

The purpose of the Lake of Bays Association is to promote, maintain and enhance a clean, healthy and natural environment, a well-serviced community and a safe, peaceful Lake of Bays.

ELECTION 2010: Monday October 25

Be sure to vote!

Mail-in Ballots in the Township of Lake of Bays

Over the next few weeks all Township of Lake of Bays property owners eligible to vote will receive a mail-in ballot (voter kits will be mailed between September 27 and October 1). Make your voice heard and vote. Turnout for municipal elections is often very low and the mail-in system now means that seasonal residents have no excuse not to vote. Voting is the most effective way to express your concerns about the future of the lake, the threat of over-development and the level of service provided by the township.

Set aside a few minutes to read the instructions, fill in the ballot and mail it in. It's that simple. The mail-in ballot package will arrive in the mail well before election day. In addition to a ballot and instructions, it contains a voter declaration form, a white ballot secrecy envelope and a yellow return envelope. First you sign the voter declaration form and put it in the yellow return envelope. Then you cast your vote using the ballot, seal it in the secrecy envelope and add it to the yellow return envelope. Follow the procedures carefully. Any errors or omissions mean a spoiled ballot and the loss of your vote.

The last date to return the kit by mail is October 16. Voters may drop off their completed ballots up to 8 p.m. on voting day—Monday October 25.

RESULTS FROM OUR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS

On September 9 and 10 the Lake of Bays Association interviewed candidates running for office in the Township of Lake of Bays.

Members of the interview committee were:

- Gloria Woodside—Chair of External Affairs, LOBA
- Betty McDonald—President, LOBA
- Brian Simpson—Co-chair Planning, LOBA
- Kathleen Black—Treasurer, LOBA

In preparation for these two days of interviews we solicited members for input on the questions we should ask. We also reviewed questions that associations in other municipalities drafted for candidates. From this we came up with a number of questions which are listed on our website www.loba.ca. The questions were designed to obtain information from the candidates about:

- Their time, commitment, and passion for the position
- Potential conflicts of interest
- Working with Lake of Bays Association
- Their ability to work as a team member within council and with staff
- Business acumen

- Understanding of municipal governance including the roles of staff and elected officials
- Ability to advocate for our township at the District level
- Transparent communications

Our mayoralty candidates were questioned on leadership capabilities including team building and communication skills.

The questions and a resource book, "Guide to Good Municipal Governance," were given to the candidates in advance. That left the candidates well prepared and led to very fruitful and candid discussions.

The results? The good news is the democratic process is working well for the Township of Lake of Bays. With the exception of Sinclair Ward, there are two candidates for every position (Ginny Burgess was acclaimed in Sinclair Ward). Most of the candidates are solid, capable individuals with a multitude of talents, interests and concerns. To help you make your decision on voting day, we have provided some information and our impressions of each of them.

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President's Message

by Betty McDonald, President, Lake of Bays Association

With the G8 behind us and the SS Bigwin returned to the waters of Lake of Bays, the lovely summer of 2010 has drawn to a close. As the autumn leaves fall from the trees our personal reflections of summer linger. We leave behind the sights and sounds of summer—screen doors slamming, bonfires crackling, the motor boat idling as the “dock coaches” instruct a novice skier to launch out of the water, the sound of the horn as the last visitor’s car leaves the driveway...

My cottage home ‘Wasabeta’ (circa 1937) was named by my grandmother and she told us it is an Algonquin Indian word that means shining waters. Wasabeta is located on Fox Point Road, on the north shore on Lower Haystack Bay. I have resided at the cottage every summer of my life, with the goal to become a permanent resident soon.

How did I get involved with the Lake of Bays Association?

As a school-aged child I heard discussions at the dinner table of the Association’s efforts to reduce property taxes, stop the proliferation of the tent caterpillar and to find out why the rainbow trout population was falling.

Years later, an article in “Cottage Life” magazine referring to the success of the Echo Valley development project and the positive influence the Lake of Bays Association had to effect changes to the project, had such impact on me that I wanted to be part of the Association’s community of volunteers.

In 2001 I became an area steward. My volunteer work evolved from area steward to the area steward coordinator and then membership chair for five years.

