

MATINENDA COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Blind River, Ontario

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Dear Friend and Neighbour:

The winter is long and hard this year and probably for most of us, at this time, fishing, boating and Matinenda are furthest from our minds. However, another six or eight weeks is going to change all that, so it's time for a letter. January has been an extremely rough month weather wise - lots of sub-zero temperatures, snow and storms. I think the winter traffic on the lake has been pretty light so far this year.

I am enclosing a copy of the minutes for last general meeting as well as the treasurer's report for 1981. You will see by the report we are gradually getting a fair surplus together. This surplus is tentatively to go towards installation of lights on the parking lot. We will need about \$3,000 in order to proceed further with this project. Your comments when you submit your dues and donations will be appreciated. It takes almost 90% of the dues to cover our commitment for garbage pick up. So extra donations are necessary if we hope to proceed with other projects.

Considerable time and effort has been put into approaching the various government agencies and personnel with a view to getting assistance and improvements to our dock and launch ramp area, all with little or no success except free advice. The launch ramp and the approach are badly in need of grading and improvement. But it appears like we will only get the improvement if we do it ourselves. A couple of work parties could make a real big difference. We hope to be able to apply this year for some additional floating docks, which will help the dock situation.

Our letter this year is not too newsy but will serve as a gentle reminder that spring is coming and it's time to start getting things gathered and repaired for the long trek back to Matinenda. I hope you all have a very long and happy stay at the lake this year, and also that we can arrange more than one get together for the summer.

Yours truly,

Rally Villeneuve

President,
Matinenda Cottage Owners Association.

P.S. There are some 1981 directories still available for anyone wishing one.

