



Sturgeon Bay Pointe au Baril Ratepayers Association Newsletter

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Report from the President

By: Steve Sadler

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As I sit at the back of our property, watching the slow return of spring and the slow retreat of the snow, I realize how close we are to another summer on the Bay. 2009 was a great year for the Bay and the Association. I will attempt to chronicle our successes over the next few paragraphs.

The blue-green algae, though still a problem, was significantly abated this year due to the thankful return of slightly higher water levels. Our efforts as an Association have not subsided due to this, and we continue to search for comprehensive mitigation. I, as do all the Directors, realize that this is not the time to stop in our efforts. We know that we have the solution we need, and through the efforts of John Cochrane, we continue to move closer to government approval for PHOSLOCK.

Minister Cansfield was taken on a personal tour of the Bay last summer, and we were finally able to talk directly to a Member of Provincial Parliament about our issues, in our own backyard. Minister Cansfield had a first hand look at our area, as well as a frank discussion of what our needs are. She has since been replaced by Linda Jeffrey as Minister of Natural Resources. Hopefully when Minister Jeffrey reads the file and with the continued support of MP Tony Clement, we will have the advocates we need within government to accomplish our goals. We continue to hope that the PHOSLOCK will be the solution we need, and that soon we will be able to use this product to attack our blue-green algae problem.

Our membership remains strong, with numbers higher than previous years and new members joining our ranks. Our relationship with other organizations continues to grow strong. Our decision to join the GBA was a prudent one, as they continue to provide us with support and information. The GBA Spring Newsletter even included some articles of research (ie. septic systems) that had been called for by our members during an AGM. This relationship has given us even more information and the ability to seek out further support.

Our annual Poker Run was a huge success. The efforts of the Directors, and the kind support and use of the Tedford cottage, gave us a great opportunity to join together as neighbours and enjoy a community event. Winners are listed in this newsletter separately.

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	Doug McQuat	705 737-0758	or 705 366-2819

President's remarks continued.....

The garbage issue was a contentious debate this year. Please see Helen Tedford's report in this newsletter.

I need each member to approach their neighbours and friends and reinforce the value of membership with them. Invite them to the AGM or sit down over a cold beverage and discuss what we are trying to do. Only with this type of grassroots recruitment can we build our base of support in the area. If we can grow our membership so we are representative of the majority of our residents then we will be recognized as the legitimate voice of Sturgeon Bay and area.

I want to thank again Cathy Kidston for assisting with this newsletter. I also want to express my thanks to the Directors who have assisted our efforts this year. I am in a position of extremely high workload this year, and the Directors have stepped up to assist in the efficient management of our Association. Together with our combined efforts, we will continue to move forward with our ideas.

Thanks to all of you for all your individual supports for our efforts. Please continue to watch the Association website. We are currently working on an update of our website to make it more user-friendly and more modern. Please review the Agendas and Minutes of the council meetings on the Township website and ensure that you keep aware of what is happening in our area. Let's continue to monitor what happens, both socially and politically in our own slice of heaven, and affect the changes we need. Knowledge, and membership, will give us power.

Until then, I shall see you on the Bay.

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

- June 27** - Canada Day Celebrations in Pointe au Baril.
Check events at www.pointeaubarilchamber.com
- July 1** - Membership renewal is due. See back page.
- August 21** - Our 5th non-motorized Poker Run
2 pm at Tedford's dock.
- Sept. 12** - Our 10th AGM at the Pt au B Community Centre
Registration 9:30 am. Meeting 10 am.

Poker Run Report

By Helen Tedford

Our 4th Annual Poker Run took place on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at the Tedford's. We had 15 watercraft participate in the run and 77 people for dinner! What a great turnout! The skies opened up about the time we were ready to eat but a tent over the bar-b-que's and a covered deck saved the day.

