

Cottage Watch update: According to Eric Vehkalahti, a Watabeag-Wildgoose Community Cottager's Association (WWCCA) Director who coordinates this effort with the OPP, there have been recent reports of spiking of cottage access roads (a 2x4 split in half with nails embedded across individual cottager roads). There have been 3 reported so far. In order to share information so that other cottagers are made aware of any issues or concerns that come up, cottagers are encouraged to communicate any issues through the WWCCA website contact information, or directly to Eric at 705-273-2719.

Dam and Water Levels update: If your correct mailing address was provided to the Executive, you would have received two notices for the Environmental Assessment of the Watabeag Dam, which was reviewing various alternatives for repair/modification. If you would like to review the finalized EA documentation available to the association, please contact Sue Rapin (suemario@gmail.com). If you have any issues or concerns with water levels please contact John Reinhardt at the MNR, 705-568-3230.

McEvay Landfill update: Just to let you know that the surplus of tires that were deposited last year are still to be removed and the landfill sign updated to indicate that tire dumping is not allowed. The Executive is working with the MNR to make these arrangements. Please notify Eric Vehkalahti at 705-273-2719 of any incidents that you observed of inappropriate use of the landfill. Of note both recycling boxes have been removed/burned and the Executive is working with the MNR for an alternate solution. By diverting waste such as recyclables from this landfill, the lifespan of the landfill will extend beyond the next 20 years.

Road Kilometer Markers update: Many thanks to Eric Vehkalahti for working with the MNR as well as the various suppliers to move this initiative forward. Road markers and signs have now been installed. Great job Eric!

Environmental and Water Quality update: Watabeag and Wildgoose Lakes have water quality results available on the MOE website under their Lake Partner program (www.ontario.ca/lakepartner) for all to review. A sample location map can be provided to interested cottagers if they would like to volunteer for sampling in the future. Please contact Sue Rapin (via the website "contact us" page) to find out how to sign up for the program and so that we can keep track of who is doing what sampling.

Fisheries and Wildlife Update: Dave Misener has been informed by the MNR that MNR summer students will be conducting surveys on four lakes, Brier #30, Jessup, Cootie and Potvin this summer. They will be checking and making determinations if the lakes should continue to be stocked. If you would like to provide comments on stocking lakes in the area, please contact the MNR in Kirkland Lake.

General

- Winter Road Condition Notification – this feature is now available on the website with a link posted on the homepage.
- You may have already noticed some sharp gravel on the Darling Road and Park Road. Apparently the road contractor was using the wrong sized gravel last fall. The crusher then broke down and this issue was not able to be resolved before winter set in. According to the Roads Board, this issue will be rectified with proper material (4 inches) to be placed as soon as the road load restriction is lifted.
- Please make sure you help yourself to the timber left behind from the road clearing efforts last year by the Roads Board. Of note, there are no plans by the MNR to do anything with this timber and they indicated that everyone is welcome to partake in the bounty and in the process clean up the look of the road. The Road Board does have plans to clean this area up, but due to the road repair efforts mentioned above, this will have to wait until funding is available. As noted during last year's annual meeting, this

clearing was proposed at the time to allow for safer corners as well as better conditions for winter road ploughing.

- During last year's annual meeting a question was raised about the speed limit on the main road. It was later confirmed through our OPP contact (Mark Depatie) that the speed limit is 80 km/hour.
- If you have any photos for the website photo gallery, make sure to send them along (suemario@gmail.com).
- The Executive worked through the winter on the new Privacy Policy, which has been provided with this newsletter mailing. If you would like to be removed from the mailing list in the future, please make sure to notify the Executive, as set out in the attached privacy policy documentation.
- During last year's annual meeting, it was agreed that any member serving on the Executive for a period of two years would be provided with one-year free association membership. This was the result of discussions on recognition and retention of the association Executive as well as ways to encourage new Executive members to participate in the future.

The 2010 annual meeting will be held on SUNDAY July 11 at 10 a.m. at the Draves, Cottage #371. All association members and new cottagers to the lakes are welcome.

WWCCA Executive:

President: Sue Rapin

Vice President: open

Treasurer: Dennis Draves

Secretary: open

Directors: Donna Poore, Henry Morris, Eric Vehkalahti, Mario Lacasse, David Misener, Michael Evelegh, Brian Hopkins

Pleasure Craft Operators Permit: please contact Eric Vehkalahti at 705-273-2719. Cost of test, license and proctoring \$40.00 (issued same day).

*if you have a business that cottagers might be interested in, please let us know and we can provide details and contact information in our future newsletters.

Please notify any new cottagers of the website so that they can review the various details about our Lakes as well as access the membership form and contact information of the Executive, if they have any questions.