

Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association Inc.



Spring 2018 Newsletter

Thank you for being a member of the Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association (CCRAI) in the past and supporting us with your membership. Your continued support enables our volunteer board of directors to represent our members and the community on matters that are most important to us all. Please renew your membership again in 2018 and please attend our meetings where we share lots of excellent, topical and local information.

The mandate of the CCRAI Board of Directors is to execute on the following constitution;

- To promote and encourage Ratepayers to participate in Community matters
- To discuss, find solutions, and make recommendations on any matter that affects the quality of living of Ratepayers and to ensure the results will be beneficial to the Community at large
- To co-operate and work closely with other associations in the Municipality of Trent Lakes to protect the environment and the environmental quality of our land, lakes and on any other issues that may affect the Municipality
- To promote and encourage tourism and commercial ventures in our Community in an acceptable and controlled manner
- To provide a channel for communications with the Municipality of Trent Lakes and all other levels of government, organizations and agencies

Every year we hold a minimum of two public meetings where we share the progress we have made in specific areas that are affecting the community. We also bring in subject matter experts on a variety of topics to provide presentations and important information for our members and we regularly have representatives from the Municipal, County, Provincial and Federal government as speakers. We encourage you to attend the meetings this year as we have a great list of topics and speakers for this year. The majority of our members are land owners in the former Cavendish and Harvey Townships served by County Road 507 and we welcome any property owners in The Municipality of Trent Lakes.

CCRAI Meetings in 2018 – Everyone Welcome

We are hosting three public meetings this year plus a FOCA/CCRAI sponsored seminar on Cottage and Estate Planning presented by Peter Lillico. The meetings are open to all and we welcome all attendees. The agendas and topics for our 2018 meetings are confirmed and can be viewed at <http://cavendishcommunitycentre.wordpress.com/ccrai/>.

Public Meeting - Saturday June 23, 2018 - 10am - 12 noon

Cottage Succession and Estate Planning - Saturday July 14, 2018 - 10am-12noon

Public and Annual General Meeting - Saturday August 18, 2018 - 10am-12noon

All Candidates Meeting 2018 Elections - Saturday September 15, 2018 - 10am-12noon

Meetings are held at the Cavendish Community Centre – County Road 507

CCRAI Board of Directors

President: Gary Jarosz
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Presidents Message

Last year the Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association Inc. (CCRAI), rolled out the Love Your Lake Program over 11 lakes and the Mississagua River which represented over 1367 shoreline properties. Each property was reviewed by trained professionals and confidential reports were created and made available to each property owner. The reports reviewed each property highlighting the good/natural features and the areas for potential improvement along with recommendations and resources on how to make those improvements along with other information to help protect lake and water quality. The focus of the Love Your Lake Program was to provide a baseline and a set of tools to all shoreline property owners so that we can make incremental improvements to ensure the long term quality of our lakes and water. Our appeal for volunteers came with resounding response and we had an army of lakefront properties owners that volunteered to house, feed and boat the evaluators around the lakes. We also had a large number of lakefront property owners that responded to our request for donations to help defray the costs of the Love Your Lake Program. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the CCRAI, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone that helped out and that donated money to the program, without all of you, this program would not have been possible. Please come to the August meeting to see the presentation of the lake summary reports.

In 2016 the CCRAI made a recommendation to Trent Lakes Council and Staff to immediately implement a clear bag policy at all transfer stations and to keep the 52 bag garbage cards rather than eliminate the 52 bag garbage card and move to a pay per throw program. The CCRAI along with the support of many other associations that we collaborate with, made a very fact based and professional case that won the support of the majority of council and they decided to have staff follow that recommendation. This also created an opportunity where all of the associations worked in cooperation with the Municipal staff supporting greater awareness and education to the need for more recycling. The results from those efforts have been a tremendous success. In 2017, Trent Lakes reduced the amount of garbage going to the landfill site by 36% or 667 tonnes over 2016 levels and as a result our diversion rate increased significantly to 61% from a 2015 diversion rate of 49%. Peterborough County had a target of 60% by 2030 and the CCRAI recommendation was to increase the diversion rate target to 60% by 2020 and we have already achieved that diversion rate by 2017, thirteen years earlier than the County plan. For the Q1 of 2018, we have reduced the amount of garbage going to landfill by 40% (101 tonnes) as compared to Q1 2016 and by 10% (18 tonnes) as compared to Q1 2017. Trent Lakes now leads Peterborough County in diversions rate, was recently awarded for our diversion programs, we avoided moving to pay per throw and we still have our 48 bag garbage cards. We congratulate all the residents for participating in recycling and helping to reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill as this reduces our waste costs by reducing haulage and tipping fees. Keep up the great work!