The winners of the Poker Run were:

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| 1 st Place | Brent Rohrbasser (Grandson of Bill and Helen Tedford) |
| 2 nd Place | Derek Rohrbasser (Grandson of Bill and Helen Tedford) |
| 3 rd Place | Richard and Joan Westlake |
| 4 th Place | Stephen Bradford and Greg Brown |
| 5 th Place | Steven, Mitchell and Brooke Tedford (yes, you guessed it Son and Grandkids of Bill and Helen Tedford) |

We look forward to having more participants this year. It really is a great time to get together with friends and it is an opportunity to meet the people who live on and love Sturgeon Bay as we all do. This year's Annual Poker Run will be held on August 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Tedford's.

2010 HOURS OF OPERATION FOR TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO

WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND SITE 9 LANDFILL SITE

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	Spring & Fall	Summer	Winter
	April 1 st to May 31 st Sept 7 th to Oct 31 st	June 1 st to Sept 6 th	Nov 1 st to Mar 31 st
Monday	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Noon - 8:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday	Closed	7:00 am – 1:00 pm	Closed
Wednesday	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Noon - 8:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday	Closed	7:00 am – 1:00 pm	Closed
Friday	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Noon - 8:00 pm	Closed
Saturday	8:00 am – Noon	8:00 am - Noon	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday	Closed	Closed	Closed

POINTE AU BARIL TRANSFER STATION

	Spring & Fall	Summer	Winter
	May 21 st to May 31 st Sept 7 th to Oct 31 st	June 1 st to Sept 6 th	Nov 1 st to Mar 31 st
Monday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	7:00 am - 8:00 pm	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Closed
Wednesday	Closed	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Closed
Thursday	10:30am – 6:30 pm	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday	Closed	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Closed
Saturday	Closed	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Closed
Sunday	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Noon - 5:00 pm

Transfer Bin Update

By Helen Tedford

After many years of controversy, thousands of dollars on consultants, and meetings with community members the Township of the Archipelago have decided to keep the transfer station at its existing location with modifications. These modifications will include blasting back the rock face and adding fencing. This was not the outcome that a majority of our membership favoured. Of the members that responded to our January letter asking for input, they all indicated that the site by the LCBO would be the preferred site.

Apparently there will be dock attendants again this year to help people use the transfer site. Please note that if you use this transfer site all garbage must be sorted and put in **clear plastic bags** so the attendant can see which bin it belongs in. Also, if the gates are closed **NEVER** leave trash outside the gates – take it with you until you can dispose of it properly.

Large Item Pick Up Schedule for PAB Dockside

Saturday, May 22 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Saturday, July 3 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Saturday, August 14 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

People with vehicles can take their large items directly to Site 9 on these dates if they wish.

Advice to US Residents who Cottage in Georgian Bay

Re: Off-Season Retention of Pleasure Boats and Motors in Canada

And Pleasure Craft Operator Cards

(received from Georgian Bay Association)

Boat Registration

Non-resident visitors to Canada may leave their boats and motors in Canada during the off-season without payment of duties and taxes only if repairs or maintenance work is to be undertaken by a bona fide marina or service outlet during that time. Before leaving a pleasure boat in Canada for repair or maintenance work the owner must advise the local Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) of the details and produce a copy of the work order. This document must clearly identify the unit and show the name and address of the owner, the type of work to be done, and the location where the work will be carried out. Equipment left in Canada under this procedure will be documented on Form E99, suitably endorsed “for repair only.” The form must show an expiry date and indicate the location where the unit is authorized to remain. We are aware that some marinas offer the service of filing this paper work on behalf of their clients so we would encourage you to speak with your marina operator. Once approved for an E99 permit the work order will be returned to the owner. Form E99 is to be affixed to the pleasure boat in a manner so as to ensure that it remains clearly visible at all times, preferably on the inside right corner of the windshield, where possible. When this E99 expires, usually in May, the US resident has to remove their vessel from Canada or **“import”** it. The vessel cannot continue to stay for the next summer unless it is **“imported”**. If a US resident wishes to **“import”** their boat they should contact the nearest CBSA office or call the toll free CBSA service line at 1-800-461-9999. This even applies to all US registered boats that may have been brought into Canada years ago before some of these rules existed.

