

CARLING COTTAGER'S ASSOCIATION Aug 1978

SECRETARY - TREASURER'S REPORT

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Welcome to the re-juvenated CARLING COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION. Your executive hopes to keep you abreast of happenings which may concern you as an interested taxpayer of Carling Township.

A number of items have come to our attention since the General Meeting held on May 20th at Sand Bay Resort, and the following briefly outlines the steps your executive have taken in this regard. We would like to take this opportunity to extend an INVITATION FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THESE AND OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN TO YOU.

Minutes of Meeting held May 20th, 1978 at Sand Bay Resort

This meeting was held to "re-found," "resurrect," or "re-organize" the Carling Cottagers' Association.

Bill Davis made note of several issues which could be of interest to members of Carling Cottagers' Association. Included were: improvements in the sport fishing, forest management, fire protection and most importantly local government. This last issue was discussed extensively by Bill Davis, Nyle Diefenbacher, Bill Latimer and Eileen Parker. Questions were heard from the floor.

The gathering was asked if they felt that the Carling Cottagers' Association should be re-activated. A show of hands revealed that the majority of those in attendance were in favour of resurrecting the Carling Cottagers' Association. Bill Davis asked for volunteers from the audience or nominees for directors of the Association. These were: Dick Smith, Nyle Diefenbacher, Dick Jolliffe, Tom Clark, Bill Latimer, Bill Davis and Neta Pinnell. The meeting was adjourned.

A short meeting of the executive was held following the general meeting wherein Neta Pinnell was selected to act as Secretary/Treasurer. It was also suggested and agreed that a nominee for the Carling Ratepayers Association should be put forth at the Ratepayers Meeting to be held the next day, May 21st, 1978. Neta Pinnell was asked and agreed to stand for this nomination. Adjourned.

Carling Ratepayers Association Meeting held May 21st, 1978 at Recreation Hall

The cottagers were well represented at this meeting and a number of our executive attended. Bill Davis nominated Neta Pinnell to the Ratepayers Association, seconded by Nyle Diefenbacher. Discussion centred around Fire Protection, a questionnaire to be sent out with the next tax bill; and the Feasibility study of Carling expanding to the North (Harrison and Shawanaga Twps.)

On May 24th, 1978 a bank account was opened at the Toronto-Dominion Bank for the Carling Cottagers' Association.

Council Meeting - June 5th, 1978

Bill and Barb Davis and Neta Pinnell attended a Council Meeting on June 5th. It was apparent to the writer that Council felt the cottagers lacked interest in the happenings of the township because of the lack of cottagers in attendance at Council meetings. Due to the O.M.B. hearing which commenced earlier that day over the Horse Island subdivision, many cottagers were in attendance at this Council meeting. Although a number of cottagers spoke on their concerns re density proposed for Horse Island the Council seemed well satisfied and pleased that this was a "good plan," well thought out, and personally "walked out" by the Council.

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Ontario Municipal Board hearing held at the Recreation Hall June 5th - 7th
Horse Island Subdivision

Members of your executive attended the O.M.B. hearing on the issue of a By-Law (building) for the Horse Island Subdivision.

From the opening statements made by the lawyers and the direction given by the Chairman, it was apparent that the issue being presented by the cottagers was one which should have been presented at an earlier time. It was pointed out to the Chairman that this hearing was the first opportunity the cottagers had to present their views publicly, and that although the subdivision had been in the planning stages from some time, the cottagers had not become aware what was happening until as recent as last summer.

Although the cottagers were permitted to air their views at the hearing, recognition was not given to them with the exception of an amendment to the set-back requirement for those lots facing Inez Island.

"Who Cares About Cottage Life"

On June 1st, 1978 we sent a letter to the Ministry of the Environment expressing concern that notice for a programme, presented by the Ministry, "Who cares about cottage life" was put into the paper only two days prior to the meeting. We were unable to attend. In response to our letter, we received an apology for the short notice and a number of handouts (Fact sheets on Cottage and Water Pollution). (Available on request from your secretary or the Ministry of Environment.) as well as an offer from Mr. Frank Driscoll, Environmental Officer to attend one of our meetings to answer any questions we may have on environmental problems and controls.

Directors meeting held on July 1st, 1978 at Sand Bay Resort

This meeting was called to elect officers and generally organize the directors and the Carling Cottagers' Association.

After much discussion it was agreed that the following wording would represent the PURPOSE and OBJECTIVES of the Carling Cottagers' Association.

- 1) TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND GATHER OPINION REGARDING ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE WEST SHORE AND ISLANDS OF CARLING TOWNSHIP.
- 2) TO MAKE REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF RATEPAYERS TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY.

It was unanimously agreed that the Association would endeavor to put out a newsletter two or three times each year.

Nominations for office were as follows:

President	- Bill Davis
Vice-President	- Dick Jolliffe
Secretary/Treasurer	- Neta Pinnell
Representative to the Georgian Bay Association	- Bill Latimer

Discussion arose regarding the G.B.A. proposal for a new "Archipelago Municipality" and reading material was made available to those directors who had not as yet read the proposal.

Report on the Ratepayers Association Executive Meeting held June 17th, 1978.

New officers were elected:

President	John Cobsey
Vice-President	Ron Ramsey
Secretary	Irene Hailstone
Public Relations	Helen Wilkie
Treasurer	Neta Pinnell

The Ratepayers reported that Council had again requested names to be submitted for the Township Planning Committee from each of the Cottager Associations. Carling Cottagers submitted Mr. Bill Davis and Neta M. Pinnell for the Planning Committee.