I am honoured to represent you, the members, as the Association’s new president and to continue the work of Mary Neal and the preceding presidents of the Association, executive teams, and boards. I am committed to continuing the Associations’ work to promote, maintain, and enhance a clean, healthy and natural environment, a well-serviced community and a safe, peaceful Lake of Bays.

On July 10 we held a well-attended



Annual General Meeting. I welcome the new Board of Directors for 2010–2011, including three new directors, Les Dakens, Ian White and Josee Hammill. And I thank the retiring directors—Morris Eccles, Jean Francis, and Karl Jaffary—for their dedicated and unwavering contributions.

I envision my role as president as a consensus builder and team facilitator for the executive and the board of directors.

My first activity after taking the “reins of office” was to represent the Lake of Bays Association as a guest at the Muskoka Lakes Association Annual General Meeting. It was an opportunity to network with other association representatives and distinguished leaders in the District of Muskoka.

The highlight of this past month was the candidate interviews and gathering of information from the municipal election candidates. The interview team, chaired by Gloria Woodside, worked long hours deliberating over the discussions to prepare the summary in this issue of Current Connection.

We encourage all Association members to vote. The Association’s success depends on good municipal governance. The only way our members can ensure a competent council is by electing responsible and accountable persons who endorse the

Association’s goals and values.

The Association continues to partner with the community, providing input that draws from our members’ diverse experience. As you may know, the District of Muskoka is currently in the process of reviewing the existing vision for the area. Updating the vision is the first step in reviewing the Official Plan, which guides policy and impacts decision making for the District. Collecting public input is a key component of this process. On Sunday, September 26 the Lake of Bays Association and the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation Board of Directors will participate in this exercise with the District of Muskoka to collect our comments on how the current vision of Muskoka should be changed or updated to reflect community values.

The Association will continue to look for partnership opportunities with the Lake of Bays community and I invite you as members to become involved. Change is part of growth, and we must continue to manage change in a responsible manner with the Association’s core values foremost in every aspect of our activities.

I leave with you the personal challenge to recruit young stewards of the lake and to spark interest in the Association. Begin talking to your children about the Association and its accomplishments. Use the information on our website, the content in the Current Connection and the annual yearbook to share information about topics and activities on the lake—enthusiastic discussions with your children will be the first step in developing a new generation of stewards on the lake.

Thank You Imperial Oil

The Lake of Bays Association would like to thank Imperial Oil Ltd. for providing a Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) grant. The grant was received on behalf of Gaylen Racine and is designated for the water quality testing program. The VIP program is a company-sponsored program designed to recognize the volunteer efforts of Imperial Oil employees and retirees. Gaylen is an Imperial Oil retiree.

ELECTION 2010; Monday October 25 *continued from page 1***In summary our impressions were:
Mayor for the Township of Lake of Bays****Bob Young**

Bob comes across as genuine, empathetic and gentlemanly. An effective communicator, and good listener, he is respectful of others, and passionate about building a collaborative team with staff and council. He is an engineer and has worked in managerial positions with international companies before starting his own consulting firm. His past experience in business development, strategic planning and international marketing have resulted in useful managerial skills and fiscal prudence that would help in developing practical township initiatives and forging positive relationships with district council. He sees a greater use of technology and partnerships in the township's future and is a strong advocate of accountability, transparency, improved efficiencies, and living within our means. Bob believes that getting value for your money, simplifying government bureaucracy and ensuring fair treatment for all members of the community are important elements in building civic pride. His three years as president of a ratepayers association in Oakville gave him experience with municipal government.

Dan Waters

Dan was the MPP for Muskoka from 1990–1995 and has previously run for municipal office and district council. He is enthusiastic and aware of the many issues facing our township and advocates a co-operative team approach between council and staff in effecting positive change. Dan could bring knowledge and experience of provincial and district government to council. As mayor he wants to assume the role of an economic development officer to better serve local businesses and identify new opportunities for economic growth. With a restricted budget he would maintain core programs that are fundamental to the community's well being and improve roads to meet safety standards. Dan believes that our fiscal policies must first address 'needs' and then, over time, build up a reserve to later fund our 'wants.' He is concerned over the lack of paved shoulders for cyclists on our district roads and highways, the impact of Hwy 60's expansion through Dwight, the enforcement of municipal by-laws and the need for watershed protection. He believes our communities and natural resources are assets for creating community pride.

