



Horseshoe & Crotch Lakes Property Owners' Association Annual Newsletter

In this year's edition of our Newsletter... You will find articles and reports from our Executives regarding our Annual General Meeting, Boat Launch, along with other interesting articles and links that we hope you will find informative. If you have suggestions regarding content for next year's newsletter, please email us at; horseshoecrotchlakepoa@gmail.com. We wish you all a safe and happy cottage season!

2023 Annual General Meeting: 22 July 2023 10AM For our Members, Come One Come All

We're back in person again - YEA! Don't forget to bring your own chair. Rain date is July 23 same place and time. Make it known, NO rain can happen that weekend!

We do hope to see all members there. It's your opportunity to hear what your Association has been doing for you and the community. We also plan to have a couple of guest speakers.

Last year, members at the AGM gave the Ok for the Association to purchase the boat launch property. A recap of the decisions made at the 2022 AGM on this issue are elsewhere in the Newsletter. We will provide an update on progress on this item at the meeting.

Another important discussion on the agenda this year: a possible increase in membership dues. We did raise the fees last year to \$85, the first time since 2013. But your Association is not immune to inflation, and costs are continuing to rise, especially for our largest outlay, which is road maintenance, both supplies and services.

Your Association Executive is proposing a couple of dues options for discussion:

- 1) an increase to \$100.00 for 2024, with increase to be considered every five years as necessary or
- 2) an annual escalator starting in 2024 of \$2.50/year

Members are welcome to put forward other options at the meeting. Of course, no fee increase is also an option, however, future cuts in services might then have to be considered.

This item will be put to a vote at the AGM.

Please remember that only members in good standing (i.e. those who have paid Association membership dues) may vote on any issue, and only one vote per household.

Message from your President: Catherine Lane

A very short message this year as you must all be getting weary, as am I, of repeating how important it is for the continuing health of your Association that everyone pay Association dues.

How those dues are spent, and the benefits to you as members, are outlined in

other articles in the Newsletter.

I do however want to send a large thank you to each of your Executive members who have been working to carry out requests and decisions from last year's AGM and continue to provide

Association services. The reports from each in the Newsletter provide information as to these activities.

A special thank you to Glenda Baker, who although she stepped down from her role as Secretary, has agreed to continue to produce the Newsletter. Thank you Glenda!

And of course a thank you to all those who have paid their Association membership.

Look forward to meeting you around our lakes and river and at the AGM

Have a great summer-and fall-and winter!

Township of Central Frontenac News

Lynn Klages

Please let me know if there are any further questions or concerns you may have.

1. Amnesty Program has been updated and renamed this year to Property Clean Up Ticket. The purpose of the new name is to promote people to read the guidelines of allowable materials and quantities accepted. It will be advertised shortly in the newspaper and online. The process for getting a ticket will be the same as last year, you can go into the township office or call the office and have them email you a PDF version. The dates are as follows: May 19-25, 2023 ** July 14-20, 2023 ** August 25-31, 2023. There will be staff monitoring each vehicle upon entry to make sure they have followed the guidelines properly. We will also be limiting the number of vehicles entering the dump at any one time to ensure the safety and control the flow of people.
2. The Central Frontenac Hazardous Waste Site will be opening later this year. The site will be located at the Oso Dump Site. We have the purchased Sea Containers and plan to create a safe area to sort and organize hazardous materials for disposal within our township. This will be open to residents all year long. We have not finalized the opening date or the hours of operation yet.
3. There currently is a complete fire ban on in the township. Please monitor the website to keep up to date with the status. Burn Permits can be obtained from the Central Frontenac Website.

Please go to: <https://www.centralfrontenac.com/en/living-here/burn-permits.aspx#>

Permits are as follows:

- Campfire permit - \$5.00 per season
- Incinerator permit - \$10.00 per season
- Brush/yard waste pile permit - \$10.00 per season

Burn Permit Information

- Residents require a burn permit for all open-air fires. Burn permits are valid from date of purchase until December 31st of that year.
- Permit holders must call the Emergency Services Department (1-844-994-2446), before all fires to see if a burn ban is in effect, or check the Township's website

Councillor Report from Lynn Klages
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Stay Connected with our website, Facebook group and emails!

