

# West Carling Association

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## Newsletter

This letter will apprise members of decisions taken at our annual meeting on July 31 and of developments on several fronts since that time.

### Shoreline Allowance

There was considerable discussion at the annual meeting of the pros and cons of, and procedures for closing shoreline allowances. The directors had arranged for Mr. Paul Forth, surveyor, Mr. Joe Wilson, a Parry Sound lawyer, and Reeve Bert Reekie to be present to answer numerous questions posed by our members. At the end of the discussion, the Association decided to proceed with a group application for closure and the directors were authorized to negotiate arrangements with Mr. Forth and Mr. Wilson for a group rate for their professional services in connection with an application. These arrangements were subsequently concluded, and in August a letter was sent to all members with properties deemed eligible for closure setting out the procedures to be followed. Since that time over 60 members have indicated to our lawyer, Joe Wilson, their intent to take part in the group application. Anyone who did not obtain a copy of the August letter on procedures and would like one now should write to Dick Jolliffe, the Association Secretary, at 135 Ridgewood Road, West Hill, Ontario M1C 2X3.

### The Sport Fishery

Mr. Lloyd Thurston, a marine biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources office in Parry Sound accepted an invitation from the directors to attend the annual meeting and to participate in a discussion of our concerns regarding the state of angling along the shore of the Georgian Bay. There was a lengthy question and answer period, but unfortunately insufficient time to explore all aspects of the problem, and in particular the efficacy of the Ministry's new modernization plan for the commercial fishery. A resolution was passed indicating the Association's desire to cooperate with the fisheries branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources in promoting the conservation of sport fish resources on the Georgian Bay. In view of the incompleteness of the discussion, another resolution was also adopted, calling for a separate, special meeting regarding the fishery issue to be held early in the summer of 1984. At a meeting in August of the Shoreline and Island Property Owners (the federation of township associations), the other associations in Carling agreed to join with us in organizing such a meeting. Plans for this meeting will be made in the spring, and you will receive notice of the time and place as far in advance as possible.

### Supervision of Camping, Picnicing, etc.

The Association authorized the directors to enquire into the possibility of financial cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Carling Township and/or other interested associations with respect to implementing a program of supervision of the unoccupied shore and islands of Carling Township. Further, the Association was authorized, if sufficient financial support was available, to apply for a grant under the Summer Canada Student Employment Program to hire three students for the summer of 1984 to patrol and service camping and picnic sites in our area. In August, I met on two occasions with an official of the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding financial support. Basically, what we require is the provision of a boat and engine for the summer season; other expenses can be met out of the federal government grant, with the Association itself defraying incidental expenses. Thus far, while the Ministry has expressed interest, it has not indicated whether or not it will lend financial support.

With the same objective of helping to conserve the natural beauty of our area, the Association approved the production of a flyer detailing recommended practices pertaining to garbage disposal, campfire safety, sport fishing, etc., and of a large poster on the theme of conservation.

### Boat Traffic Problems

Concern was expressed at the annual meeting regarding the excessive speed of some boats at the following locations: i) in a quarter mile stretch in the narrows between Franklin Island and Narrows Island; ii) at a "blind intersection" at the north end of Ukuwaube Channel; and iii) at Snug Harbour between the Lighthouse and the Marina. The directors were requested to communicate the Association's concern to the Coast Guard in Parry Sound, and to suggest the posting of "No Wake" or other appropriate signs at these locations. I wrote recently to the Coast Guard on this matter.

### Association Map

A large map, showing progress to date on the Association map project, was displayed in the Recreation Hall and members were invited to pencil in additional information and to make any corrections. The membership indicated by a show of hands a preference for a large scale map, although the cost of production will be somewhat higher. Dick Jolliffe has indicated that most of the blanks on the map have now been filled in, and that it should be ready to go to the printers in the near future.

### Other, Incidental Matters

The Association authorized the president to enquire into and, with the approval of the directors, contract for an Association liability insurance policy. The directors were authorized to provide up to \$400 in support of any activities of SIPO in the coming year deemed worthy of assistance. The Association membership fee for 1984 was again set at \$10. (Our membership in 1982-83 reached 96.) The Treasurer, Dick Jolliffe, presented his annual report and the financial statement was approved. The Association authorized the following officers to have cheque signing authority pursuant to the funds of the Association: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, the signatures of any two being required for any cheque. All current members of the Board of Directors will

to serve for another year were reappointed. Terry McCrea of Long Bay was also appointed as a new member of the Board. The practice of having the Board of Directors elect the executive officers from among its members was confirmed. The executive for 1984 is as follows: President--Terry Keenleyside; Vice-President--Bill Davis; Secretary--Dick Jolliffe.

This has been an active, and, I think, productive year for the Association. I hope we can count on your membership and support in 1984. If you have not already paid your membership fee for 1983-84, please fill out the form below and send us a cheque for \$10 at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes,

*Terry Keenleyside*

Terry Keenleyside  
President

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To: West Carling Association,  
c/o 135 Ridgewood Rd.,  
West Hill, Ontario M1C 2X3.

Enclosed is my cheque or money order for \$10.00 for my 1983-84 membership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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