

# West Carling Association

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## Newsletter

New Year's greetings to you all! This letter will principally serve to bring members up to date on developments pertinent to several matters discussed at the annual meeting in August.

### Boating Regulations

At a meeting of the Carling Township Council on November 20, our request for boating speed limits in the Ukuwaube and Canoe Channels and for the posting of "Reduce Wake" signs in the narrow stretch between Franklin and Narrows Island was discussed at some length, and Council in the end agreed to forward the proposals to the Ministry of Natural Resources, requesting implementation of the restrictions for the 1985 season.

### Township Road Issues

On October 19, Reeve Reekie responded to my letter in connection with the motions passed at the annual meeting concerning township roads. On the matter of designating certain sections of roads in the township as "Heritage Roads", Mr. Reekie made the following observations:

Generally speaking, it would be impossible to winter maintain any roads which do not have suitable surfaces, adequate drainage, and are unobstructed enough to allow for safe passage by the snowplow and grader. The cost of repairs to equipment damaged by rocks, stumps and other obstructions is prohibitive and in many places roads have to be widened to accommodate the amount of snow which must be plowed off the road in the winter.

I appreciate the concern of your membership regarding the rural nature of some of our roads. It is a little unusual for us to receive requests for less maintenance rather than more, since judging from the phone calls and letters received, the majority of ratepayers seem to feel that improvements are necessary in many areas of the Township. Once I receive information from you regarding which roads in particular you are speaking of, I will be better able to respond to your request.

If this matter is to be pursued further by the Association, it is necessary for those who expressed a particular interest in the



subject at the annual meeting to furnish the executive with more details regarding the sections of roads in question and the types of action (or non-action) they would like to see taken. Alternatively, they may want to consider communicating their views directly to the reeve and Township Council.

On the subject of the intersection of Highway 559 and the Dillon Road, Mr. Reekie informed me that he raised this matter with an official of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and that it was then referred to the Ministry's Signs Department in North Bay. Following further correspondence with the Ministry, Township Council on November 20 passed a motion supporting the erection of a two-way stop sign at the junction of Highway 559 and the Dillon Road. Subsequently on December 27, I received a copy of a letter from Mr. Ernie Eves, M.P.P. for Parry Sound to the reeve indicating that he concurred with the need to erect a two-way stop at this location.

#### Sport Fishing

In response to my letter to the Minister of Natural Resources informing him of the motions regarding sport fishing passed at our annual meeting, Mr. Pope wrote me indicating that the "staff at Parry Sound are currently updating an operational plan designed to provide direction for the management of the Georgian Bay sports fishery. This plan will address a variety of regulatory requirements and stocking programs." He further indicated that "enforcement of fishery regulations will play a major role in this plan and it is intended to increase enforcement effort in identified problem areas." Finally, Mr. Pope indicated that input from interested groups such as ours would be solicited before the plan is put into operation.

Regarding the proposed Shebeshekong River Walleye Rehabilitation Project, Bill Davis has prepared a draft proposal which has been circulated to the members of the committee exploring this matter. Anyone else interested in obtaining a copy can do so by writing to Bill at Sand Bay Resort, R. R. #1, Nobel, Ontario POG 1G0. Bill indicates that the next step is to map the area where the spawning habitat will be placed, determine the amount and cost of material needed, and then obtain a preliminary assessment from the Ministry of the prospects of the scheme's being supported under the Community Fisheries Involvement Program.

#### Acid Rain

In response to my letter to the Minister of the Environment in which I communicated to him the Association's concern about acidic precipitation, Mr. Andrew Brandt wrote me on November 26 assuring the Association of the government's commitment to dealing with this problem. He also enclosed a fact sheet which summarizes work being carried out in the Parry Sound District on this problem and details the alkalinity level of 193 lakes in the Parry Sound District on a five point scale from "acidified" to "not sensitive." We are fortunate that the Georgian Bay itself falls into the "not sensitive" category because



the western part of the Bay, from the Bruce Peninsula to Manitoulin Island, is underlain with limestone which acts as a buffer against acidification.

#### Association Map

We are hoping to be able to mail a revised version of the Association map with the spring newsletter. Would, therefore, anyone who has corrections, omissions or changes of ownership to report, please pass the information along as soon as possible to Dick Jolliffe at our usual Association mailing address.

#### Tennis Anyone?

This past summer Bill Davis and I discussed the possibility of a group undertaking to construct a tennis court on a secluded, well-protected piece of the Davis' property at Sand Bay Resort. The idea is that this would be a private court for the use of those participating in the financing of the scheme, their immediate families, and guests of Sand Bay Resort. Dock space would be made available at Sand Bay for players arriving by boat. Following construction, at the users' discretion, additional memberships could be sold to help finance maintenance. If there is sufficient interest to go ahead, at an early stage participants would have to agree on arrangements for equitable sharing of the court among themselves and with Sand Bay guests. With a relatively limited membership, this should not pose major difficulties and we could draw from the experiences of other organizations in establishing reasonable ground rules.

At this point, I would be interested in learning if any association members are seriously interested in participating in such a scheme. We require in the neighbourhood of 15 people willing to contribute \$1,000 to the project to make further inquiry into the costs and administrative details worthwhile. Would anyone interested in this idea, please write to me directly at 833 Homedale Blvd., Windsor, Ontario N8S 2S8, indicating his or her willingness to assist in financing at the above-mentioned level.

I should add that Bill Davis reports that there are renewed rumblings in council about the possibility of building two tennis courts inland near the Township Office. Obviously, if that project were to go ahead, it might affect the level of interest of some members in participating in the Sand Bay scheme. The Association is, therefore, watching developments on this front. It is noteworthy, however, that the Council has in the past approved construction of tennis facilities and then taken no action. If Council does decide to go ahead this time, then the Association might want to suggest construction of one township court on the shoreline (for example at the Sand Bay Township Beach) instead of two inland.

It would be useful to know if those interested in an Association project at Sand Bay would like to go ahead regardless of what action the Council takes, or whether their support is contingent

upon what the township decides to do.

Memberships

Dick Jolliffe reports that memberships are dribbling in, but we still have a long way to go to meet last year's record roll of 145. If you have paid your annual membership dues of \$10.00 since our annual meeting in August, you will find your receipt enclosed with this letter. If not, we hope that you will continue to support the Association in its pursuit of a range of issues of concern to us all. As we move into another municipal election year, it is important that the Association sustain its numbers and thereby its capacity to influence positively developments in our area. Please use the form below to make your remittance at your earliest convenience

Your help in recruiting new members would also be much appreciated. Please make an effort to inform prospective members of the various activities of the Association and encourage them to get in touch with us at the address below. If you have a property that is owned or shared by more than one family, you may want to consider taking out more than one membership so that all users will receive the newsletter and be aware of what the Association is doing.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Terry Keenleyside  
President

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To: West Carling Association,  
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Enclosed is my cheque or money order for \$10.00 for my 1984-1985 membership.

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