**District and Ward Councillor for
Franklin/Sinclair****Marie Poirier**

As a professional planner Marie brings much expertise to the table. She is well-organized, proactive, thorough and knowledgeable about the responsibilities and workings of both local and district governments. She could effectively serve as a voice for Lake of Bays at District Council. She is the co-chair of the Dwight Improvement Group, a fund raiser and she relies on developing partnerships to achieve results. Her goals include making public services user friendly and efficient, establishing a

green policy to support environmental stewardship, educating the public on by-laws and government policies as well as developing business plans for financial initiatives. As a professional planner, Marie's challenge will be how she handles real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Shane Baker

Shane is a former member of Council (2003–2006), a former chair of the Lake of Bays Finance Committee and a community volunteer. If elected he would bring community volunteer committees under an umbrella organization to improve communication and efficiency. He would like to see bureaucracy streamlined at both the township and district levels and advocates the creation of a four year business plan to cope with declining grant revenues. Shane is an environmental activist who promotes green alternatives and values the role of the Development Permit By-Law in protecting lake health and ensuring a market for tourism and recreation in the future. Shane could be a voice of reason on township council but whether he will be a strong advocate for our township at district council remains to be seen.

**District and Ward Councillor for
Ridout/McLean****Bob Lacroix**

Recently retired as an employee of the Muskoka District, Bob could bring a useful perspective to council. With experiences in mediation, roads and public works operations and environmental services at the district, Bob has an inside knowledge of district operations and the skills for effective communication. He believes in establishing a four year business plan to direct township and district initiatives. He would like to see the community planning groups develop business plans to support their initiatives. Bob advocates road maintenance without debentures, and an affordable government that creates a reserve fund to finance future expenditures. Bob is sincere, humble, committed to his community and skilled in resolving conflicts; attributes that may contribute to a fresh perspective on District Council.

Margaret Casey (Incumbent)

Margaret has been a hard working district councillor for seven years. She is passionately committed to environmental sustainability, educating the public, and raising awareness of the need for social services. Margaret is highly principled, analytical, focused on issues, task oriented and managerial with a reliance on networking to improve efficiencies. Working cooperatively as a team player on the new council may prove a challenge for Margaret, as will working with the realities of a limited budget. Nevertheless, this veteran councillor is dedicated, focused and determined to do what she believes in.

Franklin Ward Councillor**Dave Shield**

Dave is a strong believer in the democratic process and is ready and willing to give Franklin ward a balanced voice at council.

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Recently retired, Dave has a banker's professional understanding of financial management, an awareness of the demographic challenges facing our township's communities and of the need for equitable treatment. Dave believes in small, accessible government with cost controls and priority goals supported by needs assessments. Dave is a results oriented individual who, unfortunately, does not have any previous experience in government. Dave offers voters an alternative voice with the intent to vote on matters with his conscience.

Nancy Tapley (Incumbent)

Although acclaimed to office in recent elections, Nancy has enthusiastically embraced her responsibilities as councillor. As chair of the Muskoka Heritage Committee she is passionately involved in preserving and promoting local history. She is an advocate for local employers, particularly the local cottage resort industry and a participant in community planning initiatives. Nancy's practical perspective on council matters is facilitated by a direct approach and good humour. If elected she would place more emphasis on realizing goals that are attainable and affordable. Nancy is self-directed, instructional and a vocal, determined individualist.

Ridout Ward Councillor

Eric Eichler

Eric's entry into politics is driven by dissatisfaction with the status quo. His priorities are to improve road conditions while keeping taxes and core services affordable. He is an enthusiastic drag racer, has experience in construction work and enjoys spending time with his friends. Eric will be challenged by time constraints, especially in summer as he is a full time construction worker, and by his inexperience with township governance.

