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Next edition will follow
Mid-winter

President's Message: Tom Hallpenny

I cannot avoid talking about the weather as fall is doing its thing with rain and wind and politicians are finally admitting that there is a climate change emergency. Currently I am at our cottage with most of the close up chores behind us. The wind is southeast and we expect rain all day. It feels like Mother Nature is saying it's time to go home. The climate change issue has become more apparent to us all through the media recently and the science of what is happening was discussed at the Georgian Bay Forever H2O meeting last weekend. A couple of things were highlighted at the H2O meeting that stuck with me. First, we will be experiencing more rain over the great lakes as the average temperature rises as well as less ice coverage. Second, the water levels for the next year will continue to rise. It was explained to the audience by David Sweetnam of Georgian Bay Forever that the water levels in GB have not dropped this fall. This means that we will start next spring at a higher base level and David predicts we will probably see a 8 to 10 inch rise compared to last years high in July. (He would be happy to be wrong, but I do not think he is).

To CCA Business. Our new board met once in September and with the welcome addition of three new members. Jim Bowden is now the services director, Gregg Badger is our municipal affairs director and Lori Hutcheson is our new communications director. As well, David Matthews has taken over Doug Carrs position on the GBA Board. All of the directors are working hard at their portfolios to make sure the CCA remains strong.

The current issues that may be of interest are planning, municipal and services.

There have been several applications that the planning committee handled recently. The Township planning staff and the councillors depend on our team to be the voice of cottagers. This can be good or bad depending on the issue at hand. The committee is challenged with doing what is best for the community and representing CCA members who may have different opinions on what the CCA position should be. Moving forward, the board has decided to retain Greg Corbet to provide an opinion on minor variance applications and by law amendments that effect the Cognashene area. In addition, the committee will be outlining to the Township Planning staff what are the issues they should be considering in the applications before they make a recommendation to Council.

With respect to Municipal affairs, up until this last Friday we participated with the GBA on a track to make sure the consolidation of the municipalities, demanded by the Ford Government, where developed with the best situation for water access properties. GBA and other water access associations planned to lobby the government to consider the joining of water access communities to the Township of the Archipelago or a similar set up. Now that the Ontario government, in an announcement by Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs on October 25, has stopped the process. What will lie ahead is unclear.

Another contentious issue has to do with garbage, The District of Muskoka (who is in charge of waste management for our Township) is developing a Waste Management Strategy. The reason is, that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), has given the direction to eliminate unguarded sites,

Originally, the bin sites were to be removed by 2020. In a District Public Works meeting October 23 the deadline for removal has been extended for a minimum of one year to 2021. Now we have the time to figure out a solution. There are several alternatives being considered and we will work with the GBA to push a good solution for water access communities.

Please remember to renew your membership for next year right away so we know what our financial situation will be as we plan for activities for next year.

Warmest Regards,
Tom Halpenny

Membership News: Susan Carter

Well it took it's time showing up but summer finally arrived in fine style just in time for our country's birthday weekend. And weren't the two months that followed simply amazing weather?

So, as you begin dreaming of getting back to those wonderful summer days at the cottage next year, please keep in mind that membership renewal time is just around the corner and we are pleased to announce that there will be no increases in membership fees for 2020! The Full Member rate continues at \$155 (\$145 if paid by Jan 1st 2020); and the Associate Member rate stays at \$135 (\$125 if paid by Jan 1st 2020).

We will be mailing hard copies of the 2020 renewal form this year but you can also look for an e-blast for your renewal reminder in December and renew online. **Remember - if you have any updates to make to your CCA account, please login and make the necessary changes.** If you experience any difficulties logging into your account please feel free to contact me at membership@cognashene.com.

New this year is the option to send e-transfers for new and renewed membership payments. These can be sent to treasurer@membership.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to nine new full and associate members to the Cognashene Cottagers Association;

Robert Eland, Lindsay and David Ryan, Mary and Stephen Smith, Matt Makauskas, Marc Dupuis, Michelle and Rob Krizmanich, Ted and Tricia Przybylowicz, Jamie Clarke & Meagan Carney, Bill Kinnear.

I would also like to thank every one of our members for their continued support. I hope everyone enjoys a safe and healthy winter.

Council update: Steven Jarvis

Summer has, once again, shot past like November squall and it is time to review what's been going on with your Municipal Council. Before I get there I would like to thank the CCA for inviting me to talk, however briefly, at the August AGM. I also spoke at the Wah Wah Taysee AGM. I find that these events are a wonderful opportunity to connect with my constituents face to face. It is always much better when the weather cooperates!

I also want to mention libraries. I am on the Library Board and, through it, have become very enthusiastic about the 3 libraries that are located in GB Township. If you haven't yet visited them I recommend you do so. The HH Library is by the Town Docks so easy to find. If you are feeling a little more adventurous, head up to Mactier, a lovely old railway town and with a wonderful library, among other amenities. These and the smaller Port Severn library, which is located next to the Municipal offices off Lone Pine Road have events going on all summer long for young people. Among other things.

