

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2005

Faraday Trout Lake Association Annual General Meeting Saturday, July 30, 2005 10:00 am at Joy Bible Camp

The Executive Committee would like to invite all cottagers/landowners. (It's election time!). A special invitation goes to the youth of our Lake - you are not only our future, you are our present!

Letter from the President

Hello Everybody! Welcome back Cottagers! We hope everyone had a good winter and spring and wish everybody a wonderful Summer and Fall. Important projects were accomplished since our last newsletter. Further updates on projects will be reported at the Annual General Meeting followed by nominations and elections of the executive committee. We ask you consider either accepting a nomination to fill a position on the executive or volunteer to assist an executive member with a project. Please contact any member of the present executive if you are willing to do so. Get involved in some way! Remember, caring for your lake environment is a big part of caring for yourself and your investment! We have a separate e-mail address: ftlcla@sympatico.ca This enables the executive access at any time from any computer. You may continue sending your e-mails to the personal addresses of any Executive member if you wish.

The Executive and I wish to mention that Joy Bible Camp is trying to do their best to accommodate, co-operate with and respect the privacy of all cottagers in all respects, i.e. trespassing, lessen noise disturbances, respect the boating regulations and eventually cease their vehicle traffic on the North Beach road. Joy Camp accommodates many children, teens and adults throughout the Summer so ATV's traveling the old and new trails have been a cause for concern. The executive asks all Cottagers and Landowners to co-operate with the camp by either notifying them in advance at 332-3696 or registering at their office immediately upon arrival at the Joy Camp property. For legal reasons that affect us all, it is extremely important the Camp is aware of who is traveling on their land. Should you have a suggestion, comment or concern about a Cottage Association related matter, please let us know. Have a healthy and enjoyable summer!

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PROJECTS (WE'VE BEEN BUSY!)

We Are Now Incorporated!

The Faraday Trout Cottagers and Landowners are now Incorporated! This status will allow us to receive funding from environmental associations, it also affords us a number of other privileges only open to incorporated lake associations. Come to the meeting to learn more...

MNR Application Approved!

In the interest of preserving and promoting the delicate fish habitat on our rare and wonderful Trout Lake, The Executive Committee submitted an application to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for the rehabilitation of a speckle trout spawning bed. The application was approved with some minor funding included. If you would like to participate in the process of clearing the debris and restoring the bed, we'd love to hear from you!

What You Said

Last summer, during the AGM, members of the Association present had the opportunity to fill out an informal questionnaire on what they felt were the most important issues to be addressed by landowners and their representatives. Here's what concerned you/what you value...(Not in any order)... water quality; septic; future development; pollution (environmental/noise and light); respect for cottagers/camp alike; boat safety; dock/raft safety; water safety (tubing/size of motors); camp population/relationship/open communication; fish habitat/ice fishing/stocking; protection of Crown Land; time of day to end water sports; road/boat traffic; number of new

cottages on lake/units at camp; invading species; shoreline development; ecosystem's health; living lake plan/care for our lake. In response to your concerns and values...

Lake Plan

One of our members attended an all-day conference called "Protecting Paradise: A Forum on Lake Planning" The conference focused on how members of a lake community can maintain or improve the health of their lake by determining the values of all landowners (private and commercial) and solidifying them in an official document. Presenters included a scientist who discussed how we calculate lake capacity, professional planners who talked about the legal process of protecting and promoting healthy watersheds through lake planning - and every day landowners from a number of different lakes at various stages of their own Lake Plans. Working together with their neighbours, municipalities and environmental organizations, they have created living documents reflecting the values of property owners and businesses alike in a pro-active, non-confrontational manner. Time? Two to three years. Cost? As one speaker put it, the more we [landowners and their associations] do on our own, the less we pay!

We have a Newsletter!

In the interest of communicating with each other more effectively, the Executive Committee has begun a newsletter. As part of the regular format, the Executive Committee & Joy Bible Camp will provide regular updates and print current contact information. We hope you will pass them along!

Report from Joy Bible Camp

It has been yet another busy year around Joy. As many of you know, we do run the camp year round, catering to many corporations, charities, schools and church groups on a retreat basis. Like many of you, we are excited about another summer. A quick update on developments - Not much has changed since last year. Nearing the end of last summer, Freymond Lumber began the construction of the road into our existing property from Airport Road and then continuing to our new property. Development has been slow for this spring so it looks like the road won't be fully operational until later this year. As for the property itself - no development is planned for the next few years. Just a reminder to any folks who would like to have a look at the road or the new property, Joy Bible Camp is private property and should be respected as such. We have had several vehicles, 4-wheelers and pedestrians coming through the property to have a look. All visitors to our property must register at the main office. If interested you can contact me at 1-613-332-3696 to arrange for a tour of the road and/or property. Please, I would ask that you respect the fact that coming on or through or property would be the same as us coming on or through yours. In addition, considering that we run kids camps for the majority of our summer, it is fair to say that the parents of those children have entrusted us with knowing who is on our property at all times. Thank you and have a great summer,
James Maxwell

Conservation Issues From Our Lake Steward

Dear Cottagers, there are a couple of things we can all do to help our lake. Foremost, make sure any boat that comes to the lake is inspected and checked carefully to make sure it does not bring zebra mussels to our lake. Check hull, bilge pump lines, etc. If you have a lawn, limit the amount of fertilizer and other controlling chemicals you use. These run off into the lake and are the most critical factor in changing a lake's chemistry for the worse. When doing any planting, we heartily recommend native species. There are more than enough gorgeous Canadian shrubs and trees that we don't need to encourage any aliens from the States, Europe or Asia. Be nice to the wildlife. Don't chase the loons and we certainly encourage catch and release fishing. Thanks,
Alexander Brash.

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