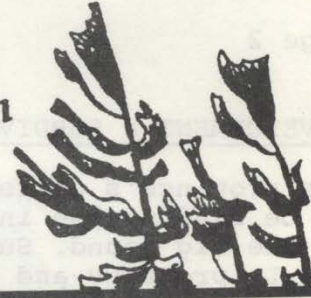


West Carling Association

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• GEORGIAN BAY SHORELINE CONCERNS •



June 1987

SPRING NEWSLETTER

I trust this letter will reach you before a threatened postal interruption delays it!

Summer days at Georgian Bay are meant for relaxation and the recreation of body and spirit, but I hope we all can find time to look at issues that threaten our priceless environment or otherwise lessen the enjoyment of our vacation homes.

It is reassuring to reflect on the fact that our Association is affiliated with 276 others in the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (F.O.C.A.). Major province-wide issues like acid rain, water pollution, fishery control, municipal election procedures and assessment are more effectively influenced by combined efforts.

FOCA is publishing a special issue of its quarterly magazine this month, and plans to send a complimentary copy to each of our paid-up members. You will find it interesting and informative.

WALLEYE PROJECT NOW UNDER WAY

Our dream of promoting a revival of pickerel fishing in our waters may soon be realized. With the cooperation of the M.N.R. tens of thousands of tiny fry are now being nurtured in the Industrial Park ponds. By late July they will be about two inches long and ready to be trapped in seine nets for transfer to the lower Shebeshekong River. It is hoped that about 5% will survive the cannibalistic appetites of their siblings and reach spawning age in 4 or 5 years.

The netting operation, which should be done between 9 p.m. and midnight on several evenings, will require the assistance of a few volunteers. If you can help on 2 or 3 occasions, please contact Robert Merkel at Snug Harbour Resort. He is kindly "heading up" this project.

DEVELOPMENT & SUBDIVISIONS

The province's current buoyant economy and building fever appear to be having some influence on Carling's shoreline, particularly on the Big Sound. Subdivisions are taking shape on the former C.I.L. property and at Alves Point. The latter clearly flouts Carling's own official plan, and our sister organization, the North Sound Association, is carrying its objections to an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

We have not taken an anti-development position, especially relating to projects that generate "tourist dollars" and employment for permanent residents. However, the issuance of almost two million dollars in building permits in Carling in 1986, and a seeming tendency to "bend the rules", suggest that we should be vigilant. I am recommending to our Directors that we nominate one of our members to represent our interests and our views on the Planning Board. I trust that Council and the Planning Board members will recognize the legitimacy of our request when it is submitted.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Coast Guard officials in Ottawa have recently agreed to reconsider the location and design of a large sign which they erected just south of the Snug Harbour Lighthouse late last fall. Reports which I have received to date describe it in most uncomplimentary terms. Peter Perry, whose island is located nearby, deserves our thanks for having carried his objection to senior levels of government. Our Association will lend its support if recent assurances to him are not fulfilled.

If you have not yet visited the Bay this season you will be pleased to find that water levels are down 10 or 12 inches. I trust that you will not find that your dock has gone visiting... or disappeared completely!

A & P has recently taken over Dominion's downtown store. Does anyone else share my dissatisfaction with the number of check-out counters open at most times? Will this virtual monopoly result in even more frustration?

SAND BAY & DILLON CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

As we reported last fall, the disposition of the bank balance and the portable fire pump of the long defunct organization has not yet been settled. Your Directors think that our West Carling

Association is the logical successor and beneficiary, but we must satisfy the bank and the surviving signing officers as to our claim. The only membership list of the old Association that I have found is at least 20 years old. If you can identify others who were members and might wish to have a vote in the referendum we will be conducting this summer, please advise anyone on our executive or Shirley Greene.

Members in the mid 1960's: R. Alexander, N. Alleway, W. Aikman,
G. Browne, R. Brownlow, F. Butters,
R. Butters, D. Butters, J.L. Brown, M. Brooks, A. Brooks, C. Beall,
F. Booth, A. Boggs, L. Clement, H. Campbell, A. Davis, W. Ewald,
C. Eichler, P. Flanagan, J. Greenlief, O. Gunther, H. Graham,
H. Hussey, H. Haggart, G. Hamilton, E. Keenleyside, M. Libianeski,
W. Latimer, H. Marshall, H. Martyn, G. McCracken, F. McKay,
D. McCaugherty, C. Munroe, R. North, Nelson, H. Overmeyer,
E. Pinkerton, W. Palmer, S. Potter, R. Parker, M. Patterson,
H. Rewoldt, A. Sawyer, W. Stoddard, R. Stoddard, V. St. Amand,
R. Smith, H. Sharp, G. Sleeth, A. Somers, E. Soanes.
(Property owners who are offspring or siblings of deceased members will be eligible to vote.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, August 2nd - 2:00 p.m.

Carling Recreation Hall

On Hwy #559, 1/2 mile south of Dillon Road intersection

The Directors have resolved that our Annual Meeting will be better advertised this year! Please make an effort to attend. You have been generous in your financial support, but your interest and participation is even more important.

Your president plans to step down this year after 7 years of involvement in the various offices. Also retiring is our treasurer, Jean McCrea, to whom we are indebted for setting up a simple, but efficient system for record keeping. I earnestly urge members to consider volunteering their services, at least for the Board of Directors. Minimum expectation from them is attendance at the Annual Meeting plus the two Directors' meetings (mid-July and mid-August). It offers a rewarding opportunity to become better acquainted with some of your summer neighbours while performing a public service.

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Enclosed is my cheque or money order for \$10.00 for my 1987 membership.

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Address _____

Postal Code _____

If this is a change of address, please so indicate _____

Please note any corrections or changes required to the Association map here.