You can find up to date information on the lakes and our Association at <https://hclpoa.ca/> Since launching it in 2020, It's proven to be a great way of communicating with you, our members. We can accept on-line payments of your annual Association membership. At the bottom right of the homepage, you will see "Looking to pay online?". Just follow the links.

Other helpful features are:

- *Current and past newsletters and AGM minutes
- *Environmental, road and boat launch updates
- *Links to information from other sites such as burn bans, water and snow levels
- *Financial statements

*History of the lakes and surrounding area

*Links if you need to contact us.

You can also subscribe to our email notices on the website. We know that people get swamped by emails, so we send them out when there is important information that our members need to know.

We also keep our Facebook page updated, since many of you prefer to get information that way. Search on Facebook for "Horseshoe and Crotch Lake Property Owners Association". And please feel free to post anything of interest on our Facebook page—some of our most popular posts and photos are from lake residents.



Dues and Don'ts

Actually, mostly dues and what they do for you.

Clear brush from sides of our roads so emergency vehicles and the road maintenance equipment can get through

Maintain the boat launch area, the dock, including the parking area which was expanded a couple of years ago, plus pay the taxes on this property

Maintain Association roads. We have 4.6km of roads to maintain and that takes a LOT of gravel and grading. Plus culvert replacement when necessary

Purchase signage for the boat launch and on our roads

Produce the Newsletter, full of information, useful linkages and tips

FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) membership, which brings access to members of our Association to benefits such as specialized cottage insurance coverage at good rates through Cade Associates and most important provides liability insurance for Association Directors at a reasonable rate

As a "member in good standing" i.e. having paid your Association dues, gives you liability coverage in the event you are named in a claim arising from an incident on your private or common access road. While some personal property insurance providers in Ontario offer this, not all do. Your Association's insurance policy covering our private roads includes this protection for "members in good standing"

And the "Don't"? Please don't think that it doesn't matter if you don't pay dues. EVERY payment makes a difference. And helps keep our Association able to provide the services we do.

Financial Report

Doug Rutherford

As I write this the weather is dreary and wet, it won't be long before warm sunny weather makes it's return. I'm certainly looking forward to it.

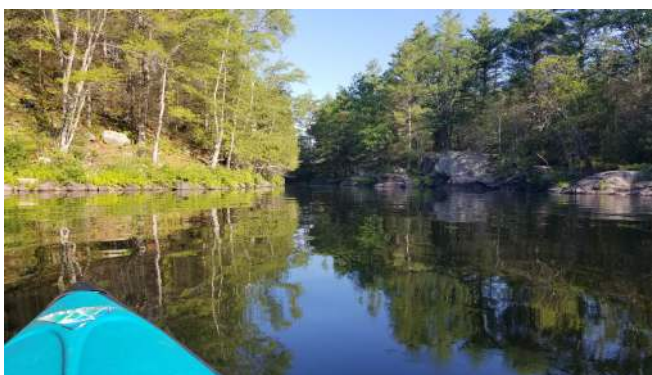
In 2022 we sent out 150 invoices and received payment from 120 members. To those 120 members who paid thank you, your support is very much appreciated! If you happen to be one of the 30 who didn't pay last year, I encourage you to consider us this year. Of the 30 who didn't pay, 10 paid their dues in 2021 but not in 2022. In the Dues and Donts article it highlights many of the benefits to be a member in good standing.

Please note that in the Financial Report there is a line for Adjustments and additional fees paid. There were two members who overpaid their dues, two membership dues for 2021 were received in 2022 and there was a Stripe fee adjustment.

To give you a better understanding of the cost to maintain the roads I have done a separate breakdown for road maintenance. The Association maintains 4.6 km's of roads and the cost to keep everything in good shape is expensive.

Payment can be made on our website @ www.hclpoa.ca or by cheque or cash. Unfortunately, we cannot take e-transfers.

