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Hi!

As you can see from the size of this packet, the new directory is out. This should make it easier to find your friends on the lake. Many thanks to Russ Wood at The Ministry of Natural Resources for all his help in making a big job a great deal easier.

Good news! As you may know there was a meeting held in Blind River, July 29, 1977, concerning the disposition of the small Federal dock which has road access only through the Log Chateau property. One of the outcomes of this meeting was a suggestion by Dr. Foster that some organized body such as our Association might pursue the possibility of obtaining Federal Government assistance in improving the docking facilities on Lake Matinenda by the addition of floating finger docks of a type approved and used at Federal docking facilities in other areas.

We later met with Dr. Foster at his home in Desbarats to clarify the approach we should take. He advised us on the approximate scale of project for which he felt assistance might be considered and the steps we should take to obtain this assistance. That is:

- Apply to the "Canada Works Program" for a cash grant to cover labour costs (contribution requested \$11,610.00).
- Apply to the Ministry of Fisheries and Environment (Small Craft Harbours Branch) for the materials.
- Request the Ministry of Transport (Department of Public Works) to install and maintain the facilities.
- Obtain the transfer of the land where dock will be located from the Provincial to the Federal Authorities.

A committee consisting of Rolly Villeneuve, Dick Timmerman, Fred Shamas, Pat Armstrong, Gord Davey and Jack Huddart, was appointed by your Executive to pursue the project. After a great deal of talk and miles of paper work I am happy to report the project has been approved in all respects. The cash grant has been received and the materials are expected to arrive early in January 1978. Construction will then begin immediately. (The attached sketch shows the probable dock configuration, however this may change.)

In our last meeting, there was some talk of certain safety measures which we the cottage owners could take. One suggestion was the use of C.B. radio's. For those of you with C.B.'s, "Roy's Northland" stands by on Channel 5 for relay of emergency communications. Another emergency warning signal could be colour panels of Day Glo or Hunter's Orange. This is a highly visible colour in all seasons and is simple to use. Since three of anything in the bush is an emergency signal, it was thought that three 1' X 1' panels attached on one or two lines about a foot apart would make a simple compact but effective signal as sketched.

