

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

1986 - 1987

This will serve to inform you that the Annual Meeting of the Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association will take place July 18th, Raindate July 19th at the usual place of meeting at the foot of the lake.

There have been 3 meetings of the Skootamatta District Ratepayers Executive during the course of the year and I will attempt in this report to highlight some of the discussions and activities.

When you come to the July 18th meeting, please be advised of the following:

I am stepping down as President of the Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association having fulfilled only one year of a two year term. I find that the press of my work is more than I had anticipated when I originally ran. I do not feel that I have served the membership in a manner that I had intended when I was elected. I do not feel that it is fair that I retain the President's position on the Association knowing that I will not be able to give it the attention that it deserves.

I would urge the membership to be present for an election this summer. Diane Tate, Darien Kissman, Karen Stacey and Ross Cooper were elected in 1986 and will continue to serve until the end of their two year term. Nominations for President, Secretary and 2 Director positions will be needed.

The prime area of concern for the Executive in the past year has been the discussion that we had last summer relating to the 5,000 foot frontage on the upper lake in which the Province has given over to new owners and the disposition of the foot of the lake property with the possibility of a trailer park there.

On the issue of the 5,000 foot frontage of the upper lake, I have been informed that the West German families involved have been working towards finalizing that involvement. We have been lead to believe that there is some financial problem and perhaps that area will not be developed as we had originally expected.

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On the topic of the provincial properties at the foot of the lake, commonly known to us all as the foot of the lake Access which had been turned over to the Municipality a year ago, please be advised that at a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Jacques Bay on May 16th, the question of the assumption of those properties by the Ratepayers Association was discussed. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee of the Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association, that the Association will assume those properties. Such decision was made known verbally to Councilman Robert Little on that day. I believe that he verbally informed the Council of our intentions and the Council was notified in writing shortly thereafter in which I made a request to forward to us whatever papers have to be dealt with. This will be fully discussed at the Annual Meeting on July 18th and I would urge you all to come and participate in this discussion.

I have also been informed that on the issue of the 66 foot rightaway, we have right of purchase. If you choose to exercise your right of purchase, I urge you to contact C. Hasler in Flinton or Bob Little on Jacques Bay. We have been lead to believe that it is not prohibitively expensive, that the Municipal Council is prepared to waive the requirement of survey and the process is not lengthy or encumbered. However, each of us must make application for the purchase of our own frontage on an individual basis.

For sometime the Association has been unable to locate the working constitution for the organization. It has been located and there will be copies for distribution of the existing constitution at the July 18th meeting.

At the August 2, 1986 meeting of the Executive, Diane Tate indicated that the consensus on the lake at that time was that the areas that had been sprayed that spring had seen some success as it relates to control of the gypsy moth problem. We have also been told that a parasite apparently has developed which attracts gypsy moths naturally, so we may see some recession this summer of the gypsy moth problem.

Discussion took place about the possibility of a fishing contest for Labour Day in 1987, it was suggested that such a contest be organized and in conjunction with George Mansard of the Trail's End at the foot of the lake.

Please be advised that the Annual Regatta will be on the August 1st weekend on Saturday, rain date Sunday. This is being co-ordinated by Jim McKay, Doug Jones and Bruce Schwenger.

It has become obvious in the discussions of the Executive that our \$6.00 Annual Dues do not provide the amount of monies necessary to conduct the business of the Association even at the minimal level at which it is presently being conducted. On May 16th, 1987, the Executive Committee approved the 1987 dues be raised to \$10.00.

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Jim McKay has agreed to be in charge of signs to be put up at Sheldrake Bay Road and at the foot of the lake which will eventually be used to post notices of the Annual Meeting, the Regatta, if we are successful next winter in developing a ski doo safari, or any other recreational programs that we would want to make announcements of. It has become abundantly clear that there are more and more people living on the lake year round. One of the things that has hampered us from becoming an active and vigorous Ratepayers Association in the past has been the seasonal aspects of our sojourn on the lake. However, with more of us becoming permanent residents it's an excellent possibility that the Ratepayers Association may become more vigorous.

I have been asked to tell you that there have been changes in the fishing licence laws, and to also advise you that fishing licenses can be obtained at Trail's End.

The Association has requested a donation from the Municipality to help us in some of our endeavors. We have been lead to believe that the Municipality has made such contributions to the Ratepayers Association of Weslemkoom. We respectfully requested that such consideration be given to our Ratepayers Association.

The Executive Committee has discussed the topic of standing cups to be awarded to event winners. The decision has been made that the Cups are not to leave the lake. If a visitor is the winner of an event for which there is a Cup awarded, it is with the knowledge that the Cup will remain in the cottage of the host and will not leave our lake. We wish to keep in mind for those in the future who enjoy our lake that many of us have been here for quite some time. Based on that we are in the process of developing the Schwenger Cup to be awarded to the winner of the sailboat race, and the Poppa Bible Cup to be awarded for the fishing contest. I am sure that as time goes by other cups will either be purchased or donated to honor those lovers of our lake who are no longer with us.

