



LAKE ROSSEAU NORTH ASSOCIATION

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Lake Rousseau North Association 2018 Spring Newsletter

YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - A YEAR OF CHANGE

Greetings to all members and welcome to spring? It seems to me that change is everywhere. Climate change has brought an exceptionally cold winter and spring, with record breaking rain, ice storms and another 20 to 30 cm of snow in Rosseau just this week. It looks as if the ice will be late going out this year. Just last week I heard it was still possible to drill a core two feet thick for ice fishing. Despite this, please be wary of thinning ice at the shore from chucks. There is open water in some areas and it seems the MNR has been more proactive in lowering the lake levels to almost unprecedented low levels in anticipation of spring runoff.

We can expect to see change on the political horizon as this is an election year. With upcoming municipal and provincial elections we plan to update you on the campaigns/plans from candidates in our area. LRNA will invite candidates to speak at our AGM, or at a special elections session set aside for our membership. Stay tuned.

Proposed changes to the District of Muskoka Official Plan involving zoning and density has generated controversy and mounting resistance. The Seguin Township Planning Department has proposed innovative new Waterfront Development Guidelines. LRNA will be following these changes carefully and is committed to keeping you informed of the facts and the impacts on the North Lake Rousseau area. Kudos to Seguin Township for being most proactive and innovative, examining environmental impact issues.

“Safe Quiet” has successfully completed their most advanced survey to date, and at a recent stake holders meeting called “Turning Insights into Action”, they rolled out a new initiative call “Slow Down, Bow Down” that will provide interesting new insights/methods for the control wakes. Please take the time to visit safequiet.ca and read firsthand the results of this important research.

FOCA, (the “Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Association”) has also been busy. They have reported on new policies and changes to government programs necessary to examine the deleterious effects of poor septic inspections in “cottage country”. This is an issue of utmost importance to all cottagers. I encourage you to check out foca.on.ca as an interesting and valuable resource. LRNA maintains membership in FOCA that in turn, gives all LRNA members access.

I am sure there are many more examples of change in other fields, but I am saving my best to last! You will shortly receive a letter introducing you to a new LRNA Website. It has a fresh new look and ease of operation that will be a huge asset going forward. Please be sure to read and examine the letter closely to ensure you understand the streamlining of our internal business structure, and the highly efficient way we plan to bring you changing news and events year round. Make sure you flag the site on your browser’s “favourites list”. Our new site is presently in a testing phase and should be ready to launch in a few short weeks. It will be always in a state of change with new postings and new information and changes in structure as required. We will be happy to receive your comments and suggestions. Email blasts of special upcoming events and reminders to make use of this great new resource will continue as before.

As this new Website will cover news and events it allows me to keep my spring greeting to you shorter than in the past. Another Change!

Best wishes to you for a cheerful, healthy and safe year.

Doug Gammage, Pres. LRNA and for the board of Directors

Bernadette Davidson, Brenda Handyside, Brett LaGamba (Past Pres.) Brian Bonnick, Claude LeBlanc, Corinne Hagerman, David George, David Himelfarb, Donald Trench, Katie Phillips, Ken Bodnar.