Doug



January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Membership Fees Received in 2022	10,200.00
Adjustments and Addition fees paid	174.69
Total Income for 2022	10,374.69
Expenses	
Bank Service Charge	0.00
Boat Launch (Signs)	557.06
Boat Launch Appraisal	785.35
FOCA Membership	585.00
General Liability Insurance	1,562.76
Office Supplies	86.40
Postage	62.38
Printing (Newsletter)	187.00
Property Taxes (Boat Launch)	878.10
Road Maintenance	6376.02
Sign for paid members	100.00
Stripe Fees (Payments received through website)	232.39
Website (Hosting Fee)	158.20
Total Expenses for 2022	11,570.66
Net Income	-1195.97
Chequing account balance as of December 31, 2022	2760.38
GIC	14,856.52
<u>Road Maintenance Breakdown</u>	
May 10, 2022 - Grade Roads	875.75
June 17, 2022 – Culvert Replacement on Winding Trail	892.70
July 4, 2022 – Roadside Brushing	847.50
August 11, 2022 – Gravel, Grading and washout repair	3760.07
Total	6376.02

Boat Launch Acquisition

The Horseshoe/Crotch Lakes P.O.A. is now incorporated. The process to acquire the launch property has begun and we are waiting to see if the government will accept our offer of costs plus \$1.00 as was decided at last year's AGM. We may need to offer closer to the revised appraised value of \$10,950 plus costs. There are 21 encumbrances (water access property owners rights of way) attached to the property. This resulted in the final value being the \$10,950 and not the initial appraisal of \$230,000!

It is now a waiting game and we are hoping the process is not a long one.



Signage

Hello Neighbours: Our handcrafted signs have been designed for outdoor displaying. Each sign is made from wood and has a varnish topcoat for added protection from the elements. The signs do not have to be replaced annually. New stickers will be available for application on a yearly basis..

This year stickers will be distributed by the HCLPOA executive members to all sign owning members whose dues are paid-up.

If you're a new member and don't have a sign; we will gladly provide you with one.

Thank you for proudly displaying your sign in support of your cottage association.



Sil Jacobs



Boat Launch Report

Just a reminder for anyone new to the association, when the water is high as it normally is in the spring, it is best for the dock to be left out near its normal water spot. The water levels will go down in a reasonable time after the ice has melted and this will prevent the dock from getting grounded. Early in the season it is suggested wearing a pair of rubber boots so you can easily get in and out of your boat from the shore. As of the middle of May the water is still fairly high so it may be a week or two before the dock ramp is on dry land.

Please remember to clean and remove all garbage from the boat launch area that you may have from your cottage. Please remind all guests to remove their garbage as well.

Here are a few suggestions to help users out. When parking at the boat launch please try and park without leaving large gaps that will not fit another vehicle. Parking is available on horseshoe lane adjacent to the lot if needed. We have some new signs to help with parking. Above is a photo of new signage at the boat launch. It is recommended that trailers used for a secondary larger boat be taken away until the season is over if the boat is staying (they take up valuable space). If you have more than one boat at the launch, please leave it at your cottage. If any of the road access cottagers are using the boat launch to put their boats in the water, please take your trailer back to your cottage after launching.

Please note that the boat launch is a private boat launch for Horseshoe and Crotch lake property association members only. The launch is not open for the general public to use.

I hope all using the boat launch and dock have a safe and wonderful cottage season travelling back and forth.

Thanks,
Tom

Tom Greenis

Roads Report

Spring grading will be done as soon as the roads have dried out enough. Gravel will be added and graded as soon as the launch acquisition has been finalized and we have funds. A load of crushed pit run gravel costs \$300.00 and a load of the pink granite or black will cost \$365.00 this year. We use the pink and black on hills since it packs really well and doesn't wash away.

The road culverts are in good shape and we shouldn't need to replace any this year. The last culvert replaced was on Winding Trail last summer.

Road signage is complete and we shouldn't have any issues for a few years. One stop sign has a few bullet holes from a cottager but still serving it's purpose.

The brush along our roads is still a problem. We've had the brush cut mechanically for the last two years with great results and will do the same this year. The cost is very reasonable especially since we have 4.6 kms of cottage roads to take care of.