Ruth Ross (Incumbent)

Ruth Ross has served 10 years on council. Ruth is enthusiastically involved in the community plan for Dorset and a proponent of preserving and promoting local heritage. She is an advocate of environmentally friendly business to diversify the township's tax base, a proponent of strong leadership, and will work collaboratively to set attainable goals for the next four year term of council. Ruth is sincere, approachable, fiscally responsible, and a valued member of council.

McLean Township Councillor

Phil Cote (Incumbent)

Phil has been the ward's councillor since 2003. He wants the next council to focus on improving the core services of the township; fire, library, planning, and especially roads. To facilitate public input and prioritize public expenditures, Phil would like to establish a Public Works advisory committee made up of ratepayers and two council members. A listener by choice rather than being pro-active by nature, Phil's quiet disposition may make it difficult for him to promote his agenda next term.

Terry Glover

Terry offers McLean ward a voice on council, business acumen and a gift of infectious enthusiasm. He is entrepreneurial, creative, and imaginative by nature and pro-active in practice. Expertise in marketing and economic development have made him an invaluable asset as the Chair of the Huntsville Business Association and in facilitating G8 development projects. Anxious to bring improvements to Baysville and McLean, Terry has a wealth of ideas that would benefit the entire township. A strong proponent of networking to achieve results, transparency in administrative decisions, and a balanced budget, Terry favours eco-friendly economic development. Terry is a good listener, open minded, enthusiastic and an effective communicator. Council and the township can surely benefit from the talents of this candidate.

Sinclair Ward Councillor

Ginny Burgess

Ginny has been acclaimed for this ward. She is an experienced councillor and a sincere self-effacing individual who effectively represents her constituents' interests at council. Sinclair ward is uniquely rural with different needs from the rest of the township so she has worked diligently to bring high speed Internet towers to the area, and improved local road conditions. Ginny has taken a leadership role in the Lake of Bays Community-Based Strategic Plan initiatives, and looks forward to improving core infrastructure within the township, preserving the natural environment and making government accountable to the rate payers. We welcome Ginny back for another term.

Those not running for office...

We wish to thank Janet Peake for her 19 years of service in Lake of Bays Township, as the area councillor for McLean Ward for six years, district councillor for McLean/Ridout for six years and finally for her two full terms as the township's mayor. Janet was a tireless enthusiastic supporter of every community initiative and offered encouragement and support where needed. After 17 years of public service, 13 of them as district councillor for Franklin/Sinclair wards, Ben Boivin is also retiring from office. We will miss his congenial disposition and co-operative role in resolving issues and, above all, his personal integrity.

We would also like to thank Jay Richardson of Royal LePage in Dwight for so kindly providing us with her office space for our interviews.

HUNTSVILLE

If democracy is alive and well in the Township of Lake of Bays, it is thriving in the Town of Huntsville! There are four candidates for mayor and three running for Brunel, the Huntsville ward that includes properties on Lake of Bays along a section of South Portage Road (roughly Clovelly to Bona Vista). With so many candidates and an earlier than usual election date, our commit-

Bryan Dearsley, Appointed Advertising Manager



After three very successful years as the Advertising Sales Manager for the Lake of Bays Association Yearbook, Ginette St-Amant has resigned to pursue a new career opportunity with her husband. We will miss Ginette and wish her all the best.

We are very pleased to announce that Bryan Dearsley has assumed the position of Advertising Sales Manager, effective August 1, 2010. Bryan's experience in magazine publishing is multi-faceted. In addition to selling print advertising (currently for the Bay Street Bull—Muskoka Lifestyle Edition) Bryan is also a freelance writer and editor. He also has a wide spectrum of sales experience, including selling fractional ownership properties for various developments throughout Muskoka, including the Landscapes on Lake of Bays. A resident of Gravenhurst, Bryan made the decision to move his family to Muskoka several years ago because he loves the area. We are excited about the perspective and experience Bryan brings to the Lake of Bays Association Yearbook.

Advertise in our 84th Annual Yearbook

Plans are already well underway for the 2011 Lake of Bays Association Yearbook. Thanks to our advertisers, we were able to put together our biggest issue ever in 2010—at 160 pages, our 1,600 members and affiliates had every excuse to share this definitive guide to the Lake of Bays area of Muskoka with their friends and families. Beautiful photos, feature articles, useful information and our membership directory keep readers coming back to the yearbook (and the ads) throughout the year. Online presence is an added benefit for our advertisers who are also linked on our website's Products & Services Directory. Please consider advertising in the 2011 Yearbook. Our members understand the importance of supporting the businesses that support their association.

