

AYLEN LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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Aylen Lake Community Association – 2016

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President's Message:

Hello Everyone

As I write this it is very windy and cool outside – but it helps keep the bugs away. It never ceases to amaze me as I look out over the lake about how great that view is and how very lucky we all are to be able to enjoy this little piece of paradise.

Bill has included information on the Algonquin Land Claim under the Councillor's report so be sure to read that to get the latest information.

If you are responsible for one of the shoal markers please ensure that it is out on the lake and if Kathleen does not yet have your name could you advise her.

The AED has been checked and installed in it's summer location which is the white box on the water side of the ALCA fire pump storage container. There are signs erected showing the location.

Our membership numbers continue to be low. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the Association please let us know.

The Township had promised us a new dock at the Landing and hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter it has been installed. At the recent workshop for the Strategic Plan it was noted that Council had set aside money in the budget over the past 5 years to purchase this new dock.

In the newsletter we have included an article about the work that the township has undertaken to produce a Future Directions Strategy which will be finalized early in the fall of 2016.

As this is the year for the new Property Assessments we have included an article about the method to challenge your assessment if you are not in agreement.

As my term comes to an end this year I would like to thank all of you for supporting me on the Executive since 2010 but I will not be continuing on the Executive after the 2016 Annual General Meeting. So I ask each of you to consider putting your name forward for nomination.

In closing and on behalf of the entire ALCA Executive, I would like to wish each of you a healthy happy summer season at our favourite place – Ayleen Lake

Sharon

Councillor's Messages:

Winter has finally ended and the warm weather has finally arrived. This was a very strange winter. There was not a lot of snow up until the end of March and beginning of April. Cold weather hung on for some time.

Anyway welcome back to the Lake. South Algonquin has finally had its 911 service installed. However please ensure it is only used for emergencies. Also be aware of pocket dials. With the new policing pricing model false calls are paid for by tax payers of South Algonquin. This is a significant portion of our policing costs. Also please as much as possible use the OPP self reporting website at www.opp.ca/reporting. This is for police calls that are not emergencies as this reduces the calls for service and will reduce our overall police costs which affect your taxes. This is for things like small thefts etc. If an officer is dispatched the cost is quite high and counts towards our calls for service. In 2015 our policing costs were just over \$ 278,000 for the year, this year's budget has been increased to over \$ 332,000, a \$ 54,000 or 19 % increase. So whatever we can do as a municipality to reduce the calls for service is in our best interests.

The Algonquin land Claim proceeded with its vote in March. The result is open to various interpretations. There were apparently 7540 eligible voters of which 3,575 or 47 % actually voted. Of the 3,575 voters, 3,341 of those supported it, which is about 92 %. The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan voted over 243 against and only about 80 for. The following is a quote from Robert Potts the chief negotiator:

"This is one of the most complicated of land claims processes, probably in Canada," he said in a telephone interview with The Daily Observer, "and it has a multitude of issues that have to be dealt with from the fact that you're dealing with a million-plus people living within the region of the territory; you have 80-plus municipalities, one of which just happens to be the nation's capital, all sitting on unceded Algonquin land; you've got a vast number of interest groups whether they be cottage associations, industries like gravel pit operators, you've got forest licensees, you've got hunt camp operators, all of these interest groups entangled in this; and then you've got a group of people who have been waiting roughly 250 years to have this thing to be brought to a conclusion, and all of them have to come to an agreement and solve a whole vast array of problems."

Asserting that the whole point of the AIP was to "take the temperature" of the people he represents at the negotiating table, Potts says that getting feedback on areas of the agreement that need more work was exactly the point of the exercise, and it was never intended to be a final document of any kind.

"It's a step in a very lengthy process," he says. "We're going to get it right, and we're going to get it done. That's the simple answer. But we're not going to run roughshod over anybody and we really do respect everybody's right to take the time they need to sort situations out."

So other than the results of the vote we have not had any further information provided to us.

As part of this year's budget there is going to be improvements made at the landing facility at Aylen Lake. By the time you receive this newsletter the new larger dock should be in place. The Municipality is supplementing the existing docking facility with additional dock and launching facility.

Further to the 911 implementation I still have a large number of Civic Address signs at my place for water access properties. When Civic addressing was first introduced before I came on council over 5 years ago it was mentioned that the water access cottages all wanted to have civic addressing similar to the road access properties. However I have had these signs for over 3 years and it has been mentioned in every newsletter and at the Township office that these signs are available at the lake I have only distributed about 5 of the 75 signs that I have. As such I will be retaining these signs only until Thanksgiving and returning the unclaimed signs to the Township Office in Whitney.