Council's issues are primarily ones regarding planning, whether too much, too little or none at all. We continue to monitor the Macey Bay development very closely and have had to recently reconsider how we are going to manage our waste, both septic and garbage, in light of significantly higher lake levels and a mandate by the MoECP to have many of the garbage bins in the Municipality removed. We will be seeking public input on the garbage issue and I recommend that you have a look at your septic system next year to be sure that it is not being impacted by the higher water levels. Please remember that many, if not all, of us draw our water from the Bay and a failing septic system will cause problems for you and your neighbours no matter how much filtering is done at the intake end of things. If you have concerns about your septic system, or someone else's please contact Dave Fedoriw in Development Services – link: <https://www.gbtownship.ca/Modules/contact/search.aspx?s=t7kneHNa1K2qvEFsmyjRGgeQuAleQuAl>. There is an ongoing septic inspection program in place and we are working to make it more comprehensive.

The Township has numerous events going on even in the off season. This year we had the first Honey Bee Festival in Honey Harbour on Oct 5 and it was a wonderful event held in the Honey Harbour Town Centre. Please watch for it next fall.

I will always take or return your phone calls, texts or emails. If I do not have an answer I will find someone who does.

Stephen Jarvis

Councilor, Ward 2

Township of Georgian Bay

CPR Course: Sandy Thompson

On July 20, 2019, 20 brave Cognasheners, from ages 6 to 80, came together at the Cognashene Community Church to learn or refresh their CPR skills and to learn how to use the new portable Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

Did you know that by doing CPR on someone when they go into cardiac arrest increases their chances of survival by 5%? And that by having – and using- and AED along with doing CPR increases their chances of survival by 75%? That's a huge difference!

AEDs are in many public locations now and the price of portable ones has come down significantly in the past 10 years. A portable AED for home or cottage is now less than \$1,500. Action First Aid in Barrie offers a 20% discount, through FOCA, to cottagers. For the EAD to be most effective, it has to be really close by so that it can be used within about 10 minutes of a cardiac incident for it to be helpful, so sharing them between friends and cottages (unless you are a really fast runner/swimmer) is not terribly practical.

John, from Action First Aid, was our instructor for the 4 hour program in July and it was surprising how fast the time flew by. John was an amazing story-teller who could have entertained us long into the evening! He started by reminding us that the methods have changed over the years and some of the techniques from the 1950s don't actually work (something about flapping the persons arms?) Some good news is that over the years, the Red Cross and certifying bodies have simplified the CPR process. For example, you no longer have to remember different number of compressions/breathes for adults and children; its all the same (30 compressions: 2 breathes). Through out the session, we learned a variety of signs and symptoms of heart conditions, when to call for help, and who to call for help (don't forget you can call the Coast Guard by dialing *16 on your cell phone at the cottage who will likely get to you faster than a 911 responder.) The good news is that the modern AEDs talk to you and walk you through everything!

The most important part was the hands-on practice on the specialized mannequins, integrating all the things we had learned about recognizing and evaluating the situation, starting CPR, and using the AED until more help arrives. Everyone that attended felt more comfortable with the equipment and the CPR process by the time we were done. Amazing work everyone!

We have taken your feedback into account (primarily on the length of the event) and will run the program again next summer. SAVE THE DATE FOR SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH.

Don't just take my word for it on how much fun we had. Here are some comments from those that attended this year:

★ I enjoyed the course and the instructor was both informative and entertaining. I suggest that the CCA do it again next year. It was very worthwhile.

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A big thank you to all that came out for our first event. You are helping to make Cognashene a safer place (and you all look great in the action shots below!)

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- ★ *I'm so glad that we signed up. John is an excellent presenter.*
- ★ *We both thoroughly enjoyed the AFA [Action First Aid] session that you organized. I learned a lot and appreciated the opportunity to practice CPR as well as ask all my questions. John, our instructor, was knowledgeable and entertaining.*

We loved the course, it was very helpful !



Phragbusting 2019: Sandy Thompson

For another year, the CCA worked with Honey Harbour and the GBF to support students to check, map, cut invasive Phragmites and to support community cuts. Jack Giroux was one of our local Phragbusters for a second year and he assisted with much of the work in Honey Harbour as well. Two community cuts were hosted in Longuissas Bay and Palisades Bay this summer as these are the areas with the largest stands but even those are shrinking nicely.

Some Cognashene highlights from 2019 include:

1. 21 sites mapped and cut
2. 4 in the monitoring stage
3. Attended Art on the Rocks, Cognashene AGM, GBF's AUV event
4. Hosted 2 community cuts
5. 4 volunteers
6. 40 volunteer hours
7. 15% size reduction in 2019
8. 95% of sites reduced in size and density in 2019
9. Shoreline mapped: 150km
10. Weight: 280kg

Thank you to all who continue to monitor your shorelines and cut the stands at yours (and maybe your neighbours) properties. As a community we have done an amazing job of fending off this invasive species. Unfortunately it does not look like the stands along Beausoleil were cut this year and we will need to remain vigilant until that 'seed bank' that blows our way is looked after.

