



The Lighthouse Newsletter

After a challenging winter and early spring, more spring-like temperatures have finally arrived. Summer won't be far behind! And what a busy summer it is shaping up to be.



First, on behalf of the LRNA Board, I hope you have not sustained too much damage from this year's spring run-off and flooding. Some jurisdictions have issued directives to their residents regarding handling of debris and floating items in the lakes and rivers. Neither the Township of Muskoka Lakes or Township of Seguin have as yet done so, however we would encourage all members to use caution when venturing onto the water as there could be a larger than usual number of items in the lake. Our lost and found service is again available to assist in locating items that may have floated away during the recent flooding.

We want to thank those members who registered in our electronic membership renewal program. On May 1st, the annual LRNA membership fee of \$65 was automatically processed on the credit card we have on file for you. This significantly decreased the administrative burden on our volunteers who have handled this manually in the past. We very much appreciate your continuing membership and support.

The new Mayor of Seguin Township, Ann MacDiarmid, has indicated that keeping taxes low remains a guiding principle of her council. In her January newsletter she outlined the challenge of adding services and programming without cutting essential services. If costs increase by \$117,000 for any reason without an offsetting reduction in other costs, it results in a 1% tax increase in your tax bill. She has therefore indicated she would like to hear from ratepayers with regard to their thoughts, concerns and suggestions. The Mayor is available at the Township Office in Humphrey on Tuesdays (2 - 4 pm) and Thursdays (10am - 1 pm) and encourages ratepayers to drop in or call 705-732-4300 to set up an appointment.

Visit the Seguin townships website [here](#)

The Township of Muskoka Lakes approved their 2019 Budget at the February 15/19 Council meeting. A 2.15% increase in the residential tax rate from 2018 was included in the budget. Additional details can be found [here](#).

The West Parry Sound Health Centre is pleased to inform our members that the Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic - Rosseau location (formerly known as the Rosseau Nursing Station) will once again be open for walk-in service on summer weekends in July and August. Details regarding dates and hours will be posted on the LRNA website.

A reminder that we all need to know the rules, be safe and have fun on the water! **Cannabis and boating** is becoming a topic of interest as the first boating season since the legalization of cannabis approaches. Transport Canada provides the following information: The Cannabis Act, Bill C-45, allows adults to legally possess and use small amounts of cannabis. Bill C-46, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code, sets out three new drug-impaired driving offences. The three offences are for having a specified level of a drug within two hours of driving. It is illegal, under this Bill, to drive or operate a vessel while having:

- A THC level between 2 and 5 nanograms (ng)
 - A level above 5 ng
- A blood alcohol concentration of 50 mg per 100 ml of blood, in addition to a THC level of more than 2.5 ng

Being impaired by any drug or alcohol while operating a boat or other vehicle can affect your ability to perform and could have a negative impact on the overall safety of navigation. Cannabis impairs your ability to:

- Focus
 - Make decisions
 - Follow instructions
- Handle equipment and tools
- Safely operate a vehicle including a boat or watercraft

Remember that under subsection 253(1) of the Criminal Code you may not operate, assist in the operation of, or have the care or control of a vessel while impaired. This applies whether or not the vessel is moving. It also applies whether you are using drugs, alcohol or both.

Most of our members are aware of the important wildlife rehabilitation work done on a year round basis at the **Aspen Valley Sanctuary** in Rosseau. However, many are not aware of the other important services they can also provide. A partial list includes:

- Calls and emails from the public asking for advice regarding wildlife on their property
 - Loaning live traps and demonstrating their use for the rescue of orphaned or injured animals
 - Responding to calls to rescue animals who may have been struck by vehicles or orphaned by hunters
 - Freeing animals from distressing situations
 - Working with other agencies such as Parks Canada, Bear Aware, etc.
 - Giving educational talks at community events about co-existing with wildlife
- Click [here](#) to visit their website



Please contact the caring volunteers at the Sanctuary for help if you encounter any of the above listed situations. They are always willing to assist.

The LRNA Board and several committed volunteers have already started planning in earnest for the **2019 Rosseau Family Day/Regatta** to be held Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the Rosseau Waterfront. More details will be issued as they become available (look for updates on lrna.ca and member emails) but for now, we are asking you to mark the date on your calendar, get your friends and family to do the same and then start thinking about getting ready for the stiff canoeing, kayaking and swimming competition. We are hoping you will register yourself, your children and grandchildren! It is shaping up to be a fun-filled, active day - one that will honour and expand on the 52 year old tradition of the Rosseau Regatta! And one that, at the same time, will raise funds for important local charities including Camp Ooch, Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary and summer hour at the Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic - Rosseau location.

If you are willing to help us with the Family Day/Regatta in any capacity, we can use your help. Please contact us at info@lrna.ca



Lake Rosseau North Association

Summer Regatta

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday July 27th, 2019




We look forward to seeing you at the LRNA Booth on Fridays starting June 30th at the Rosseau Market. Please drop by and say hello.

Corinne Hagerman
LRNA President