Also please visit the Township website. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Bill Rodnick

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Annual General Meeting

The Ayles Lake Community Association Annual General Meeting will take place on August 6, 2016.

Members wishing to bring business to the annual general meeting must contact a member of the board of directors at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting date to ensure this business is added to the agenda where warranted. (excerpt from the Constitution).

One of the Executives' terms of office will be ending this year and so a vote will be held. If you wish to be nominated please advise a member of the Executive or email aylenlakecommunity@gmail.com.

Township of South Algonquin Newsletter

The April 2016 Township of South Algonquin Newsletter can be found at the Township website www.township.southalgonquin.on.ca. It is highly recommended that you take a few moments to look up this website where you can find all kinds of information with respect to septic systems, building permits, meetings, waste collection schedules etc.

Household Waste Collection

Reminder - the waste management bins will no longer be available at Aylen Lake. Please be respectful and refrain from dumping waste at the previous location.

Sunday - from May 1st to October 16th the waste collection truck will be located at the Aylen Lake Boat Launch from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please note that when Monday is a holiday, pickup will be on that holiday Monday not the Sunday of that week.

Wednesday - the waste collection truck will be located at the Aylen Lake Boat Launch from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Landfill Sites - The operation schedule from April 2 to November 2 - Wednesday 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm and again Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon). From May 1 - October 9 the landfill sites will also be open on Sundays from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The landfill sites are now recycling electronics, tires (tires on rims are not accepted), steel and aluminum (ie beverage cans, pet food cans, foil, plates, siding). It should be noted that cans made of tin are not accepted. Aluminum must be clean and sorted. Please see the Landfill Site Attendant prior to disposing material to ensure proper location for disposal.

This year the Household Hazardous Waste Day will be Saturday August 6th, 2016 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. at the Lester B Smith Community Centre, 32 Hay Creek Rd, Whitney. Call Dave Gatley at 613-637-2650 ex 205 for more information.

South Algonquin Strategic Planning

The Township of South Algonquin is currently in the process of creating the Future Directions Strategy which is to be finalized early in the fall of 2016. Input into this Plan includes the Future Directions Survey 2016, Focus groups with Youth, Seniors, Tourism Operators and Council as well as two public meetings.

The first of the two public meetings was held on May 18, 2016 in both Madawaska and Whitney. I was able to attend the Madawaska meeting where we focused on defining the assets of South Algonquin as well as the establishment of a Mission and Vision Statement which will be used to guide the work to be done. The agenda for the meeting in Whitney was the same. The second meeting was held on June 6, 2016 where we worked on prioritizing goals and preparing some action plans

Synopsis of May 18th meeting – the meeting was a workshop type meeting and was facilitated by an independent resource. There were 5 participants from within South Algonquin, 3 of whom were residents on Aylen Lake. Concerns with respect to the time of the meeting were raised in that it was held during “normal” work hours as well as on a weekday. In order to increase the possibility of Aylen Lake seasonal residents being able to provide input it was requested that hardcopies of the survey be distributed on Monday May 23rd at the garbage pickup at the Landing.

Assets within Township – this is not an exhaustive list that came up at the meeting:

- Lakes and forests
- Sawmills
- Good people
- Good location – access from 3 directions, proximity to Algonquin Park
- Fishing/Hunting/Snowmobile trails/ATV trails/Archery
- Community Centre (2)/Outdoor Rinks/Public Beaches (3)/Libraries (2)
- Firehall (2)/Medical Centre with 1 doctor and 1 nurse practitioner/Foot Clinic/Part of Physician Recruitment program at St Francis
- People – oldest population in Nipissing/seasonal and cottagers
- Businesses -tourist resorts/campgrounds/artisans/trucking/cottage rental/sawmill

Vision – what do we want South Algonquin to look like in 10 years:

- Active, vibrant, attractive
- Inclusive of all ages and types of residents (permanent, seasonal, cottagers)
- Quaint
- Upgraded tourist properties – improved look and feel of community – community pride
- Technology equivalent to “city” including remote areas
- Upgraded services for all residents

Synopsis of June 6th meeting – there were 6 participants – 5 of which were from Ayleen Lake. Approximately 110 surveys were returned – with both seasonal and permanent residents responding. Once again this was a workshop type meeting where various goals under 8 categories were prioritized. There were a total of 52 goals collected up to this point in time. Possible actions for the top priority goals were discussed.