Importing a boat means paying any applicable duties and taxes on the value of the boat. Typically, most boats are made in the US or Canada, therefore no duty is payable. If the boat is not made in the US or Canada, then a duty rate of 9.5% of the estimated value of the boat must be paid. As well, CBSA will collect 5% GST and 8% PST on the value of the boat. Values of a vessel may be determined, for importation purposes, by presenting a bill of sale (for newer boats), or, by obtaining an appraisal from a Marina on their official letterhead. Once these fees are paid, the boat can stay in Canada forever and the owner is free to sell it in Canada at any time.

Licensing requirements still apply. Vessel "Licenses" are a series of numbers that are placed on the bow of the boat on both sides. Licenses are required by all vessels in Canadian waters that are powered by a 9.9 HP motor or larger. Licensing is done through Service Canada. (For further information their toll free number is 1-800-622-6232.)

Contravention of Canadian law occurs when the above is not adhered to. Pleasure craft, on which duties have not been paid and which remain in Canada without benefit of Form E99, may be seized and forfeited under the Canadian Customs Act. Alternatively, fines could be assessed ranging from 40-60% of the value of the boat. *Making false statements or not declaring goods at the border could also jeopardize future admissibility into Canada.*

Rules for importing a boat trailer is generally the same as above, however, an additional fee of \$204.75 is payable on behalf of the Registrar of Imported Vehicles for trailers less than 15 years of age. (The website for the Registrar of Imported Vehicles is www.riv.ca.)

Enforcement of these laws does happen. Operational checks are made from time to time at marina and service outlet locations.

We encourage all US Residents with boats (and trailers) in Canada to contact their local CBSA office to obtain information relevant to their situation.
CBSA's toll free number is 1-800-461-9999

Boat Operator Proof of Competency

Starting September 15, 2009, **all** boat operators require proof of competency to operate a boat in Canada including visitors (non-residents) staying more than 45 days or who operate a Canadian licensed or registered boat (includes most cottage boats). You are exempt if you and your boat are in Canada less than 45 days, but you must carry proof of residence. Proof of competency can be one of these three: Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC), a renter's document, or an "operator card" that meets the requirements of their home state or country.

The PCOC can be obtained from a "federally approved agency". You take a boating safety course, pass a short test, then pay a fee for your PCOC.

Boat renters will be given a dockside test by the rental agency to replace the requirement for a PCOC. If you rent a cottage that comes with a fishing boat or a charter boat with a dinghy, call the Office of Boating Safety to see if a card is required.

Foreign "operator cards". All 16 U.S. states along the Canadian border either have mandatory boater education programs in place or ones that are being phased in. Many of these provide proof of competency that is an acceptable alternative to the PCOC.

We encourage all US Residents who plan to operate a boat in Canadian waters to contact the Office of Boating Safety (1-800-267-6687) to determine if they need to obtain a PCOC and, if so, how best to go about this.



BioForest Technologies Inc.: Township of the Archipelago Forest Health Services

BioForest Technologies has been providing residents and cottagers of the Township of the Archipelago a variety of forest health services since 2001. Each year, experienced forest health specialists conduct a series of field surveys monitoring tree condition and pest populations. The focus is on pro-active management of pests rather than reactive management. Field activities include:

- Ground and aerial surveys;
- Plot networks to monitor pests;
- Landowner consultations – one on one visits to diagnose and discuss problems;
- Public information and communications – workshops, presentations to cottage associations, website resources;
- Forest Health Reports (~3 per year) available through the Township or the BioForest website (www.bioforest.ca);
- Development of pest management strategies.

In 2007, BioForest initiated the Volunteer Forest Health Network (VFHN) to encourage cottagers and residents to participate in annual surveys on private lands. Changes in forest health are often subtle, occurring over many years. The key objective of the VFHN is to collect forest health data over decades to more accurately document change. Volunteers establish at least one monitoring plot on their property and evaluate tree condition annually. The process was designed to minimize the time commitment of the volunteer but maximize the data quality. BioForest provides training and website resources. As well we conduct several audits each year to work with volunteers and address issues and questions that arise from the survey.