In late 2017 we were alerted to the concern about the costs associated with the proposal for a centralized public road works depot. This was a project that was evaluated back in 2012 and turned down but it came back to light in 2017 with a number of new consulting reports that were conducted to look at various options. The CCRAI investigated and researched this project and working closely with other associations that had similar concerns, we put forward questions to Trent Lakes Council and Staff to ensure that there was a comprehensive business case to justify the capital expenditures required for the project. Due to the geographic expanse of Trent Lakes and the manner in which our road works staff work throughout the year, it became apparent that a centralized public works depot would not result in the cost savings, improved service, or increased efficiencies to justify the capital expenditure. Working with other associations, we developed a set of concerns that we voiced to Council and again by providing a fact based and professional report to Council, we were able to gain their support to ask the questions of staff that we were looking for answers to. In addition, our concerns were very much the same as some members of Council. Ultimately, the majority of council came to the same conclusion that we did and the centralized public works depot project was cancelled and council has asked staff to develop a solution for improvements to the status quo/decentralized public works depot infrastructure that we have in place today so that we can continue to get the quality service that we currently receive today.

The Municipal Elections take place on October 22, 2018 and this year you can only vote on the internet via computer or via telephone voting. There will be no paper ballots available. It is important to ensure that you are on the voter list and that your school support is correct (public or catholic) so please go to voterlookup.ca or call 1-866-296-6722 to verify that you are on the voter list and that your school board support is correct. Later in the year, you will receive a letter with a special PIN Code that you can use to process your vote online or via telephone. All property owners in Trent Lakes are eligible to vote and it is important that everyone takes the opportunity to vote so that we get a Municipal Council elected that will work in the best interests of all property owners and be focused on what is important to the taxpayers. Attend the CCRAI All Candidates Meeting on Saturday October 15, 2018 so that you can hear what the candidate platforms are and you can get information that will help you cast your vote.

Public Meeting Agenda Saturday June 23, 2018– 10am-12 noon

Municipality of Trent Lakes Budget Update – Gary Jarosz, President CCRAI
Love Your Lake Final Project Update – Gary Jarosz – President CCRAI
Mississagua Dam Historical Presentation – Robert Taylor Vaisey – CCRAI Board Director
Mississagua Dam Replacement Project Update – Darryl Whitehead, External Relations Manager, Parks Canada
Lake Water Level Updates and Water Management - Ted Spence, Chair - Coalition for Equitable Waterflow

The Cottage Succession and Estate Planning Seminar - Saturday July 14, 2018 – 10am-12 noon

Presented by CCRAI and FOCA, a presentation by Peter Lillico, a recognized estate lawyer on how to “Keep the Family in the Family Cottage”. This is the fourth of the series from Peter Lillico entitled “Targeting Tax - Cottages and Capital Gains”. Don’t miss this very informative presentation on Cottage Succession Planning.

CCRAI Annual General and Public Meeting – Saturday August 18, 2018 – 10am – 12 noon

CCRAI Board of Directors – Annual General Meeting – yearly report, financial statements, election of directors
Love Your Lake – Overall Lake Results – Ted Spence – Director CCRAI, Lake Steward, Chair CEWF
Waste Management Update - Tara Stephens – Manager Waste Management Peterborough County

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Nominated Municipal Council Candidates and School Board Trustees - Election Platform with Question and Answer
Come and learn about the new voting procedures for the 2018 Municipal Elections and visit the Voting Help Desk.