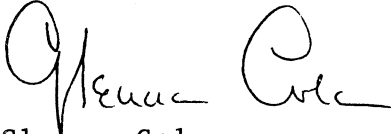
At the July 18th Annual meeting, we will have our usual sumptuous repast of hot dogs, hamburgers, and semi-chilled soft drinks. Jim McKay, et al are in charge of putting this together.

I most sincerely apologize to the members of the Ratepayers Association, for the poor showing that I gave you this year as your President. However, the Executive Committee has functioned well, and I look forward to seeing you all in July.

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Please take note of the tear-off at the bottom of this Newsletter which we ask you to fill out and send in with your dues if you do not plan to be at the Annual Meeting.

See you all in July.



Glenna Cole
President


Please remit your annual membership dues by completing the following and returning to:

The Treasurer
Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association Inc.
3 Drewry Avenue
Willowdale, Ontario
M2M 1C9

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

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

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**SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT
RATEPAYERS ASSOC.**

Jaques Bay, Skootamatta Lake
Cloyne, Ontario KOH 1K0

May 28, 1987

Mr. Carl Hasler
Clerk-Treasurer
MUNICIPALITY OF
Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham
Flinton, Ontario
KOH 1P0

Re: Part Lot 4, Concession 10, Anglesea Township

Dear Sir

In reply to your April 15, 1987 communication re the above captioned matter, please be advised of the following decisions made by the Executive Committee of the Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association on Saturday, May 16, 1987.

It was motioned, seconded, discussed and passed unanimously that the Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association would assume responsibility for said lot. Such discussion and decision was communicated verbally by the Committee that same day to Councilman Robert Little.

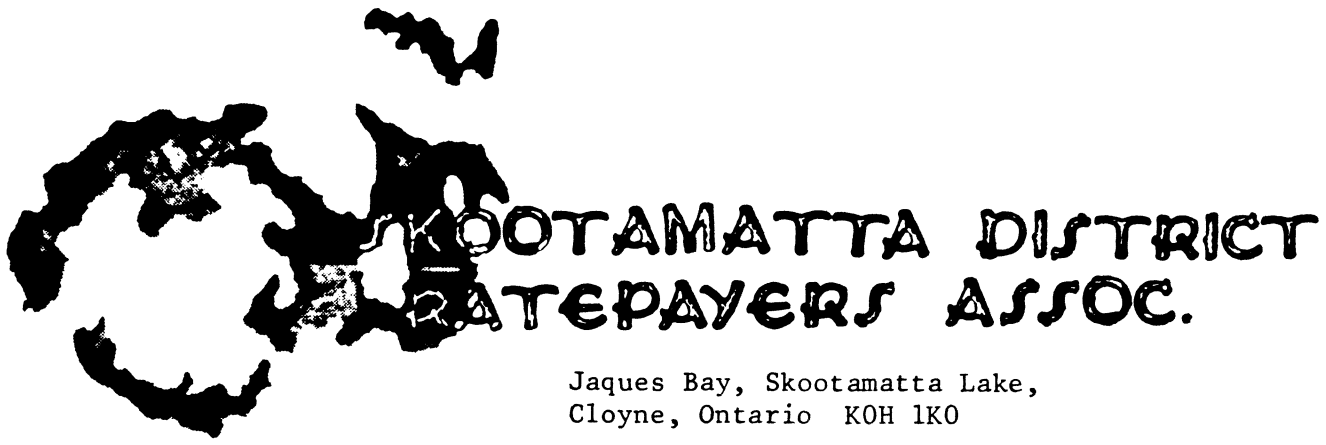
Please forward to me as soon as possible any relevant materials that the Association needs to complete in order to facilitate the finalization of this matter.

Very truly yours

SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION



Glenna Cole
President
GC/e
cc - Executive Committee



Jaques Bay, Skootamatta Lake,
Cloyne, Ontario KOH 1K0

May 28, 1987

Reeve, Thomas & Thompson
MUNICIPALITY OF
Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham
Flinton, Ontario
KOH 1P0

Dear Sir

It has come to the attention of the Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association that the Weslemkoom Ratepayers Association has been given a grant from the Municipality of Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham. It is my understanding that said Ratepayers Association has a potential of a maximum 20 members. Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association has a maximum potential of 350 members.

It would appear that the Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association would qualify for such a grant based on the above information. The Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association supplies marker buoys, provides sporting activities for all ages, attempts to monitor environmental concerns related to adequate septic system, and is looking toward studies relating to the integrity of the Skootamatta waters. Since Skootamatta Lake is a major water-shed feeding Flinton and south Flinton into the Moira River Reserve, one would expect that the Municipality would be keenly interested in maintaining the integrity of the Skootamatta waters.

I am aware that the Municipality has become involved in the life that goes on at this lake. If memory serves me, approximately 2,000 residents north of Highway #7 and west of Highway #41 are within the boundaries of Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham -approximately 1,100 voters are designated seasonal residents.

May 28, 1987

Based on the above information and statistics, I would respectfully submit to you that the Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association qualifies for such a grant as given to Weslemkoom Ratepayers Association, based on proportional numbers.

Please advise me as soon as possible as to whether the Municipal Council shares my views.

Very truly yours

SKOOTAMATA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glenna Cole".

Glenna Cole
President

GC/e
cc - Executive Committee