



Cognashene Cottagers' Association

Cognashene Cottagers' Association
Annual General Meeting
Saturday July 7, 2012

@
10:00

Cognashene Community Church

Please note the change this year to the first Saturday in July
rather than the second.

You can find us at www.cognashene.com for contact
information, registration forms, events and dates.

Watch for the next CCA Newsletter coming in
November.

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President's Message

Wendy Parker

Hello and welcome again to paradise in Ontario. I have been "in residence" at the Bay for a month and I think most of the heavy work is done. I can now work on realigning my back. It's nice to complain but I wouldn't change a thing, well maybe one thing...a young hunk with muscles to work for a week would be nice.

The weather has been outstanding with forecasts of a hot, dry summer. An early fire ban in the entire District of Muskoka has prompted us to think of our own precarious position out here on the islands, so there will be a fire pump demonstration at the AGM on July 7th. Please come out and learn how the dang things work.

The "Open Space" public forum was a huge success with well over 75 people in attendance. Many ideas were expressed and the majority of attendees were very supportive of the work of the committee. All of the comments were recorded, appreciated and are being given serious consideration. The committee is hoping to complete its work by late summer.

The prediction of dry conditions, doesn't bode well for water levels. The large spring rainfall in the Chicago area will eventually result in some rise in levels but won't likely be noticeable for a while....so keep doing the rain dance and have a hose handy for your favourite pines.

The Georgian Bay Association under the leadership of President Craig Bowden and Executive Director, Bob

Duncanson has made tremendous headway in capturing the ear of government. Many provincial and federal ministries are looking to us for leadership in environmental issues in Georgian Bay as well as many other waters of the Great Lakes. We, as members of the CCA belong to this organization and receive more benefits than most of us appreciate. Let's do our part to give the GBA our support by encouraging our friends and neighbours who are not yet members of the CCA, to join. Membership in the GBA is one of best voices we have to help preserve the places we value most.

I hope to see you all at the AGM but if I don't, please have a safe and wonderful summer.

Best regards, Wendy

Recreation Program Update

Hilary Adams

Hello Cottagers!

Welcome back to the warm weather and what is sure to be another amazing summer at the beach! I am very excited to be taking on the position of Program Director this summer and hope to bring some fresh ideas to the Rec Program. I'd like to welcome back Ailsa Boyd as Head of Swimming/Sailing along with Claire Russell, Beth Hornell-Kennedy and Alexander Limoges as our swim instructors. As well, we have Mitch Carter, Nicole Wilson, and Anne Hughes as our assistant swim instructors. I'm very excited to be working with such an energetic and talented group this summer and can't wait to be back in action on the beach!



For all those tech savvy cottagers out there I invite you to join our new Facebook group titled "Cognashene Cottagers". The group will feature current events and information throughout the summer and it'll be a great way to stay connected. Feel free to post ideas and comments throughout the summer as I will check the page regularly. I am always open to new ideas so if you have any questions, comments, or concerns do not hesitate to email/call me personally at adamsh3@mcmaster.ca or on the Rec cell phone come July (705-241-3072).

Once again, we are running the Red Cross Swim Program as well as all Bronze levels. Swim classes will begin July 2nd at 10 am with a "meet and great". The children and parents will get the chance to meet our wonderful staff and find out who their individual instructors will be for the swim levels.

In order to have our beach in tip top shape we will be having Beach Clean Up on Saturday June 30th at 10 am. We invite everyone to come and help out! Please bring

rakes, shovels, gloves, and elbow grease. Any effort is greatly appreciated and the more the merrier!

A reminder that the beach is not to be used outside of program hours. Therefore we ask that everyone arrive to swimming no earlier than 9:50, and leave no later than 12:30 as the staff cannot supervise before or after these times. As well, we do not have use of the side shoreline so please do not pull your boats up or tie off there. In order to make sure there is room for everyone at the beach we strongly encourage boat pooling!