Bill See

Lake Steward Update

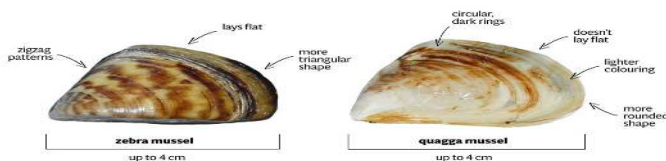
It's the last weekend in April as I write this. It seems the water level has peaked and I, like you am eager to get the boat out on the water.

Last summer I signed up to test the water in our lakes for Spiny Water Flea and Zebra and Quagga Mussels. I took training on how to do the testing and on the spread and impacts of these two very damaging invaders.

The Invasive Species Center along with "IsampleON" sent me specific kits to take samples of the water in Horseshoe Lake. I spent a nice sunny July afternoon taking samples near the boat ramp, island and the deep water near the entrance to the lake.

I am happy to report that the tests came back negative for both. Unfortunately, other lakes in our area were not so lucky. These and other invasive species are in places like the Trent River system, Lake Simcoe, All the Great Lakes including the St. Lawrence river and closer to us in Crow, Sharbot, Kashwakamak and Big Clear lakes just to name a few.

Knowing this we need to do our due diligence to ensure that these do not get into our lakes. Once they are in there is no way to remove them.



Robert Paul

I learned that the most common way for these to spread is by moving a boat from an infested lake into another. Extreme care must be taken when bringing a boat into our lakes that has been in ANY other lake. It is your responsibility to ensure that boats being brought by friends and family into our lakes have been thoroughly checked and cleaned. Even we need to be careful. If we take our boats out to another lake for a day or weekend we can bring back some of these species.

It is best to power wash the boat and then leave it in the sun for a least a week before launching. Make sure that engines are well drained along with live wells, bilge and transom wells. The larvae can hide anywhere there is moisture and they are quite hardy. Don't dump live bait or live well water from other areas into our lakes.

If we are all careful we can keep these out and avoid the destruction they cause.



Neighbours Saving Neighbours AED program for Frontenac County

Message from Matt Mills

I'm writing to ask for your help spreading the word among your lake or landowner association members about a new, free, lifesaving automated external defibrillator program launched this year across Frontenac County. We need volunteers to make it work. It's called **Neighbours Saving Neighbours (NsN)** and it puts automated external defibrillators into the trained hands of volunteer responders across rural areas of Frontenac County. The idea is that NsN volunteer responders are dispatched by 911 operators via mobile device to possible nearby cardiac arrest emergencies. They may begin CPR and AED treatment in the critical minutes before paramedics arrive. It's time that could save a neighbour's life.

The program is led by emergency physician and researcher Dr. Steven Brooks in partnership with Frontenac Paramedics, Kingston Central Ambulance Communications Centre, Heart and Stroke Foundation Canada, Queen's University, and others.

There's an informative video of Dr. Brooks' presentation on NsN at Queen's earlier this year; you can see on YouTube ...

> <https://youtu.be/fr8fz-kfywA>

Follow the link to learn more about the program and for application. Frontenac Neighbours Saving Neighbours cardiac arrest response | EngageFrontenac.ca

I hope you'll consider volunteering for NsN and sharing this message and the links above among your membership. The more volunteer responders, the better the results. If I can provide anything to make sharing this message more convenient – social media links, poster or handbill artwork, anything at all – please don't hesitate to ask.

Matt Mills

Communications Officer
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Report regarding HCLPOA 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

At the 2022 AGM our POA had some great discussions and made some big decisions...

- We acclaimed those returning to or running for the Executive.
- We decided to purchase and install new signage for the Boat Launch. ACHIEVED
- Water quality – Robert Paul did the sample collection – a good analysis result was received
- Road and Boat Launch Maintenance and tree removal – ACHIEVED, but annual work continues.
- 2022 stickers for HCLPOA signs were made available or dropped off.
- We decided to become incorporated as a Not-For-Profit. ACHIEVED
- We decided to purchase the Boat Launch Property – We hope to hear good news soon.

The following motions were passed in support of the Boat Launch purchase...