I will include more details in the Cottager, provided by Jack Giroux and Brooke Henderson of the GBF. I will also send out more details over the winter to remind everyone on some of the identification tips and best practices on cuts and waste management. The included photo shows how out of place the invasive reeds are on our shorelines as they are so much bigger than our native reeds.



Recreation Report: Robyn Corbiere

Summer 2019 was an exciting one at the beach! The weather was glorious, especially in July, and as a result we only had one single cancellation! The temperature really helped make swimming lessons a success. The kids enjoyed days on the beach for Camp Cognashene where they played many fun games and made lots of crafts. The treasure hunt around the bay is always a favourite amongst the campers, along with the trip to Honey Harbour Day Camp for a visit from the Georgian Bay Land Trust. This year many of our campers got to meet and hold Pineapple the friendly fox snake.

Water sports was filled with canoeing and sailing. A big thank you to Scott Setchell and John Limoges for volunteering your time to teach our youngest sailors. All of your guidance lead to a great race at the Ryestone Cup. Thank you to Geoff and Katherine Moran for hosting the race.

The canoe trips were enjoyed by all and the weather held out. Our junior campers fought the wind all the way to Stocking island. Thank you to the Davis clan for the use of your island. Our end of year theme was "Future You" and we got to see all of the great things that the campers would like to be later in life.

Our instructors Nikki Cutler, Anna Limoges, Lily Chubaty, Will Yeigh, Ella Yeigh, Sarah Merry, Jenna Barron, Eli Chubaty, Adam Fraser, Melanie Jenkins and Hayden Jenkins were great and the campers loved spending the summer with them. Thank you to our volunteers! We need you and appreciate all that you do! We wish you all a great year at school and we hope to see you next summer. All the best to Nikki Cutler who will not be returning as head of the program, as she will be in school next summer. Applications for summer 2020 will be available on the website towards the end of the calendar year.

We started off with our usual beach clean up at the beginning of July. Due to the high water, we had our work cut out for us with very little space to work with. A huge thank you to Sarah Scott, Alexa Scott, Scott Setchell, Laura Henderson and our staff for your help. We hope to have the help of many more families next summer.

Have a safe winter! See you all in the spring!

COTTAGER SUBMISSIONS

It's that time of year again, where I request (aka: beg and plead) with everyone to please send in photos, poems, stories and/or anything you would like to contribute to the next issue of the Cottager! It's hard to believe the summer season is already over, but what better way to relive it than going through your photos and writing about a fun memory you had? Don't be shy, send it in.... You won't regret it! I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Hayley Thomas Editor for the Cognashene Cottager

Art on the Rocks© 2019



Jitney Drivers at the end of a long day!

30TH
ANNUAL!

ART on the ROCKS

Sunday July 26, 2020

**12:00-4:30 Wind,
Rain or SunShine!**

Maxwell/ Whalen's Island
on the inside main channel M42
on Cognashene map

GPS: 44°55'17.7"N 79°55'00.1"W

For Information call:

705-756-1621 or
716-517-0855

ART ON THE ROCKS 2019 was a great success thanks to the many cottagers pitching in and helping!

Paragon Marina and Adam and Gary Vessair generously let the out-of-area artists park their cars and load and unload their wares.

The following cottagers transported the non boating artists to and from Honey Harbour:

Don Limoges, Susan Carter, Dave Winlo, Doug Goode, Tom Halpenny, Barb Russell, Greg Ralph, Gregg Badger and Jim Lisowski. Michel McCain generously offered his barge boat and driver to help as well. Without these folks who were so generous with their time, we would not be able to maintain the diversity of artists.

The other group we need to thank is our fantastic jitney drivers. Because the water was so high, people could not walk over from the Harild's so we added an extra tin boat.

This year's drivers were Will Yeigh, Jackson Shibley, Eli Chubaty, Jenna Baron, Anna Limoges, and Sarah Merry. (seen on left)

Geoff Kelk offered his ongoing support & help Art on the Rocks 2020 (July 26th) will be the 30th anniversary of this exciting community event!! We are looking for some ways to make it even more special, if you have any ideas or are willing to help please let Catherine know (gillespie.cath@gmail.com) or contact any of your CCA Board members. We are always looking for talented artists especially those who have a Georgian Bay theme to their work!

CALL FOR ARTISTS !!

Contact:

Gillespie.cat@gmail.com



2 Island Cognashene Cottage Rental

Private island located in Cognashene Lake for rent. Main cottage that sleeps 4 and a cabin that can sleep up to 6 people. The main cottage is rustic and has that quintessential cottage feel with open concept kitchen and living room. Taxi boat to the island can be arranged very easily. Watch the sunrise with your morning coffee and enjoy the beautiful western sunset with a glass of wine at night. Includes use of canoe and 15 hp tinny.

7 day and weekend rentals available in June and September!

Please contact Shantel and Ian Clark for rental inquiries shantelandian@gmail.com or 519-751-9712

