pay. We had a very legitimate complaint, since we are forbidden by law from using the schools at our seasonal residences.

Now, after two provincial budgets, it is clear that the Ontario Government does not take our concerns seriously.

In fact, they have begun a massive transfer of costs from general revenues to our property tax bills — by reducing grants to school boards, freezing unconditional grants to municipalities, raising the property tax share of financing for educational capital projects by 60%, and flat-lining road grants.

Our property tax bills have risen by over 15% and will likely continue to rise sharply next year.

FOCA and other organizations representing seasonal and permanent residents across Ontario, have begun a campaign to force governments to act by focussing pressure on the one thing that all governments understand — votes on election day.

We're asking each of you to complete and mail the attached reply card and give us "the number of voting adults in your household" and "the name of your home provincial riding or MPP — who depends on your vote at election time".

We'll then tabulate and audit your responses and let your MPP know that hundreds of voters in his/her riding are prepared to vote against them on election day unless this, or any future government, shows some understanding of our legitimate concerns. If you are unsure of the name of your MPP or Provincial Riding, call the Office of the Chief Elections Officer collect at (416) 965-6831.

Seasonal residents represent almost 10% of all homes in Ontario and are concentrated in Metro and the Golden Horseshoe.

We represent one of the largest voting blocks in Ontario and in a close election could determine the outcome in dozens of ridings.

An election could come as early as September 1990 — only 14 months away.

We need your support. Your voice can be heard. But only if the hundreds of thousands of seasonal residents act together in a non-partisan way for the first time.

James Reston has observed that "All politics are based on the indifference of the majority". Let's show the government that we can and will join with our neighbours across Ontario in a non-partisan campaign to elect men and women who will act to reform our property tax system. Mail your reply card today.



FAIR TAXATION CAMPAIGN — MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

- I'm upset and frustrated about Ontario's unfair property tax system in general and high cottage taxes in particular. I realize that only the Provincial Government can make the legislative changes needed to provide meaningful relief. I view this matter as one of the most important issues on which our family will base our vote in the next Provincial Election.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Office) _____

Name of Cottage Association: _____

Name of Home (Not Cottage) Provincial Riding/
Constituency: _____

Name of Home (Not Cottage) Provincial
MPP/MLA: _____

If Riding or MPP Name is unknown, call (416)
965-6831 (collect)

Number of voting Adults (18 years or older) using
cottage: _____