The 2011 advertising rate card is on the website: www.loba, or contact Bryan Dearsley, Advertising Sales Manager at: bdearsley@live.com, (705) 687-3744.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

HELP WANTED for the Association Archives:

The Lake of Bays Association is one of the oldest lake associations in the province. Our Archives are stored in Dorset, but new materials are currently sorted in Toronto. Work for a volunteer includes maintaining the collection, providing information to the Board, and writing items for publication. For more information about this unique, interesting and rewarding volunteer position, please call Connie Briant at 416-962-2469 or email tcbriant@sympatico.ca.

Enter the Lake of Bays Photo Contest Deadline is December 31st

Categories:

- Life at the Lake—people, pets and dwellings
- Nature—wild plants and animals
- Landscapes—land, water and sky

The photo contest is open to all Lake of Bays Association members and their families. Photos must be previously unpublished and submitted, one per individual per category, in digital format to Aben Graphics: info@abengraphics.com before December 31, 2010

Please entitle the subject line of the email as "Lake of Bays Photo Contest"

Each participant agrees to have the Association use their photos in the newsletter, yearbook and website.

Don't wait. Send your photos today!



Photo by Hilary Currer

HELP FOUND for the Communications Committee

Our request for a yearbook editor resulted in responses from two very capable volunteers. Carolynne Bull will be taking on the duties of copy editor for the yearbook. Carolynne is the communications officer for St. Clements School in Toronto and brings lots of experience in writing, editing and electronic communications. Our new yearbook design editor is Jane Dupere. Jane's illustrious career in the magazine industry includes experience as a publisher, creative designer and editor. We are lucky to have such a talented team working on our yearbook.

Gloria Woodside wins Betty Day Award

The Betty Day Award is presented annually by the Lake of Bays Association to an exceptional volunteer member who has furthered its goals. This year's recipient is Gloria Woodside. Gloria is recognized not just for her involvement in the Lake of Bays Association, but also for her significant involvement volunteering throughout Lake of Bays community. What she has done and continues to do is very impressive.

Gloria is involved with Norway Point Church and the Baysville Community Group. She served on the Board of the Lake of Bays Sailing Club for 10 years (1994–2003), during which period she served as its commodore for two years (2000–2001). For the last five years, Gloria has been on the board of the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation and is presently involved with its Built Heritage Committee. Gloria was also an active participant in the Township Community Based Strategic Plan and is on at least two committees that evolved from that process. Our community has been strengthened by Gloria's willingness to get involved and commit her time and considerable talents to so many projects.

For the Lake of Bays Association, she has been on the board of directors and a member of the executive committee since 2001. She was chair of membership services from 2001 to 2003. She then became vice-president and chair of membership services in 2004 and became president of the Lake of Bays Association a year later to 2007. She continued on the board as past-president and from 2008 to the present has been chair of volunteer relations and nominations.

And, if that is not enough, she has agreed to take on the Association's External Affairs portfolio in the next term. In addition, she headed the Association's election committee that interviewed candidates in the upcoming municipal election. This represents a real commitment as a volunteer and admirable energy.

Professionally, Gloria is a real estate agent and when she sells a property on the lake she gives the purchasers a membership in the Lake of Bays Association. She has been a tireless ambassador for our organization.

Gloria was honoured on July 10 in Baysville at the Lake of Bays Association annual meeting, attended by over 100 members and guests. Congratulations Gloria, it's well deserved.