As we hear more information with respect to the development of the Strategic Plan we will let you know.

Fire Pump Reminder

Please be advised that while there are no plans for a formal training session on the use of the fire pumps, you are all encouraged to get some hands-on training from the person who looks after the pump nearest you. Please contact them directly, and arrange for a demo at a mutually convenient time this summer. Trying to learn how to use the pumps when you are trying desperately to prevent a forest fire is probably much too late.

A fire map is included in this newsletter. In addition to the posted locations, Andrew Hassell (west shore of northern arm of the lake) has a pump on his dock whenever he is at the cottage, but locked

away when he is not. As well Bob Ogilvie has a pump located on his dock in Burnt Depot/Gaffney Bay from early May to October. We would like to remind those with pumps to **please replace the gas and service the pumps as needed for the upcoming season .**

Information for starting fire pumps:

Honda Pump
(4 cycle-straight gas)

START:

Install suction line, fill with water

Fuel lever ON and choke closed

Throttle 1/3 away from slow
Ignition ON then pull starter cord

STOP:

Set throttle to slow
Ignition OFF

Wajax Pump
(2-cycle-gas/oil mix)

START:

Fill suction line with water

Connect fuel line then close choke

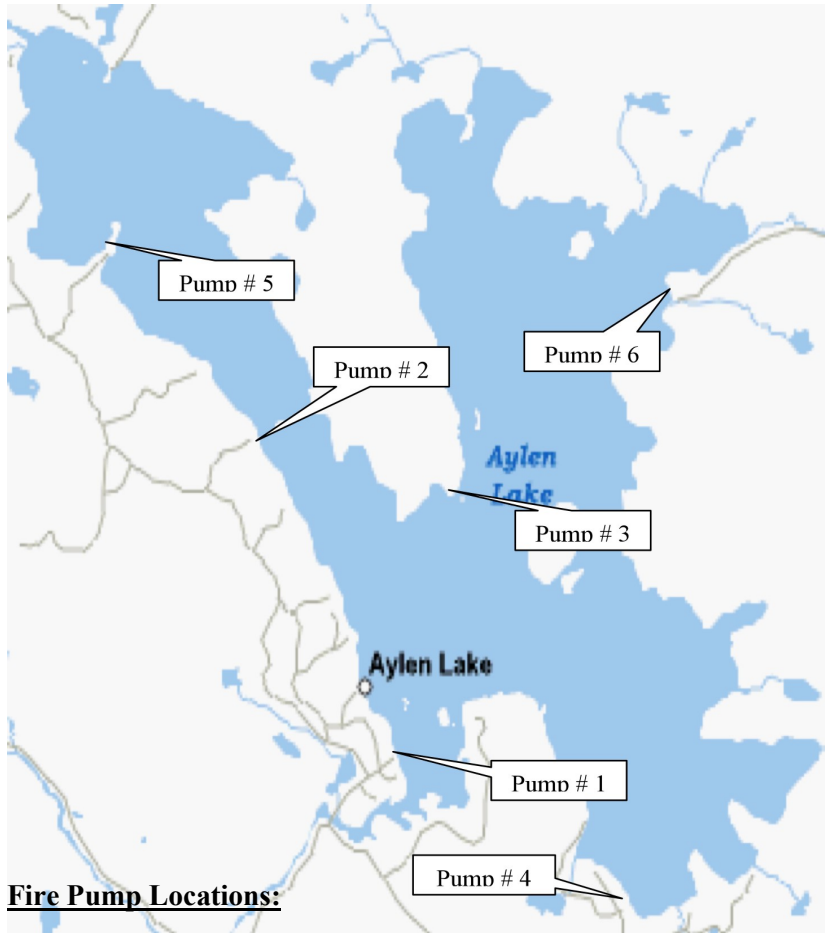
Push in overspeed switch

Set throttle to start; do not run without water in pump body

Pull starter cord and open choke

STOP:

Set throttle to slow to cool
Ignition OFF



Fire Pump Locations:

Ayles Lake Volunteer Firefighters

Zone # 1

Public Dock-Ayles Lake Road
 Cam Hubb 613-807-7839
 Gerry Belisle 756-5256
 Mark Gunner 756-1061
 Dave McDougall 613-668-6119
 Len Westwell 756-0019
 Mitch Marks 756-1047

