

# OLLA NEWSBYTES

OTTER LAKE LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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## Recent and Future Waterfront Meetings by Karl Fiander (klfiander@gmail.com)

### Otter Lake Public Meeting Jp2g Engineering – Saturday, June 22 @ South Elmsley Hall

Jp2g Engineering delivered an update on the results of the survey completed by Otter Lake residents and other stakeholders. A more detailed report on the results will be covered at the OLLA Annual General Meeting on July 27 but here are a few details:

250 replies to June 14 – 80% were waterfront residents along Otter Lake and Otter Creek.

90% declared no impact from high water levels.

94% were OK with the seasonally high water levels.

59% declared that current average water levels should be maintained.

38% declared that water levels should be higher.

Less than 10% indicated that levels should be lower.

While 80% declared that there should be 'no construction', Mayor Hoogenboom pointed out that the culvert is nearing the end of its serviceable life and the survey was an important step to gauge public opinion before any replacement is considered.

In general, the survey delivered a strong endorsement of maintaining the status quo with respect to culvert sizing and the resulting alteration of hydrological flow.

A final report is expected from Jp2g Engineering in late July. If it is available prior to the OLLA meeting on July 27, best efforts will be made to communicate the results at the meeting and/or invite the consultants for a Q and A session.

Please show up at the AGM for more info!

### Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee – Thursday, July 4

The inaugural RLLAC meeting took place on July 4 in Newboro. This committee is considered a 'Committee of Council' which means the structure and administration of the committee is defined by municipal bylaw and includes some members of Council. The idea was floated by Mayor Hoogenboom during the 2018 election campaign and was set in motion in April 2019. The purpose of the committee is for the 30 lake associations in Rideau Lakes Township to have a formal voice where waterfront issues can be brought forward to the RLLAC and recommendations that are made by this committee can then be forwarded to Council as a whole. The same bylaw regulates the lake association grant program which was rolled out in May. Several lake associations received funding for local projects including OLLA which received \$1500 which has been earmarked for invasive species removal.

Each lake association has one representative and an alternate. OLLA government liaison representative Karl Fiander is the primary representative for Otter Lake and Lake Steward Doug Franks is the alternate. Mayor Hoogenboom is the Chair of the RLLAC. Non-voting reps from outside agencies such as Parks Canada and FOCA may attend meetings. The public can also attend these meetings as observers.

The initial meeting was a 'get to know each other' arrangement however there was one significant motion put forward which was to recommend to Council that the budget for mandatory septic system inspection be increased in 2020. The Otter Lake Sustainable Lake Plan has called for an increased inspection protocol and this motion received unanimous support.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 29.

**Rideau Lakes Township Official Plan - Waterfront Development – Friday, July 12, 6-8 PM @ Portland Community Hall**  
Periodically, the municipal Official Plan (OP) is updated and this is one of several scheduled meetings on specific elements of the plan. The OP is important because municipal bylaws, policies and procedures are required to follow the rules as set out in the Official Plan. Waterfront development is the economic engine which drives the Township so this is an important element to get right so that growth is balanced with strong environmental protection. This open house is open to the public with municipal staff available to answer questions and address concerns of residents. Subjects such as fish habitat, shoreline vegetative buffers and building setbacks will be discussed.

**Otter Lake Landowners' Association – Saturday, July 27 @ South Elmsley Hall, 9:30 am-12:30pm**  
(Registration begins at 9:00 am; light lunch provided)

Everyone enjoys the business portion of an AGM...right? Well this time there are some vacancies on the OLLA board to fill and we are hoping that some interested individuals will volunteer for nominations to the board for a 3-year term. The OLLA bylaws allow for 10 board members. There are currently 9 active board members, however this is the status of current board members effective the July 27 AGM:

Marcia Maxwell (Rd O10): Marcia has been involved with OLLA for many years, is the current President and is at the end of a 3-year term. She WILL NOT seek renewal.

Jeff Brown, Camp Otterdale (Frayn Rd): Jeff is a commercial member and is at the end of a 3-year term and WILL NOT seek renewal.

Susan Thum (Rd O10): Susan distributes the OLLA newsletters and is at the end of a 3-year term and WILL seek renewal.

Judy Hodgins (Rd O12): Judy was active in the Sustainable Lake Plan Committee, was appointed in March by the board as a director and WILL seek approval for a 3-year term.

Mid-term board members include: Karl Fiander, Government Liaison (Rd O12), Doug Franks, Lake Steward (Rd O5), Tom Gifford (Rd O10), Shelley Dunlop, Treasurer (Rd O12), June Finless, Secretary (Rd O10).

This means there are 3 open positions and 2 current members seeking renewals as board directors. We are especially seeking representation from roads: O2, O4, O7 and O8. If you have an interest in working with a dedicated group to help preserve the Otter Lake environment, please consider putting your name forward or nominating someone who might consider it. A new President will be appointed by the board at the next OLLA board meeting following the AGM.

- Voting Proxy Form attached.

# **Otter Lake Landowners' Association**

## **Annual General Meeting: Saturday July 27, 2019**

South Elmsley Hall  
441 Highway 15 (Adjacent to the OPP station)

Registration, Coffee, Tea and Timbits @ 9:00 a.m.  
MEETING WILL COMMENCE @ 9:30 a.m.

### **AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

- Business Highlights over the last year
- Election of Directors (*currently 5 openings – 3 vacant & 2 renewal positions*)
- Jp2g Engineering – Next Steps (to be confirmed)
- Sustainable Lake Plan Update
- Presentation: The Land Between by Leona Berman

If you are unable to attend the AGM and would like someone else to represent you, please complete the section below and give it to your designate. She/he must bring this form to the AGM in order to be recognized as your delegate.

**Note:** *A designate can carry a maximum of two proxies.*

### **VOTING BY PROXY FORM**

My First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cottage Number and Road: \_\_\_\_\_

I designate: \_\_\_\_\_ to cast a vote on my behalf at the OLLA AGM on July 27, 2019.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_