

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OXTONGUE LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1989, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

President Ian Matthews opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m., and welcomed everyone to the 27th Annual Meeting of the Oxtongue Lake Ratepayers Association. He introduced this year's Executive Board, and Ed Vallance, Deputy Reeve.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of last year's Annual Meeting were available at the door. On motion of Gale Siegfried, seconded by Fran Gower, the minutes of the August 3, 1988 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since Ken McLarty has moved from the area, Jan Helsel has acted as Treasurer protem.

Balance of Operating Account	\$1,715.70
Water Level Account	\$1,306.70
Tom Parris Account	\$ 549.11

The number of paid members is 78 as of 12:00 Noon today, the same as last September. Ian Matthews moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. Seconded by Gord Atlin, the motion carried unanimously.

THE REGATTA

Bobby Stronach reported that the Regatta will be held on Sunday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m. The judges will be the Goodfellows, D'Alimontes and Woods. Ken Stronach will be starter, and Bill Kennedy the announcer. Scorekeepers are needed. The Outfitters are donating the hot dogs. The trophies cost \$228.07. Money collected by the businesses and the box at Helsel's Store totals \$168.00. The insurance for the event is covered, which was confirmed today.

DR. KEITH MEMORIAL

Fran Gower presented an update. A photo negative of Dr. Keith has been obtained from his family which will be enlarged, framed with local wood, and placed in the Community Centre. There will also be an engraved plaque, the inscription to be decided later.

WATER LEVEL

Ian Matthews read a letter he had received from M.N.R. Minister Vincent G. Kerriou dated July 29, 1988. To rebuild a dam at the Oxtongue River would require acceptance of all members on the lake. Discussion from the floor:

Fran Gower: The dam was rebuilt in the early 60's.

Joan Hayden: The 1974 Ministry map shows an "Oxtongue Dam". The 1984 map shows nothing.

Sylvia Hubbard: There are still signs of the old dam at the site.

Ian Matthews stated that the Executive will contact a contractor to explore replacing stones and will meet to discuss completing our application to the M.N.R.

THE DUMP

Gale Siegfried read letters to and from Council written during the winter concerning dump management. Ed Vallance reported that an ID system may be in place in the fall and that the dump is being abused at the present time. Furthermore, he said the recycling program is very successful and that the dump could be maintained for another three years. We are part of a country-wide study so we might get an extension beyond that time limit. When the garbage reaches the level of the berm, the dump will be closed.

THE CONSTITUTION

Fran Gower and Judy Clapp wrote the revised Constitution. Judy Clapp explained that there were no major changes, just simplification and clarification, taking into account some of the amendments that had been passed so far. Judy stated that eligibility for membership is more open now to include renters, children of ratepayers and interested visitors to the Oxtongue area. Fran Gower stated that the term of office for the Executive Board has been changed from one year to two years. Changes/Additions discussed:

By-Law 4(IV): Treasurer shall pay all bills of less than \$50.00 on his own authority (from \$10.00).

Wording changed from "tabled" to "presented" in final sentence.

By-Law 7 to be added: All matters to be decided by a simple majority of those members voting who are in attendance.

Judy Clapp moved that the changes be accepted. Seconded by Jeff Holden, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Fran Gower reported on the seminar at the Frost Centre in Dorset concerning Ecology & Conservation. Judy Noon has offered to attend also. It is to be a sharing seminar so all attending will bring input. Fran read the various topics to be covered and asked that anyone with further topic suggestions contact her or Judy.

2) Jeff Holden, whose cottage is next to the Elliotts in the Narrows, asked that a speed limit be posted on the bridge because the edges of his property are being washed away by the wakes of power boats. Discussion:

Ed Vallance: There are no by-laws on speed for boats.

Bobby Stronach: The situation is also dangerous for canoists and swimmers.

Scott Hayden: A limit would be a problem for water skiers starting in the bay.

Gord Atlin: A speed limit cannot be enforced--only a sign saying "Slower in Narrows Please" might work.

Bud Powers: Many are reckless and common courtesy is not always observed.

The Executive will look into this situation and the possibility of a courtesy sign on the bridge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY CENTRE: Ted Keown reported that the Volunteer Fire Department has a new fire truck, and that he has printed an information sheet for any interested people to have. The Firemen's Barbeque is to be held on Saturday, August 5, 1989, and raffle tickets for the canoe draw are available. Ted also stated that the paging system is now in effect, and the number to call is 789-6466. House and lot numbers will be assigned soon, perhaps in the fall.

SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Scott Hayden reported that there was the usual amount of snow and that the snowmobiling was good all season. The club has purchased some large grooming equipment which cost \$54,000. Money in the bank totals \$15,000 which is from permit purchases. The trails have increased to 120 miles in total, and widened to 6 feet. The Executive has increased from 4 to 27.

ELECTION

The slate for the new Executive was presented as follows:

President	Ian Matthews
Vice President	Judy Clapp
Treasurer	Judy Noon
Secretary	Gale Siegfried
Directors	Fran Gower
	Bud Powers
	Doug Long
	Sue Blakelock

Ian Matthews asked for any new nominations from the floor. Ron Campbell moved that the nominations stand as an election. Nick D'Alimonte seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Ian introduced the new Executive members.

Ian Matthews called an end to the business portion of the meeting and announced a 10 minute break before the speakers.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Harry Orr	-	Oxtongue River Provincial Park
George Moroz	-	Algonquin Park Master Plan

UPDATE ON RIVER RAPIDS RAILWAY

The Railway Society has planted 2,000 trees, but due to the dry weather, the mortality rate has been high. The M.N.R. will replant any trees that die and also "seed in" the railway right of way. The railway bed will be a trail for the Algonquin Snowmobile Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Gale Siegfried
Secretary

OXTONGUE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Where the B.B.Q., Raffle, Donation, etc. money goes.

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
1979 4 Wheel Drive	7,000.00
2½" Honda Pump	850.00
2,200 Watt Honda Generator	750.00
500 Watt Lighting System	600.00
Various Training - C.P.R., etc.	600.00
Turn out Gear (5 sets)	4,000.00
Nozzels	1,000.00
Extinguishers (Foam)	400.00
Pumper Truck Repairs	900.00
1½" - 2½" Hose	1,200.00
Chainsaw	250.00
Various Repairs and Parts	<u>650.00</u>
TOTAL	\$18,200.00

THERE ARE 17 VOLUNTEER FIREMEN ON THE OXTONGUE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
 THESE PEOPLE VOLUNTEER AN AVERAGE OF 97 HRS. PER YEAR TO THE FIRE
 DEPARTMENT.