Zone # 2

Turkey Island-Chapel Lane
 Bill Duell 756-5024
 Andy Sylvain 756-1235
 Mike Radonicich 756-3478
 Winston Rogers 756-0412
 Murray Stone 756-0064
 Gwen Brown 613-329-2190
 Tim Pennal 756-5996
 Geoff Barnes 756-7161

Zone # 3

East Arm-No Road Access
 Fred Kuehn 585-6413

Zone # 4

Burnt Depot Bay-Gaffney Rd.
 Jack Conners 756-3470

Tim Hoekstra	756-7146	Cam Hubbs	613-807-7839
Brent & Kathy Starr	756-0313	John Moore	756-3477
		Jim Wellman	756-1787
Don MacKenzie	756-0313	Andrew McPhee	
Katie King	756-7146	Bob Ogilvie	756-3746

Zone #5

Dennison Bay-Ferndale Lane
 Mike McCormack 756-0373
 Don Henry 756-0370
 Mike Henry 756-3056
 Steve Philip 756-1178
 Gord McMeekin 756-0386
 Geoffrey Iles 756-9044
 Bruce Dick 756-9329
 John Hynds 756-1227

Zone # 6

Bonnechere Bay-No Road Acc.
 Ted Blaker
 Art Fort 936-6117
 Rick Fawcett 334-9292
 David Kitchen 334-9292

Township of South Algonquin fire telephone number is (613) 637-5556.

Know your Civic Address and be prepared to give this number and road name when calling for help.

Fire permits are required for daytime burning. To request one contact Madawaska Fire Chief, Aurel Thom, at 613-637-5533 (Office) or 1-613-334-5018 (Cell). Fire permits for night 6:00 pm to 9:00 am is not required.

Boat Safety – Avoid Dangerous Behaviours

Submitted by Fred Kuehn

Never try to spray swimmers, or cut in front of or try to jump the wake of other vessels. Some of the worst boating incidents happen when operators misjudge speed or distance.

Operate at a Safe Speed

Remember that you may have to stop or turn suddenly to avoid a collision, so operate at a safe speed. A safe speed depends on:

- your ability to see ahead – slow is the only safe speed in fog, mist, rain and darkness;
- current, wind, and water conditions;
- how quickly your boat can change direction;
- how many and what types of vessels are near you;
- and the presence of navigational hazards such as rocks and tree stumps.

Be very careful when boating where visibility is poor, such as entering or exiting a fog bank.

A boat's wake can damage other vessels, docks and the shoreline. It can also be a risk for swimmers, divers and people on small boats that might capsize. Be aware of how your boat's wake might affect others when choosing your speed. You will be responsible for any damages or harm you cause.

Never Cruise with Booze

Mixing alcohol and boating is far more dangerous than you may think. Under normal conditions, sun, wind, the motion of the boat and even just being tired can dull your senses. Alcohol makes things even worse, slowing your hand-eye coordination and clouding your judgment.

Never cruise with booze! You might harm yourself or others. You are responsible for the safety of your guests and for not putting other waterway users in danger. Always be prepared and alert. Wait until you are safely on shore before having a drink.

Remember that impaired driving (whether on land or water) is an infraction of the Criminal Code of Canada. The consequences, even for a first offence, can last a lifetime.

Ontario Liquor Licence Act:

- No person shall operate or have care or control of a boat that is underway while there is contained in the boat any liquor, except under the authority of a licence or permit.
- Exception-Subsection (3) does not apply if the liquor in the boat, (a) is in a container that is unopened and the seal unbroken, (b) is stored in a closed compartment.
- A police officer who has reasonable grounds to believe that liquor is being unlawfully kept in a vehicle or boat may at any time, without warrant, enter and search the vehicle or boat and search any person found in it.
- Definition-In this section, "boat" includes any ship or boat or any other description of vessel used or designed to be used in the navigation of water.

Help Wanted

Are there any organizers out there? The Ayles Lake Community is in need of an Organizer for the Regatta. You will have a helpful, engaging team of volunteers to lead.

In addition if there are any writers out there that are interested in becoming the next Newsletter Editor we would be interested in hearing from you.

Anyone interested, please contact a member of the Executive using the contact information on the first page of the Newsletter or email us at aylenlakecommunity@gmail.com.

How to challenge your property assessment

Article taken from FOCA

There are a number of changes to the 2016 Request for Reconsideration (RfR) and Appeal processes.

* NEW * For the 2016 tax year, your deadline to file a RfR will depend on the date you receive your property assessment notice. The previous deadline (March 31 of each year) NO LONGER APPLIES.