We have two sailing sessions running this summer, one in July and another in August. Senior sailing will run Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4pm at the beach. Junior sailing will be held on Tuesdays at the same place and time. Note that space in the sailing program is limited so sign up early to ensure a spot!

We will be continuing our volunteer program this year in which volunteers work for a month alongside staff to gain experience. The staff and I greatly appreciate the help and we look forward to showing the volunteers how the program works from a staff perspective.

Once again, a huge thank you goes out to the church committee for allowing us to use the church. As well, our swimmers would not have a raft without the continued help of Dennis Robitaille. Thank you Dennis!

A few things to note:

Important information/sign up lists/rain dates are posted on the bulletin board at the beach. Please remember to check out the board weekly to keep up to date! Continued page 3...

The Rec program is a peanut free zone as we do have children with severe allergies. Do not bring any nut products to the beach and please keep this in mind for snacks at arts and crafts.

We are always in need of camping equipment for our overnight canoe trips. If you have any gently used equipment that you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated!

We will be running tie dye again during arts and crafts. Remember to bring any white shirts, pillow cases, sheets, socks, etc. that you would like to be psychedelically dyed!

Our beach party at the end of the summer is going to have a "Knights In Shining Armour" theme! We cordially invite all kings, queens, knights, princesses, dragons,

fairies, and more to party with the staff on the beach for one last hurrah!

I hope you all are as eager to get to the beach as I am, because the staff and I have some great things in store! Here's to another summer in Cognashene filled with sun and smiles!

Cheers!

Hilary Adams



Boat License Workshop for Kids aged 8 - 18

I found an instructor who conducts safe boating workshops for kids. At the end of the workshop, kids take the exam for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card. They will receive their card immediately after achieving 75% or higher. The workshop covers all material required for the exam, with a special emphasis on the kind of boating that we do in Georgian Bay. Kids can try the exam more than once if they don't pass the first time, for no extra charge.

Here are some of the details I'm working on:

- Sunday, July 8th, 11 - 2pm (to be confirmed)
- Location to be determined - in our cottage community
- \$70 - 75 (to be confirmed), includes exam fee and workshop fee
- Minimum age to attend: kids born in 2004

The instructor is from the National Boating Safety School, which is one of the oldest boating schools approved by Transport Canada.

Please contact me if you are interested in sending your child(ren) to this workshop. I need a commitment from 10 kids in order to make it happen. Let me know if you need more information.

Jane Starr, 416-207-9801

jane.starr@rogers.com

Communications Update

The CCA now has a **Facebook** page! You can find us at "**Cognashene Cottagers**". Keep up to date with what is happening in and around The Bay, at the Recreation Program, or with your cottage friends. We'll post important links that you can access, and any news we think you can use. Let us know what you think.

If you have questions or comments regarding the CCA Newsletter, or would like to add content, please contact Laura Adams at lauraeadams@sympatico.ca

The Georgian Bay Land Trust (GBLT) continues to be a leader in land protection and stewardship on the eastern shore of Georgian Bay and the North Channel

There is a new GBLT property in your area! We are delighted to announce the closing of the Kemerer Easement on Bone Island in Cognashene. Adjacent to two other easement lots, Kemerer contributes to the protection of one of the highest priority areas of the southern half of eastern Georgian Bay. Kemerer's forest-interior wetland complex provides confirmed breeding habitat for eastern fox snake and songbirds, while its coastal meadow marsh supports several regional and provincially significant plant species.

Throughout the past two decades, the GBLT has been working on expanding its land conservation abilities through our fantastic group of volunteer stewards and now the formation of Neighbourhood Committees, one of which has been established in the Cognashene area. We are currently looking for Cognashene locals interested in land protection who would like to help the GBLT identify opportunities for protecting and acquiring land in the

area. To find out more about how to join the Cognashene Neighbourhood Committee, contact Brooks Greer at 416.440.1519 or brooks.greer@gblt.org.