BioForest takes a “soft” approach to managing the forest environment in the Township, especially on the shoreline and islands of Georgian Bay. These sensitive environments should be appreciated for the inherent beauty of Georgian Bay area.

We encourage cottagers and residents to become involved in forest health issues and activities. Please do not hesitate to contact BioForest if you have any questions.

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STURGEON BAY POINTE AU BARIL RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
9th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009
HIGHLIGHTS

1) CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m. There were 20 members and 8 proxies present and a quorum was declared.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion that the minutes of the AGM of July 27,2008 be approved as amended. Moved by John Cochrane, seconded by Bill Tedford. **Carried.**

3) FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Joan Westlake to accept the financial report and the proposed budget for the year 2009/2010 as presented. Seconded by Cathy Kidston. **Carried.**

4) APPONTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEW

Motion by John Cochrane that Patricia Murray be appointed to provide a Financial Review. Seconded by Joan Westlake. **Carried**

5) ELECTIONS

John Hodgson and Doug McOuat were both acclaimed to the Board.

6) GUEST SPEAKERS

Member Greg Andrews spoke on the proposed garbage site being considered by the Township and gave a compelling overview of the history of the garbage issue and his reasons for not wanting this site.

Councillor John Cochrane also spoke about the garbage issue and stated that the Township is working on a Comprehensive Garbage Collection Strategy for the entire ward. He then spoke about water quality and how we are progressing on remediation.

Motion by Saulius Brikis that the Association oppose the development of crown land for garbage transfer sites. Seconded by Victoria Lewis. **Carried.**

7) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Steve Sadler thanked John Cochrane, Terry Desmasdon, Keith Gardner, Cathy Kidston and Melanie Whetham for all of their work on our behalf. He encouraged all members present to try to recruit new members to join our Association.

He stated that we are now full members of the Georgian Bay Association. We continue to have a great relationship with PABIA and the Ojibway Club which will ultimately help us when we are looking for support for water remediation and other issues that may arise from time to time.

Ian MacLeod, Vice President spoke about the advantage of being full members of the GBA. He indicated that when we became full members, the GBA Executive approached us and wanted a Board Member to sit on one of their committees. Stephen Elliott is now a member of the Water Quality and Quantity Committee which can only be great for us.

Motion that the acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors for Fiscal 2009 be ratified.

Moved by Bill Tedford and seconded by John Cochrane. **Carried.**

7) NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Bill Tedford that Past Directors of our Association (retroactively) receive a small token of our thanks for their time served. The Board will proceed with this request. Seconded by John Cochrane.

Carried.

Sturgeon Bay Pointe-au-Baril Ratepayers Association Membership Form 2010-2011

Our membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th. As passed at the 2008 Annual General Meeting full membership fees are \$110.00 for non PABIA members and \$70.00 for PABIA members. Annual Associate Membership (non-voting) is available to non-property owners – members of your family, friends, relatives, and visitors at \$25.00 per member. Your Association looks forward to your continued support during 2010-2011.

<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Home Address:</i>	
<i>City:</i>	<i>Postal Code:</i>
<i>Home Telephone:</i>	<i>Cottage Telephone:</i>
<i>E-Mail Address:</i>	<i>Electronic Newsletter Notification YES / NO</i>
<i>Cottage Address</i>	
<i>City:</i>	<i>Postal Code:</i>

Membership Calculation

<i>_____ Full Membership Dues @ \$110.00 for non PABIA members*</i>	
<i>_____ Full Membership Dues @ \$70.00 for PABIA members</i>	
<i>_____ Associate Membership(s) Dues @ \$25.00 (List Names & Addresses on Bottom of this Form)</i>	
<i>Donation</i>	
<i>TOTAL</i>	

Please complete and return with cheque or money order to:

**Sturgeon Bay Pointe-au-Baril Ratepayers Association
P.O. Box 183, Pointe-au-Baril, ON, P0G 1K0***

***The difference in dues represents \$40.00 payable to the GBA for each member. We do not pay it for PABIA members as PABIA has paid their portion directly to the GBA.**