2010 Annual Meeting Highlight Dr. Norman Yan

Those in attendance at the Lake of Bays Association 2010 annual meeting in July heard the latest news on the health of our lakes from Dr. Norman Yan, a biology professor at York University and long time researcher at the Dorset Environmental Science Centre. Dr. Yan discussed the recently discovered decline of calcium in many of Ontario's inland lakes that is causing concern within the scientific community. A master of delivering scientific information in a way that is both fascinating and understandable to non-scientists, Dr. Yan's presentation did not disappoint. Calcium decline is a legacy of acid rain and logging that is not well understood, but represents a new threat to a fragile ecosystem already under considerable pressure. Continuing trends will result in the significant loss of zooplankton—tiny species that are a key food source for other larger aquatic species, such as crayfish, snails and even birds. Dr. Yan and his colleagues have identified the problem, are monitoring it closely in the Muskoka region and are actively pursuing funding support to expand their research. We will be following Dr. Yan's work closely.

2010 Board of Directors

Thank you to the following volunteers who have agreed to serve on the Lake of Bays Association Board of Directors for 2010–2011.

Betty McDonald	President
Kathleen Black	Treasurer
Brian Simpson	Vice-President & Planning Co-chair
Barry Morrison	Planning Co-chair
Deb Cumming	Environment Chair
Andrea Duncan	Communications Chair
Les Dakens	Membership Co-chair
Ian White	Membership Co-chair
Gloria Woodside	External Affairs Chair
Mary Neal	Past President & Nominations Chair
Barry Johnson	Safety Chair
Andy Barnett	Nominations Committee
Malcolm Burwash	Safety Committee
Fraser Govan	External Affairs Committee
Josee Hammill	Membership Committee
Cliff Hatch	External Affairs Committee
Marnie Wraith	Planning Committee

Contact information for our board members is published in the Yearbook and on the website www.loba.ca. Your enquiries may also be directed to the Association office or a staff member who will direct you to the appropriate person.

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Protecting the Lake's Cold Water Fishery

Joint venture with Andrew Daniels Fish Stewardship Program

The Lake of Bays Association's Environment Committee is pleased to report on a successful joint venture with the Andrew Daniels Fish Stewardship Program (ADFSP) in Rabbit Bay.

The members of the ADFSP are passionate about the preservation and protection of the cold water fishery in Lake of Bays and have invested time and money in maintaining and rehabilitating fish habitats. The Association is also interested in fish. Biodiversity correlates very well with watershed health and fish are a valuable bio-indicator that provides information on the quality of our lake water. Since the two organizations have a shared interest in protecting our lake's cold water fishery, we have been in close communication since the formation of the ADFSP in 2006. The Lake of Bays Association provided ADFSP with some start up funds and, under the leadership of George Daniels, Bob Ransom and Bruce Montgomery, the ADFSP has been very inclusive and open with the Association; we are often invited to meetings and are kept informed about their plans and projects.

This summer our interests, timelines and budgets meshed so well that we got involved in a project together. It has been a great one—a wonderful case study on how organizations can work together on environmental rehabilitation and remediation.

The project has been the Rabbit Bay public boat launch, off Highway 35 northwest of Dorset. That boat launch is well-used by sport fishermen, contractors, work crews, and property owners without road access. The site is hardened by the volume of traffic, the shoreline buffer has been damaged in sections and the parking area is right up against a small stream that is of extreme importance to the cold water fishery in that it provides a habitat for young trout that is crucial for their long term survival. Over the years, the combination of erosion on the stream's banks due to the close proximity of the parking lot and dumping activity had severely affected the fish and the flow of water in the stream.

This year, ADFSP planned and imple-

mented a major rehabilitation of the stream. It shored up the banks, cleared away the garbage and removed obstacles that had rerouted the stream, re-establishing the original stream flow that was conducive to trout movements. While this was valuable, the ADFSP knew that additional effort was required to ensure that further environmental damage did not take place through the parking patterns and continued dumping. This is where the Association got involved. After several meetings on site with George Daniels, Deb Cumming (LOBA Environment Chair), and representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Township of Lake of Bays, and the Department of Fisheries (DFO), it was agreed that the stream and trout fishery needed to be protected by creating some physical separation between the parking lot, the stream banks and the lake shore by stabilizing the shorelines with plantings.

The Lake of Bays Association has done several major shoreline re-naturalizations and this project, with its focus on protecting the fishery by naturalizing the shoreline, was ideal. While this is an ADFSP project, initiated, implemented and driven

by ADFSP, the Association's Environment Committee was pleased to share its experience and expertise and to provide financial support for the naturalization component of the project.

