



News from the North

Spring 2014

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Dates To Remember

2014 LMCOA

Annual General Meeting

Meeting begins at 11 AM

Coffee and Chat at 10:15AM

Saturday, August 2nd

Location Landing

Local Events

June 6 – 7 Senior's Games

June 21 Color Dash

June 26 Clara's Big Day

July 1 Canada Day and Beach Bash

July 10—13 Community Days

July 19—20 Pow Wow

Bulk Garbage Pick Up

June 19 July 17 Aug 15

FYI

Library Days and Hours

M - TH : 10AM—4:30 AM 6—8PM

F : 10AM—4:30PM

Sat : 10AM –1PM

City Dump Days and Hours

Wed and Fri: 10AM—4:30PM

Sat: 9AM—5PM

Timber Village Museum

June—Aug Daily 10Am—4PM

Town Hall

June—Aug M-F 8AM—4PM

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President's Message

Greetings,

Due to resignations before and after the July 27, 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM), new Board members were elected at a special meeting on August 31, 2013. There was a quorum present; members elected 3 new Board members: Dennis Davey, John Godbolt, and Bill Ryan. My resignation was not accepted by the new Board (as allowed by the By-Laws) and I was instead asked to be President, to which I agreed. Six continuing Board members are Dave Hall (Vice-President), Laure Olsen, Bill Shafer, Herb Herriman (Treasurer), Caroline Bledsoe (Secretary), and myself (President). This outcome produced a savvy and well-qualified 9-member Board with some new blood and the required majority of Canadian residents (Davey, Hall, Godbolt, Olsen, and Ryan). I thank all Board members for stepping up to the task.

We move forward! Your new Board will act on items the membership voted on at the July 2013 AGM. I have honored requests from Board members to participate in activities of their liking; I also asked Board members to take on specific activities where they could be most helpful. We renewed LMCOA's membership with FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations). There are benefits which I don't believe many of us knew were available to LMCOA and to our individual members. We now have a provincial source of experts for information and direction. For example, FOCA has information on property taxation, environmental regulations, cottage insurance and risk management, cottage succession, boating and many other areas. FOCA resources are available to LMCOA members 'in good standing' (current dues paid!).

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2014. We will have important issues to discuss – including both new and the perennial ones (dock space and dock repairs, garbage, and parking at the Landing). Board members will report on progress and offer ideas for discussion and action.

In September 2013, the Mayor and Blind River Town Council graciously allowed 4 Board members to introduce ourselves and briefly update the Council on LMCOA activities. Your Board will work directly with Town officials to achieve goals beneficial to the Association. Informed relationships and action between LMCOA and Town Council are my sincere expectation.

So, talk to your neighbors. Submit your ideas and solutions – directly to me or any Board members or go to our web site (www.Matinenda.ca). Join us.