On July 27th we were advised by the Township Clerk that Neta Pinnell had been appointed to the Planning Committee, other appointees were:

Mr. Ed Baker, Loon Bay
Mr. Tom Briggs, Dillon
Mrs. Pat Dudas
Mrs. Irene Hailstone, Deep Bay & Carling Rd.
Mr. Jack Pausner, Pengally Bay
Mr. Ron Tuson, Carling Road

Report on the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee has met on a number of occasions with Council to review the draft zoning by-law and existing land use maps prepared by the planner, Ross Raymond, who has been hired by the Council. The by-law and maps are available in the Township Office during normal business hours and a Special Meeting was held on Saturday, September 9th, 1978 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with Ross Raymond to explain the by-law and review the maps with the public.

On August 6th, Bill Davis and Bill Latimer attended the Annual Meeting of the North Sound Association. The main topic of discussion was electing councillors more favourably disposed to their concerns in the upcoming municipal elections.

A Directors meeting was held on August 7th, 1978 at Sand Bay Resort.

This meeting was called to discuss the ramifications of the government proposal to put legislation before Cabinet this Fall for a new Archipelago Municipality with or without Carling. The Minister stated that he would leave the decision in the hands of Carling Council.

Ratepayers and Cottagers Joint Meeting held on August 19th, 1978

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Peter McCoppen, President of the North Sound Association. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint cottagers with the prospective candidates for the Fall Municipal election. Four men declared their intentions to run for Council. Present Councillor Mike Konoval, former Councillor Bill McKenzie, Ron Ramsey and Bill Davis. Questions mainly dealt with industrial development of the township and the proposed Archipelago Municipality.

Report on Feasibility Study

A meeting was held on August 23rd to review the financial aspects of the feasibility study conducted by the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs. Those in attendance included the Carling Council and Reeve, directors of the Ratepayers Association and the Planning Committee. Reviewing the report was Mr. Roger Warner and Ron Skinner from the Finance Branch of the Ministry of Interdepartmental Affairs. Mr. Warner explained that the study to the northern townships only, had been completed as a courtesy to Carling Township because they had requested it; that it was an academic exercise, due to the proposed Archipelago Municipality which included a portion of these communities, and which would be coming before Cabinet this Fall.

Feasibility Study Continued

This appears to leave Carling two options for the present:

- 1) join with the Archipelago concept to provide an enlarged township which could include all or part of Shawanaga and Harrison, all of Carling, all of Cowper and part of Conger.
- 2) remain as is.

The financial outlook of the first option appears to be favourable. In an enlarged Carling Township, Mr. Warner's Financial Advisor Mr. Ron Skinner stated that Carling would pick up 39% of costs within the new Municipality. With existing services maintained in all Townships, the figures showed a decrease in taxes for all Townships involved. It must be pointed out that Mr. Skinner was speaking in terms of a reduction in Municipal taxes only. School taxes would remain the same. Therefore, the average household in Carling would be looking at a small saving of approximately \$21.00 based on 1976 tax figures.

A meeting of Carling Ratepayers Association was held on Saturday, August 26th, with Mr. Roger Warner in attendance. Mr. Warner responded to questions from ratepayers on various aspects of an enlarged Carling Township and alternatives. According to the newspaper report following the meeting, Mrs. Irene Hailstone, Secretary, Ratepayers Association stated that as she saw it Carling had four alternatives. (1) Carling can stand alone. (2) Carling can form a municipality with Shawanaga, Harrison and their islands. (3) Carling can join the proposed Archipelago Municipality concept which involves only islands and shoreline. (4) Carling can become affiliated with the Archipelago concept involving all of Cowper, Conger, Harrison and Shawanaga Townships. She stated that the government was in favour of the latter proposal.

It appears that the only way the issue of Carling can become resolved is at the polls this Fall.

Sandy Island Development

Early in August the Carling Cottagers' Association became aware of a proposed subdivision for Sandy Island consisting of 37 lots. Sandy Island is an acre island in Cowper Township which is privately owned. The Carling Township boundary extends to the northern tip of this island, therefore many of our smaller islands are in close proximity to Sandy Island. The waters around Sandy Island were for many years a fish sanctuary which has been opened up to the public in recent years. The shoals on the west side of the island have always been an important spawning ground for this area. Our concern is not to take away an individual's right to sell their property, but to make sure that in so doing our environment is not irreparably damaged. In this regard, Bill Davis contacted the Ministry of Natural Resources to find out more about this situation. It was reported that to date, eleven lots have been approved by the Ministry of Housing for the west shore of Sandy Island. As President of the Sports Fishery Association, Bill indicated his concern to the Ministry expressing concern over the possible damage to this delicate shoreline if the planned subdivision is realized. Your executive intends to support the Georgian Bay Association in their endeavours to ensure that development in this area is approached with extreme caution.

Council Meetings

Carling Cottagers' Association has been well represented at all Council meetings since the June 5th meeting previously reported on. During these meetings many opportunities arose to hear and discuss the views of individual ratepayers and the Council on the future of Carling Township. Recently, as many as four of your executive at a time have attended and it is the intention of the executive to continue to cover all Council meetings in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT
As at August 31st, 1978

RECEIPTS:

Membership fees and donations	\$345.00	
Loan	<u>17.86</u>	<u>\$362.86</u>

PAYMENTS:

Stationary supplies	\$ 18.86	
Stamps	14.00	
Loan	<u>17.86</u>	\$ 50.72
Balance on hand	70.00	
Balance in bank	<u>\$242.14</u>	<u>312.14</u>
		<u>\$362.86</u>

Respectfully submitted

Neta M. Pinnell
Secretary/Treasurer
CARLING COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION