



Salerno Lake Sentinel

Greetings from the SDLCA Executive

The docks are put away, the leaves are on the ground and the first snow has started to fall on Salerno Lake. For us on the SDLCA executive, that means starting to gear up for another new year. However, as we look forward to an exciting 2015, we also reflect on what was a very successful 2014.

While the summer weather could have been a bit more cooperative, it didn't stop everyone from having lots of cottage fun and creating many fantastic memories - many of which were well documented on our group Facebook site (we're now approaching 400 members!).

The SDLCA was very active in 2014 and we are proud of our accomplishments. Some of the highlights include:

- Canada Day fireworks display (thanks once again to Frank Bartley and family)
- Fourth Annual Concert on the Lake featuring Wendell Ferguson
- 47th annual canoe race and BBQ, held on the lake for the first time ever!
- completion of the Lake Plan, a project more than two years in the making
- re-launching of www.SDLCA.ca, including online membership options
- introduction of the highly successful SDLCA apparel line
- welcoming three new members to the executive - Jim & Emily Rayburn (environmental) and Kevin Pepper (Loon Steward)

Steward)

Achievements like these are only made possible by the many hours volunteered by our dedicated executives. We can always use some help, so don't be shy if you would like to get involved. In particular we are still looking for potential President and Treasurer candidates as part of our succession planning.

We hope that you enjoy this edition of the Salerno Lake Sentinel. Please stay connected and look for updates on www.SDLCA.ca and Facebook page over the winter, as we'll certainly have some exciting announcements for 2015!

Cheers,
Your SDLCA Executive

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Photograph Courtesy of Kevin Pepper

Kevin Pepper's Loon Report

As the cottage season comes to an end, we were fortunate to have at least six resident loons this year. Many times we had several other loons visit Salerno, and at one sighting there were twelve loons on the Lake. It was a good season. We must remember the loons are our barometer for a healthy lake. The loons will only stay on

Salerno if the Lake is healthy. That is why we must take time to protect our Lake and preserve the cleanliness of it.

Most of the adult loons have started their migration south. Some of you may have seen a single loon this fall season on the Lake. The last time I saw this loon on one of my loon watches was at the end of October. It had taken on the normal winter

plumage. However it has not started to migrate yet. Let's hope this loon soon decides to leave Salerno and head south before the ice is in.

We hope everyone has a safe winter and will be watching for the return of the Loons as soon as the ice begins to leave.



Photograph Courtesy of Jacqueline Proud

Member News

We'd like to send out a big, warm welcome to our new members for 2014. We're so excited that you've joined the SDLCA! (Please see the list to the right.) And to all our established members, we are so grateful for your continued support and for making all our new friends feel treasured.

Thank you to all that have hung their SDLCA Membership Signs - what a fantastic way to support our lake association! When you renew for 2015 you will receive a 2015 membership sticker to affix to your current sign.

Make sure you check out the great discounts and specials offered to our members on the SDLCA Members' only page at www.SDLCA.ca. Just click the "Member" tab at the top of the screen and after entering the password you'll be able to view the page.

Just a reminder that the 2014 Membership year is drawing to a close. Please kindly renew for 2015 online (this would be a great help to us!). As always, however, if you do not have access to a computer we will accept renewal by mail or in person at any one of our SDLCA events or to any of our Executive Members. Thank you so much to the 56 members who have already paid in advance for 2015! A 2015 membership email will be sent out in January with the new member page password.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Paid Members	92	96
Paid New Members	13	16
<u>Honorary Members</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	109	116

We'd like to hear from you!

Send in your pictures, articles of interest, web links and ideas for future Sentinel editions and for www.SDLCA.ca to sdca.membership@gmail.com.

Wear Your Lake With Pride!

Thanks to all who ordered our exclusive Salerno Lake apparel last Summer. It's been awesome seeing everyone wearing their lake with pride. Want to show off your own lake pride? Send us pictures of you and yours in Salerno gear!

Did you miss out on ordering? Don't fret - you're going to get another chance to get your hands on some great lake swag come next cottage season. Stay tuned for our e-Lake Update this Spring for more information on how you can order your Canadian-made Salerno Lake Apparel.

Welcome New 2014 Members

Darlene & Terry Bessette

Debbie & Steve Davies

Michele Diano & Paul Verschuren

Jeff Hancock

Chris and Sandi Matthews

Robyn McDonald & Lucky Katsuras

Arnab Nandy & Susmita Sahu

Brian & Joanne (Kristi & Jaelyn)
Terakita

Anne & Andy Van Hoof

Sylvia & Martin Wentland

Brian White

Bark Lake Cultural Developments
(Carol Simmons)

Bernard and Ann Breukelman

Terri Mitchell

Corina Weigl

47th Annual Canoe & Kayak Race

Unfortunately, our team of volunteers were not able to safely clear the Irondale River of debris for the Annual Canoe & Kayak Race Sunday, August 3rd, 2014. But did this stop us? No! For the first time EVER the race was moved to Salerno Lake.

It was an exciting day for all as anchored boats and dockside revellers cheered on the 37 boats containing 63 participants as they raced from the public boat launch, down to the island, and then back again to the launch.

Everyone gathered at the Irondale Community Centre for our traditional bbq, games and awards ceremony after the race.

A big thanks to all the participants and the countless volunteers who helped make this treasured annual event a huge success. We couldn't have done it



Photographs (on this page) Courtesy of Kevin Pepper



Junior Canoe	Men's Canoe	Woman's Kayak
Beau Binnie & Charlie Alfredsson (01:08:03)	David & Michael Bartley 01:03:49	Jean Orschel 01:02:26 Peggy Boehm 01:15:56
Robert Field & Duncan MacDonald (01:34:09)	Chris Hayes & Nelson Lacaria 01:06:41	Ella Russell 01:17:26 Phillippa Bridgecook 01:25:05
Senior Men	Antonio & Christopher Krupl 01:20:13	Nancy Orschel 01:56:59
Rob Stuart & John Leonard 01:04:13	Junior Kayak	Mixed Canoe
Woman's Canoe	Michael Field 01:12:43	Tyler & Sierra Orschel 01:03:33
Kim Stuart & Sarah MacDonald (01:10:31)	Eden Bridgecook 01:19:36	Gordon Smith & Jennifer Young 01:03:40
Senior Women	Morgan Boehm 01:22:47	Hannah Reynolds & Dougal Rodger 01:06:08
Kay Armatage & Janice Cole 01:28:40	Patrick Wing 01:26:41	Kathleen Alfredsson & Blake Abbott 01:06:54
Men's Kayak	Nicole Vaxvick 01:32:07	Jordan Sampson & Taylor McCabe 01:12:18
Eric Orschel *Fastest Time 00:51:42	Open	Hannah Reynolds & Dougal Rodger 01:06:08
Kevin Mansfield *3rd Fastest Time 01:02:03	Roman Boehm, Nick & Alex Schiller 01:01:58	Kathleen Alfredsson & Blake Abbott 01:06:54
Eric Brown 01:09:32	*2nd Fastest Time	Jordan Sampson & Taylor McCabe 01:12:18
Doug Rodger 01:11:00	Ryan Blair, Cory Danyshyn & Julie Lock *5th Fastest Time 01:02:27	Jordan & Pam Holt 01:12:45
	Jeremy, Maya & Ben Bridgecook 01:03:43	Chris Simpson & Marla Gillis 01:13:03
	Keaton Proud & Patrick Zumpano 01:09:45	Rachel Bentley-Lauzon & Justin Byblyk 01:18:45
	Nelson Currie & Logan Boehm 01:21:20	Eve & Jim Burrows 01:26:45
	Matt Vaxvick 01:31:04	

2014 Municipal Election Results

The results are in! Haliburton County went to the poles on October 27. Salerno Lake property owners were able to cast their votes in person or ahead of time electronically. If you did not receive your package in the mail, make sure you get yourself on the voting list for the next election. Every vote counts!

Minden Hills

Reeve
Brent Devolin

Deputy-Reeve
Cheryl Murdoch

Councillor-at-Large
Ron Nesbitt

Ward 1 Councillor
Jeanne Anthon (Acclaimed)
Lisa Schell (Acclaimed)

Ward 2 Councillor
Pam Sayne

Ward 3 Councillor
Jean Neville

Highlands East

Reeve
Dave Burton

Ward 1 Councillor
Cam McKenzie

Ward 2 Councillor
Suzanne Partridge

Ward 3 Councillor
Cecil Ryall

Ward 4 Councillor
Joan Barton

English Public School Trustee
Gary Brohman (acclaimed)

French Public School Trustee
Sylvie Landry



Photograph Courtesy of B. Mansfield

The Salerno Sentinel - Delivered Straight to Your Inbox!

Are you still receiving the Sentinel via snail mail? Please consider signing up for the e-mail version — not only will you get the full colour edition, you'll be saving trees and helping to keep costs down. Contact us at sdzca.membership@gmail.com and we'll switch you over immediately! And, as always, past versions of the Sentinel can be viewed at www.SDLCA.ca!

Septic Health and Your Lake: Tile Bed Do's and Dont's

The tile bed is a very important component of your septic system and its proper functioning is essential to minimizing negative impacts on lake water quality. Here are a few tips on what to do and not do on your tile bed.

Never fertilize your tile bed area or any other area of your waterfront property. Fertilizer is a nutrient source for your lake and contributes to rapid algae growth and decreased water quality.

Plant ground covers early in the season and avoid the use of invasive or overly aggressive species. Grass mixes are fine, however, if you do not want to cut grass each weekend try the following ideas for tile bed ground cover. **Native Wild Flower** mixes suited for your type of soil and light conditions work quite well and look great too. **Dutch White Clover** is ideal as it does not require cutting unless you want, holds up well to foot traffic, will flower if left uncut, is drought tolerant and stays green all season.

Allow Mother Nature to plant some of her own flora in your yard. Plants growing on my tile bed in Haliburton include wild violets, wild strawberries, oxide daisy, dandelion, a variety of native grasses and trilliums have recently popped up on the edge of the tile bed area. Keep trees and woody shrubs at least 5 meters from your tile bed as the roots can migrate into your tile lines and potentiality cause failure. Trees such as Poplar, Birch, Balsam & Sumac should be avoided as they are very aggressive and love septic effluent. Some perennials and even raspberries bushes can cause some indigestion for your tile bed due to their roots.

Never drive or park on the tile bed, operate heavy equipment such as ATVs, dirt bikes & snow machines. Avoid watering the tile bed area when it gets dry.

A little prevention can go a long way to making your tile bed last a lifetime or two and help preserve lake water quality at the same time.

Article written by Rob Davis- Septic Expert

(Article provided by C.H.A.)

Revised OPP Billing Model Analysis

(from August 14th 2014)

Note – all numbers are preliminary and based on C.H.A. initial analysis

The Bottom Line - while lobbying did reduce the impact of the tax increase by over \$2 million, Haliburton County property owners will still face tax increases totaling approx. \$ 3 million per year.

The unfairness remains- the new model perpetuates the unfair aspects of the original proposal:

- By treating all households across the Province as being “equal” this means low crime communities such as ours will still subsidize communities with high per household crime rates. Equal does not result in equitable or fair billing in this case.

- A seasonal residence occupied only a few months a year will still be weighted the same as a year round residence.

The improvements – as a result of the lobbying:

- The increase in costs will be approx. \$3 million vs the initial proposal impact of over \$5 million.

- 40% of the charge will be based on call volumes as opposed to 27-30% in the original proposals.

- All properties in a municipality will now be counted when calculating the remaining 60 % of the charge whereas previously commercial properties were not.

- The tax increase will be phased in as opposed to hitting as all in year one.

Be Skeptical

In the Minister’s press release he talks of tax increases being capped at \$40 per household for each of the next 5 years. This in theory means the maximum tax increase at the end of 5 years will be

\$200. However will it be that for everyone or were they talking of an “average household”? If an average household then most CHA members can expect tax increases likely in the \$ 400 and up range given the appraised value of waterfront properties relative to the appraised value of an “average house”.

Summary – we should feel good that lobbying has reduced the impact by over \$2 million (40 %); however we are still dealing with major tax increases totaling over \$3 million as a result of an unfair model.

Click the following links for more information:

- [Taxpayers in Ontario cottage country face soaring policing costs](#)

- [County OPP costs to increase by millions](#)

-Article provided by the C.H.A.

Salerno Lake Plan

The Salerno Lake Plan has been a community-based project years in the making...And it's finally complete! This shared vision is an important part of the future health of our lake and the surrounding community.

The finished Lake Plan can be viewed in its entirety on our website, and requests for print copies of the plan can be made by following the link provided on the site.



SDLCA on Facebook!

If you haven't already, please “LIKE” our SDLCA Facebook Page. You'll receive all the up-to-date news and goings-on at the lake, such as the ice watch and other events that impact our time at the lake.

Cottage Profile

We have such an amazing community here on Salerno (who wouldn't agree with that!?) and we would love to give you an opportunity to share some of your favourite Salerno cottage memories, histories and traditions — past and present — in both words and photos.

Email us at sdlca.membership@gmail.com if you're interested in seeing your cottage profiled in the next Sentinel!

Website News

The new www.SDLCA.ca has been up and running now for less than a year — and we've garnered over 10,000 hits! If you haven't checked it out, please do!

Two new pages are in the works for members only:

- **Contractor's Reference List:** an ideal resource for any cottager

needing to hire for jobs and projects.

- **Business Directory:** a great opportunity to advertise your personal business and company to other SDLCA members and site visitors.

Information on how to add to either page (or both!) will be posted on the website shortly.

Coalition for Equitable Water Flow Annual General Meeting

Summary of Proceedings and Feedback from the 2014 General Meeting for Representatives of CEWF Member Lake Associations

The Coalition held its Annual Meeting for Member Lake Association Representatives on September 13, 2014 at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery.

Lakes represented at the meeting included: Jack's; Mountain; Gull; Maple/Beech/Cameron; Drag/Spruce; Big Glamor; Miskwabi/Long; Moore; Crystal; Kennisis; Cavendish Ratepayers (representing Mississauga / Catchacoma etc.); Horseshoe; Canning; Little Glamor, Eels, White, and Halls/Hawk.

Special guests included: Murray Fearrey, Reeve Dysart et al representing Haliburton County, Warden Dave Burton, and from the TSW, Dave Ness, Water Control Engineer

The Haliburton Echo/Minden Times & Haliburton Highlander covered the meeting.

Presentations were tied in to a comprehensive slide presentation (see CEWF website).

CEWF Secretary/Treasurer noted that membership remained the same except for one lake which is on leave of absence for 2014. The membership represents 90% of the capacity of the Sector, which is considered excellent given that 6% of the capacity is on lakes with no association. A second slide showed the income and expenses for 2014, with major expenses associated with newspaper inserts of the CEWF Open Letter to municipal election candidates. The expected bank balance at the end of the fiscal year is \$12,300, down marginally from the opening balance.

CEWF co-chair Chris Riddle highlighted the efforts of the Executive for the 2014 year-to-date as shown in the slide presentation, noting the CEWF's 2014 priorities,

communications, water levels, the wet summer, and that no two years are the same. Chris Riddle also highlighted the fact that there is basically no Conservation Authority (CA) for most of the reservoirs. The issues arising from this compared with other areas having a CA were noted and formed a major question posed to the municipal candidates in the Open Letter. The meeting attendees spoke on various aspects of the issues, and asked the CEWF to pursue the matter with the province and to see if a watershed council initiative could be undertaken.

TSW Water Control Engineer, Dave Ness, made a presentation with slides which are included in the comprehensive slide presentation. Many detailed questions arose on the background to the filling of lakes this spring and the impact of the wet summer. He indicated that drawdown is underway, and weekly forecasts are posted on the Parks Canada website usually on Wednesday. The CEWF also alerts this fact weekly on the CEWF website and by e-mail alerts.

Chris Riddle then discussed the CEWF's Preferred Water Levels initiative, and provided an update of the 11 lakes that have completed their efforts, and for which the CEWF has submitted to the TSW.

A question period followed, moderated by Ted Spence, based upon some member's written questions submitted in advance, as well as those arising at the meeting. The items covered are itemized below:

- There will be no net impact over a 24 hour period for Horseshoe Lake to provide the necessary heavy water flow for the white water course below the dam for the Pan Am games in 2015.
- The lake representatives suggested that the CEWF Executive needed to ramp up a more aggressive campaign with Ontario government officials as the latter are not engaged in the issues of the TSW watershed water management.
- The CEWF plans to follow up with all municipalities following the

election, and will attempt to engage the municipalities in a more active way on water management.

- The TSW indicated the problems associated with the installation of an automatic water
- level gauge on Mountain Lake.
- The TSW commented that water seepage around or through a dam did not have any impact on the drawdown procedures.
- The TSW assured the attendees that backup training was on-going for all critical staff.
- The Kennisis dam project is almost certain to be a complete replacement dam as the current one is not sitting on bed rock.
- The TSW was urged to post timelier website communications of their actions and planned actions that would relieve them from answering so many phone calls.

Media Coverage of the event is attached.
*see links below

Next year's Annual Communication Meeting to Lake Representatives is Saturday, September 12th, 2015, at the Fish Hatchery.

(Article provided by The CEWF)

*Media Coverage Links:

"Record Rainfall Contributes to High Water Levels" (The Echo)
<http://haliburtonecho.ca/?p=6222>

"Coalition Keeps Watch on Water Levels" (The Highlander, p.2)
http://highlanderonline.ca/uploads/files/Sept%2018%2014_WEB.pdf