It has been a highly collaborative project. George Daniels and Harry and Sheila Edgar personally provided support; the Edgar's as property owners and George on behalf of ADFSP; the Township of Lake of Bays committed resources, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Department of Fisheries were generous with their time and advice, the Dwight Garden Centre provided expertise and support and the Lake of Bays Association was involved. This is of particular interest when one notes that the site is in Algonquin Highlands and not even in Lake of Bays Township. But, watersheds pay no attention to geo-political borders and this Algonquin Highlands stream is habitat for Lake of Bays fish and thereby affects Lake of Bays water. Congratulations to Lake of Bays Township for recognizing this and for providing significant funding for the project from their DFO reparation reserve. Hats off to the ADFSP for driving a great project forward and hats off to us for getting involved!



Left to right: George Daniels (ADFSP), Deborah Cumming (LOBA), Phil Curtis (DFO) and Harry Edgar (ADFSP)

Development Permit By-Law Update

By Brian Simpson, Co-chair, Planning Committee

After a public meeting in August, Township Council approved an amendment to the Development Permit By-Law in September that will limit the maximum footprint of a boathouse. It is part of a project to review and update the by-law that came into effect in January 2006.

Previously a standard waterfront lot with 304 feet of shoreline could have a 76 foot long shoreline activity area with 40 percent of that area covered with built structures totaling approximately 2,000 square feet. There was no explicit maximum size for a boathouse within the allowable shoreline activity area coverage. Under the new amendment, a new one storey boathouse (two storey boathouses are not allowed in

the township) will be limited to a maximum floor area of 1,500 square feet of built structure above the dock/decking. This footprint typically accommodates a two slip boathouse and would leave 500 square feet for docks, boardwalks, gazebos and other structures. For lots with smaller water frontages, the boathouse size is calculated as a percentage of that frontage, reducing the boathouse size to 75% of the permitted shoreline activity area.

This amendment aims to maintain an appropriate balance between a natural shoreline and built form within the waterfront and will continue to keep Lake of Bays natural and unique among the large lakes of Muskoka.

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tee simply did not have the time to conduct interviews for Huntsville. It will be an interesting race and we encourage those of our members to follow the campaigns closely. With Huntsville's new telephone and E-voting methods, there is no excuse not to vote. The candidates for positions of interest to our membership are;

MAYOR

Claude Doughty (incumbent)
Hugh Mackenzie
Joe Reuvelcamp
Gary Woodley

BRUNEL WARD

Brian Ellas
Mike Greaves (incumbent)
Tim Withey

Vote by Phone or Internet in Huntsville

For those of you whose property is within the boundaries of Huntsville, you will be voting by touch tone phone or the Internet. This new system replaces both the traditional polling stations and vote-by-mail. Eligible voters will receive a personal letter which will provide instructions and access to the website address and the toll free 800 number you can use to cast your ballot. Even the one polling station set up at the Town Hall will be using the internet or phone system, so why not do it in the comfort of your own home? Voting will take place online or via telephone 24-hours a day from October 18 to 25. A help centre will be set up at Partners Hall at the Huntsville Civic Centre October 18 to 25. Check your mailing for exact hours that voting and the help centre are open.

FROM THE ARCHIVES 1952-1953

Our first Year Book was produced in June of 1953. At that time the Association had 113 members. They were listed by community: Birkendale, Fox Point, Glenmount, Grove Park, Point Ideal, Port Cunnington, White House, etc. Fourteen percent of the members reported a home address in the United States (today only 6% of members report a home address outside Canada).

The 1952 AGM was held at Bigwin Inn as it had been for a number of years. Of major concern was the state of the roads. There was a major bottleneck on Highway 11 at Washago where the bridge was very narrow. The Province had plans to widen it but not for several years. The Association recommended using the road from Dorset to Minden as an alternative. There was also concern about the road from Bracebridge to Baysville and the Province was petitioned to improve the road. But while some things never seem to change (like issues with our roads), other things have changed a lot. In 1952, the Association's expenses for mailing and telephone etc. were \$40, and the bank balance was \$390.



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