What should you do if you don't agree with your assessment?

Step 1 – Visit aboutmyproperty.ca

Step 2 – Contact MPAC at 1 866 296-6722

Step 3 – Ask MPAC to Review your Assessment through a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) – click [here](#) to see the 2016 RfR form (pdf; 4 pages)

Read more, about these steps, below.

What to do if you have questions about your property's assessed value:

1 – Ask yourself *if you could have sold your property for its assessed value on the latest valuation date (January 1, 2016)?*

2 – Use AboutMyProperty (a free service) to make sure that it contains the most up-to-date information about your property. Note that MPAC have made some changes and on April 4, 2016 are launching a new site that should make it easier to *see the information on file for your property* and to *compare your property with others* in your area. You will have to register with the Roll Number and new Access Key on your Property Assessment Notice for the 2017 to 2020 property taxation years. You will not be able to access the site until you receive this Property Assessment Notice in the mail.

Still concerned?

3 – Contact MPAC at 1 866 296-MPAC(6722) and ask to review the value of properties similar to yours (up to 24 of your choosing). You can do this by visiting AboutMyProperty, and entering the User ID and Password included on your Assessment Notice, or, you can send a written request to:

MPAC

Attention: GRAD

P.O. Box 9808

Toronto ON M1S 5T9

E-mail: enquiry@mpac.ca

Fax: 1 866 297-6703

For areas of the province where mapping is not available, you can search at the municipal level through an address search. If you want to look up a property that is not in your neighbourhood, but still within your municipality, you can enter the address in the property search window to get a “Property Detail Snapshot”.

4 – If you still do not believe your assessed value is accurate, you can ask MPAC to review your assessment free of charge through a Request for Reconsideration (RfR).

RfR forms are available at www.mpac.ca or call MPAC to get a copy. You may also file your RfR electronically through AboutMyProperty. You will be able to attach documents, pictures and reports to accompany your RfR.

Write a letter requesting a RfR. In your letter, please include the 19-digit roll number on your Property Assessment Notice; your full name, address and phone number; and all the reasons why you feel your assessment is incorrect. The mailing address is:

MPAC
P.O. Box 9808
Toronto ON M1S 5T9

Timeline for the 2016 RfR

Residential Property Assessment Notices will be mailed out across Ontario between April and August 2016.

You have approximately 4 months to request a RfR (Please note your deadline varies depending on the date you received your 2016 assessment notice). MPAC reviews such requests within 90 days, however, properties with unique or complex circumstances (like rural or waterfront properties) could take longer. Once the RfR is completed, MPAC will notify you of the results of the review in writing. If an adjustment needs to be made, the municipality will also be informed of the change so that your property taxes can be adjusted accordingly.

5 – You may also choose to file an Appeal with the Assessment Review Board (ARB), an independent tribunal of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General.

You have 90 days after MPAC has notified you of its decision on your RfR to file an Appeal with the ARB. The ARB has its own Appeal process. For more information, please contact the ARB at 1 800 263-3237 or 416 314-6900 or visit their website at www.arb.gov.on.ca. To enquire about your eligibility in the farm or managed forest classes or conservation land exemption, contact MPAC for more information.

2016 Association Dues:

ALCA's annual membership fee of \$30.00 for 2016 is now due. Please make cheques payable to Aylen Lake Community Association and mail to ALCA c/o Kathleen Barnes, 107 Dunhaven Dr, Dunrobin, ON, K0A 1T0.

For those of you that pay via a cheque from an American bank account please note that in addition to the exchange rate the bank charges a service fee of \$5.00. Please include this in your payment.

Thanks for your continued support.

Electronic Copies of the Newsletter:

In an effort to get information out faster, “greener” and at a reduced cost we are encouraging everyone that is able to send in their email addresses. To do so please email your address to us at aylenlakecommunity@gmail.com.

If you have a new neighbour and would like to provide them with a copy of the Newsletter to introduce them to our community please let us know.

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY, July 27

Regatta/Family Day beach clean-up
10:00 a.m.
Ranger’s Point Beach

SATURDAY, July 30

**Please NO
PETS or Alcohol**

Annual Aylen Lake Regatta or Family Day
1:00 p.m.
Ranger’s Point Beach
Rain Date: Sunday, July 31

SATURDAY, August 6

Aylen Lake Community Association
Annual General Meeting
Aylen Lake Chapel
9:00 a.m. – Registration
9:30 a.m. – Meeting