We are excited to announce the launch of a new Visitors Guide; a friendly set of guidelines to allow our visitors to leave no trace as they use and enjoy the GBLT properties. The Visitors Guide will be distributed in our property guest boxes and available on our website. The Visitors guide is also a great tool for you and your family to use; bringing best preservation practices to your own property as well as GBLT properties. Together, we can ensure the natural state of the flora and fauna is kept for future generations.

If you missed the 2011 Bayscapes Photo Auction, you can still purchase the "Birds of Georgian Bay" poster for only \$20.00. Visit [ww.gblt.org](http://www.gblt.org) for details. Also, watch for details on the GBLT website as the summer

approaches for fun family events. These include a **History Talk** with Jamie Hunter, curator of Huronia Museum, and **Chamber Music on the Rocks** with the Georgian Bay Quintet. Dates and locations can be found on our website, www.gblt.org. Mark your calendars for **Sat July 28th** and join us for a **Picnic and Rock Walk** with geologist Nick Eyles. Bring your own picnic lunch for noon; walk starts at 1pm. Rain date; Sun July 29th.

While you're visiting our website, make sure to sign up for our **Property Pals** program! Become a pal of the GBLT and share your photos and stories about your experiences enjoying the beauty of the Bay. Property Pal images and memories have a chance to be featured in our online and print publications, so submit yours today!

Stand behind our vision for our future and join us in protecting the beauty of our rugged shores for generations to come.

Events...in and around Georgian Bay!

Doors Open Georgian Bay

Saturday, June 16, Honey Harbour / Port Severn with a cocktail reception and silent auction at the Delewana Inn

<http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/Events/Georgian-Bay.aspx>

History of Georgian Bay Talk

Saturday, July 14, Sue Vale's Cottage, Cognashene

Chamber Music on the Rocks

Saturday, July 21 with the Georgian Bay Quintet, Bill Davis's Cottage, Cognashene

Picnic and Rock Walk-and-Talk

Saturday, July 28 @ 1:00 with Nick Eyles, Professor of Geology, University of Toronto; The Lizard in Cognashene

Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Group Charity Challenge

Sunday, October 14, Join the GBLT team and fundraise for the cause!



DIRECTORS WANTED!

The Association has two openings on the 2012-2013 Director's slate. We are looking to fill the positions of **Secretary** and **Director-at-Large** prior to presentation at the Annual meeting on July 7th.

If you have always wanted to make a contribution to your local community by joining a group of other dedicated volunteers, now is the time to put your name forward.

For more information on these roles and director's duties and responsibilities, contact Craig Bowden, Nominations Chair, at Bowden.craig@gmail.com or 705-818-2348.

Municipal Affairs

Cathy Cooper

Ward Boundary Review:

There is still no date set for the public meeting regarding the Ward Boundary Review. The outside consultant has completed his work and supplied the township with numerous options from which to choose. The cottage associations are still weighing in with their recommendations and it is expected that a public meeting will be announced for some time this summer.

Official Plan Review:

The rewrite of the OP is far behind schedule. A draft of the Plan was supposed to be available to the public on February 6th. Due to a family emergency, the original consultant who handled the public meetings has been replaced and the township planning employees have become involved in writing the draft. There has also been a hand-over of responsibilities for the Planning Department. The new Manager is Jill Lewis who has been working as a senior planner for the Township of Orillia.

Open Space:

A public meeting held on May 5th was well-attended and demonstrated strong support for the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations. What is being proposed is a wording that clarifies the intent of the current by-law wording. It does not permit any structures on undeveloped Open Space islands. The wording will come before Council for adoption sometime this summer. Eventually, when the Official Plan gets rewritten, the zone will be

renamed from "Open Space" to "Natural Space" to convey the intent more expressively.

Correction:

In the last Newsletter, the Municipal Affairs Report stated that a particular planning application was "supported by the planners". This should have read "tacitly supported by the planners".