2018 Municipal Elections Update

The upcoming Municipal Elections will be held on Monday October 22, 2018. In the 2018 Municipal Elections, residents in Trent Lakes will be **voting electronically** either by touch tone phone or via the internet. **There will not be any paper ballots.** A Help Centre will be established at the Trent Lakes Municipal Office with telephone and internet access for residents that do not have access to such connections and there is a plan for it to be open on Saturday October 20th in Council Chambers for residents that cannot make it to the Municipal Office during regular office hours. In addition, as a result of a request by the CCRAI, the Municipal Libraries will be open to the public with computers and wifi for residents to vote electronically however they will not be Help Centres. The election period opens Tuesday October 9, 2018 at 10am and closes Monday October 22, 2018 at 8:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity for full time residents and cottagers in Trent Lakes to get involved, make your voices heard and elect the individuals that will best represent your interests and priorities.

There are five Council positions to be filled, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Harvey Ward, Councillor Galway Cavendish Ward, and Councillor at Large. The elected council will serve a four year term commencing December 1, 2018 through to November 14, 2022. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor also serve on the upper tier County of Peterborough Council. Council members are also appointed to various Boards and Committees in Trent Lakes. Two School Board Trustees will also be elected, Trustee Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and Trustee Peterborough, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board.

Your vote is important! Municipal Council is responsible for ensuring the Municipality and their staff provide the required services such as roads and bridge maintenance, policing and protective services, fire, ambulance, parks and recreation, waste management, bylaws, building permits, and a host of other services that directly impact you, your family, your home and your property. Make sure you vote for those who will best represents your interests.

Winter and Spring Water Levels Update 2018

After the drought of 2016 and the extreme high water through 2017, maybe we should not be surprised that the winter and spring of 2018 have again seen exceptional weather patterns and challenges for the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) water management team. The new Mississagua Dam was commissioned in December 2017 and although there is still site remediation work to be completed, the dam has been fully operational through the winter and spring. At the end of December, water levels were near normal, a good ice cover was in place and the snowpack was building up. We received near normal amounts of precipitation in both January and February but in both months half the total came as winter rainfall and by the end of February the snowpack was down to only 25% of normal. March turned out to be a fairly dry month followed by a very wet April where the storm around the 15th dumped more than 40cm of snow and ice, followed by more than 25m of rain on the 25th which led to rapid melting of the snow, high run off and a rapid rise in the lake. In the last week of April, the levels on both Anstruther and Mississagua were rising quickly, the ice was still on the lakes and the snow and soil water data showed more run off to come. The TSW removed logs to drain water from Anstruther and Mississagua to reverse the rising levels and ensure capacity for spring rains. There were high levels on the Mississagua River and some flood damage. The forecasted rain in early May did not materialize and lake levels are well below full. Flow at the dam has been almost shut off since May 9th with lake levels rising very slowly due to lack of rainfall. TSW increased flow over the holiday weekend to provide water for river residents. At the time of writing it appears that river flow will be restricted while TSW tries to fill the lakes to full storage. Bringing the lake levels to full on the single largest reservoir in the TSW system is a priority for the water managers particularly given the long range forecast for a hot summer.

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Application for/Renewal of CCRAI Membership

Membership Fees

I am RENEWING my membership for 2018

\$20.00 per household

I am APPLYING for membership for 2018

\$ _____ Additional Voluntary Donation

I am making a contribution to the Love Your Lake Program

\$ _____

Name of Member/Applicant: _____

Additional Member in Household: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cavendish Phone: _____

Do you prefer to receive your yearly newsletter electronically via email? _____

Email Address: _____

Cavendish Address (Lake/Lot & Conc): _____

Waterfront: Yes No

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Everyone welcome. Stay informed. Be heard. Make a difference.

Please write in your comments or suggestions below or email us at ccraimail@gmail.com.

Please mail this form with a cheque or money order made out to CCRAI to the address at the top of this application. For online payments, please email in the form and email/E-transfer the membership fee to CCRAIMAIL@GMAIL.COM. Thank you for your continued support of the Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association. We look forward to seeing you at our public meetings in 2018.

NOTE: DUE TO INCREASED PRINTING AND POSTAGE COSTS THE CCRAI ANNUAL NEWSLETTER WILL ONLY BE MAILED TO MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

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