- 1) Should we proceed with the purchase of the boat launch? YES or NO. (by secret ballot)
21 voted YES, 15 voted NO, 2 Spoiled/Abstained - MOTION PASSED
- 2) Confirmation of Executive recommendation to form a not-for-profit for the express purpose of purchasing the boat launch? YES or NO (by show of hands) 31 voted YES – MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- 3) Outside dollar parameters of an offer on the property should not exceed the appraised value of \$10,972 with first bid being \$1? YES or NO (by show of hands)
30 voted YES, 2 voted NO – MOTION PASSED
- 4) How should we pay for costs associated with the purchase? Two options exist. Use money in our GICs or levy a special assessment of \$100 per owner. Ist vote question... Should we use the money saved in the GICs? YES or NO (by show of hands)
25 voted YES, 2 voted NO – MOTION PASSED
Based on 1 st vote result, a 2nd vote was unnecessary.
- 5) Motion Re: NFP Board Make-up... Be it resolved that the HCLPOA Executive will make up the first

Board of the NFP once established. YES or NO (by show of hands)
21 voted YES, 1 Abstained - MOTION PASSED

Thanks for supporting your lakeside community. See you at the 2023 AGM.
Dave Sparrow - Secretary



Your Cottage Association Wants You!!!

Your Association is looking for volunteers to join our dynamic, forward thinking, committed, interesting, exciting, super powered Horseshoe Crotch Lake Property Owners' Association (HCLPOA) leadership team!!!!

Well, maybe that is too many adjectives, but we are fun.

A number of us have been on the team for a lot of years and are getting ready to retire to make way for others.

We are looking for members at large who would not necessarily be assigned any of the current specific Executive positions but would provide advice and insight and, we hope, be ready to step up when such positions become vacant.

We also want to create a position specifically for a youth to be on the team, to provide the younger perspective and help with social media. Plus being on the team would count toward volunteer hours for school and look great on a resumé.

It will be an especially exciting time to be part of the Association as we move into incorporation and ownership of the boat launch.

Please do think about putting your name forward. You would be elected at our AGM this summer.

Please contact me if you are interested, or know someone who might be, or have questions: 613 729-9760 (home); 613 335-3883 (cottage); email: jrlclane@gmail.com

Or if you would feel more comfortable speaking to any of the other Executive members (listed elsewhere in the Newsletter), please do.

Look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our AGM.

Links of Interest

* Fishing Licenses Online Ontario:

www.ontario.ca/page/fishing-licence-canadian-residents

* Boat Licenses <https://www.boaterexam.com/canada/>

* Dark skies platform in Plevna, North Frontenac (star gazing):
<https://naturallyla.ca/explore/dark-sky-viewing-area-lennox-addington/>

* Frontenac News:

<https://www.frontenacnews.ca/central-frontenac-news>

* KFL&A Public Health:

<https://www.kflaph.ca/en/index.aspx>

* Hydro One Outage Map <https://www.hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety/stormcentre-outage-map?bodyOnly=true/>

Celebrate Tamworth's 175th

Saturday June 10, 2023

10:45 AM – 4:00 PM

Town Crier & Opening Ceremony 10:45

Live Entertainment

Napanee Pioneers

Square Dance Club

11:00 – 11:45

Seventh Town Celli Band

and Harp of Tara

Dancers 12:00 – 1:00

Kelli Trotter Band

1:30 – 2:30

Séan McCann

Co-founder of Great Big Sea

3:00 – 4:00

Free BBQ 11:30 -> While quantities last

Heritage Demonstrations

Fleece Spinning

Basket Weaving

Bee Keeping

Soap Making

Artisan Market

Fun For All Ages

Walking tour

Face Painting

Children's Games

Life size games from

Hitched Games

Historical Displays

Vehicles & Equipment

Former Businesses

Churches, Cemeteries, Schools

British Home Children

Moss & Bradshaw Mills

& dozens more displays



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The Horseshoe and Crotch Lakes Property Owners' Association was founded in the 1970's to look after the interests of individuals owning property on the two lakes and along the banks of the Salmon River located between them. An Annual General Meeting is held each July, and at that meeting a Board of Directors is elected from amongst the members. This board contracts for road maintenance, arranges for collection of annual dues from its members, oversees the upkeep of the boat launch and dock area, keeps members informed of its actions and deals with any other issues that may affect property owners.

Enclosed is your annual invoice for the 2023 year.

Prompt payment is appreciated.