The Planning Department no longer makes recommendations in their planning reports. This means that the planners do not directly support or reject any planning application. However, there have been many examples whereby "tacit" support has been provided. These could be such things as ignoring Federal, Provincial or District policies and requirements, overlooking variances, accepting surveys that do not show the high water mark, omitting details about the deficiencies of a particular application and the implications, misdirection of the neighbours/community, and accepting incomplete and/or inaccurate applications.

ART on the ROCKS

Sunday July 29

12:00-4:30
rain, shine or wind

21th Annual
Maxwell/ Whalen's Island
on the inside main channel

Come and see
great Georgian Bay
art & visit with
friends!

Questions? Call 756-1621
or 756-2821



Classified...

Cottage For Rent

Freddy Channel near Kennebeck Island, Available June 29-July 13

Friends of Friends only Please

Contact Lisa at merrys@xplornet.com

Limoges Cottage for Rent

East Bone Island, Available July / August

Prefer two week minimum

dfrench09@sympatico.ca

705-756-8009 Cottage

Cottage For Rent

Four bedroom cottage looking west over Hangdog Channel. Availability is flexible. Please contact Bob and Peggy Watson at

bobwatson@sympatico.ca

Cottage for Rent

Private, 2 bedrooms, 3 piece bathroom, well-equipped kitchen, large windows/sliding doors in all rooms, magnificent views and only 5 steps to the beach with a private protected dock and great swimming. All right next door to Lambert Island.

Call Dave @ 416-922-8527

Cottage for Sale - 4 Bedroom Viceroy Cognashene

Well maintained family cottage includes all furnishings. Newer roof and septic, sandy beach, deep water, great swimming. 139 Portage Island. \$399,999.

Call Karen Elliott, Century 21 St. Andrew's Realty Inc.
905-841-1030.



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National Post

Saturday Spring Delivery: May 19th – June 23rd

Daily, Weekly and Seasonal Delivery:
Friday June 29th – September 1st

Contact Info:
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Mobile: 519-781-1574
Cottage: 705-756-1574
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GB5 – Who are they?

There is some continuing confusion about the Bay regarding the work that various organizations provide for our greater good. These organizations, collectively known as the GB5, do the “heavy lifting” on matters such as water levels, invasive species, land protection, fish spawning, aquaculture, advocacy, to name a few, that are beyond the scope and capability of the local cottage associations.

The following table should help to give a clearer insight as to the efforts that each does on your behalf.

Name	Mission	Governance	Audience/Scope	Funding	Charity	Key Activities
GBF	Protection of aquatic ecosystem primarily through research and education. Max 10% Political Activity.	Board of Directors. Must comply with Revenue Canada's rules for Charities.	All stakeholders throughout Georgian Bay.	Donations and grants.	Yes	Water Quality testing in Township of Georgian Bay Causation Research in Honey Harbour Continued promotion of multi lake regulation for Great Lakes in order to address water levels Support wetland research being conducted by various universities Vital Signs (this year on Saturday April 14 th at the Toronto Reference Library)
GBLT	Land acquisition and stewardship.	Board of Directors. Must comply with Revenue Canada's rules for Land Trusts/Charities.	All stakeholders along the east and north shores and adjacent inland lakes of Georgian Bay and the North Channel.	Donations and grants.	Yes	Strategic land acquisition ecological, geological and historical importance. Facilitation of responsible management and stewardship of these properties and other natural areas on both public and private lands. Promotion of the awareness and appreciation of Georgian Bay's unique archipelago and adjacent water bodies.
GBBR	Promote sustainable development	Board of Directors.	Cottagers, First Nations, boaters and permanent residents from Port Severn to the French River.	Donations and Grants.	No	Conservation including Species at Risk and research support Education: Lessons-in-a-Backpack, Children's Water Festival, and State of the Bay Report (in conjunction with GB5) Sustainable Development: Community Gardens, Trails, Green Business, Green Buildings, Biosphere Charter
EGBSC	Fisheries rehabilitation and management.	Accountable to volunteer Council with input from MNR	Eastern Georgian Bay and North Channel	Some seed money from MNR plus donations.	No	Fish spawning rehabilitation
GBA	Public Policy Advocacy	Board of Directors Accountable to Shareholders/ Members	Property owners along the east and north shores and adjacent inland lakes of Georgian Bay	Membership fees.	No	Public Policy Advocacy on behalf of GBA members (see details on reverse)

For further details or to make a contribution, don't hesitate to visit these websites.

GB Forever: www.georgianbayforever.org

Georgian Bay Land Trust: www.gblt.org

Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve: www.gbbr.ca

Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council: www.helpourfisheries.com

*Georgian Bay Association: www.gba.ca

*GBA does not solicit public donations

GBA Activities April 2011 to March 2012

Fisheries Committee

- Petitioned the MNR to stop Asian Carp, continue to support EGBSC, curtail gill net fishing, toughen rules for large scale fishing tournaments.
- Petitioned MNR and MOE for the elimination of open cage aquaculture and worked with them as they developed new guidelines for same.
- Met with the Chair of the Federal Parliamentary Committee reviewing aquaculture practices in Canada.
- Consulted with WWF Fresh Water Trout Dialogue as they set standards for the certification of farmed trout.
- Worked with EGBSC to support their Walleye restoration
- Published UPDATE articles on Asian Carp, Walleye restoration, alternate aquaculture technologies.
- Worked with Environmental Commissioner of Ontario re aquaculture resulting in his making recommendations on aquaculture.

Lands and Forests Committee

- Filed EBR submission regarding commercial wind development and the Natural Heritage Assessment Guide.
- Petitioned MNR and MOE for curtailment of the environmentally damaging motor cycling and ATV racing at the Ontario Camp for the Deaf.
- Petitioned the MNR, MOE and Ministry of Energy to review the Green Energy Act to close the loop hole that enables the installation of large ground mounted solar arrays without any community involvement or municipal oversights
- Monitored and reported on White Nose Syndrome that is killing our resident bat population. (UPDATE Vol. 21 No. 3)
- Researched and published UPDATE articles on invasive plant Phragmites, bat killing Whiten Nose Syndrome, MNR's Crown Land Use Policy, Cougars, Invasive Species, electricity rates and energy reduction strategies.

Water Committee

- Represented GBA on the Advisory Panel to the Canadian negotiators of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) ,the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Water Protection Committee and Public Interest Advisory Board for the International Upper Great Lakes Study Board (IUGLSB).
- Facilitated meetings with the IUGLSB, GBF, Sierra Club, Great Lakes United, Lake St, Clair landowners to discuss water levels
- Presented GBA concerns and suggestions to Minister Bradley (Ontario MOE) who re Great Lakes Protection Act.
- Published UPDATE articles on the GLWQA, Source Water Protection, botulism, International Joint Commission's Biennial Conference.
- Petitioned the MNR to permit the use of Phoslock in Sturgeon Bay in order to address on ongoing Blue Green Algae issue.
- Met with York Region and reviewed their plans for waste water treatment in the Lake Simcoe (Georgian Bay) watershed.
- Met with the Township of Georgian Bay, and water testing organizations including GBF to discuss water testing protocols for coastal Georgian Bay. (UPDATE Vol. 21 No. 3)

Boating and Safety Committee

- Participated as a member of the National Recreational Boating Advisory Council and the Ontario Recreational Boating Advisory Council.
- Briefed Minister Clement on our issue of excessive boat
- Published UPDATE articles on Shipping on the Great Lakes, OPP Boating Safety, boat noise
- Continued to dialogue with OPP re issues brought forward by our members.

Government Affairs Committee

- Held meetings with Tony Clement, Norm Miller, Linda Jeffery (MNR), Jim Bradley (MOE), Ontario Environmental Commissioner and senior staff at MNR, MOE and Environment Canada at which we presented a range of issues that we are working on (see detailed issues above).
- Met with Townships of Archipelago, Carling and Georgian Bay to review GBA activities.
- Met with representatives of Wikwemikong First Nation and Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs to discuss areas of common interest.