



Sturgeon Point Association

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Greetings SPA Members,

The leaves are changing colours and the cows are getting a little scruffy so fall must be here. We had a glorious summer this year and, so far, fall is looking lovely. Thanksgiving is on its way and for some of us that means closing up for the winter. Whether you pack up and head home at this time of year or stay at the Point it means saying goodbye to summer friends and getting ready for all that winter has to offer.

SPA AGM/ Secondary Plan:

On the Sunday of Labour Day Weekend, we held our AGM. There was a great turn out of over 60 residents. At the AGM there were reports from our Board, reports from the community, plus two guest speakers: Brian Junkin, our councillor, and Lance Sherk, Director of Economic Development.

One item of interest that Brian Junkin mentioned was that Forest Road was on the books to be repaved, but not until 2016. The SPA board believes this road, as well as some other streets need to be done before then and will be conferring with Mr. Junkin to attempt to facilitate this.

Lance Sherk talked about economic development in the area and about the development of the city's Secondary Plan. He mentioned that one concern to us in Sturgeon Point was that there is talk about changing the boundaries of Fenelon Falls to include a development that is happening just off Sturgeon Point Road. The Secondary Plan is for Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, Omemee and Woodville. This plan is to help manage and develop growth in a sustainable way that recognizes the integrity and unique aspects of each community. There will be meetings held in October to discuss the Secondary Plan. Below is the list of meetings. Each will be held from 7:00pm to 9:00pm (with refreshments). More information about the Secondary Plan can be found on the city's website:

<http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/residents/planning-building/secondary-plans/201ctomorrow-today-201d-event-series>

- Bobcaygeon – October 25th, Bobcaygeon Service Centre, 123 East Street South
- Fenelon Falls – October 19th, Fenelon Library, 19 Market Street
- Lindsay – October 27th, Victoria Room, City Hall, 26 Francis St.
- Omemee – October 26th, Coronation Hall, 1 King St. West
- Woodville – October 18th, Woodville Arena, 105 Union Street

SPA Board:

At our Annual General Meeting, five new directors were added to the SPA Board roster to fill the vacancies left by the retiring directors. Thank you to the outgoing directors for their hard work and many contributions throughout their tenure: Liz Wallis, Eric Jordan, Ramona Kozak and

Victor Isbrucker. A special thank you Victor for his leadership as President. We welcome the new directors: Bob LeCraw, Jim Milford, David Webster, Maria Marlin and Judy Havercourt. The 2012-2013 board responsibilities were decided at the meeting following the AGM and are listed below.

<u>Director</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
Lisa Vehrs	President
Patricia Aspinwall	Vice President & Communications
Maria Marlin	Secretary
Chris Van Lierop	Treasurer
Jim Milford	Roads & Maintenance
David Webster	Membership
Judy Haverkort	Social
Jeremy Hall	Park
Paula McMurtry	Legal Advisor
Bob LeCraw	Environmental Liaison
Madge Barr	Director at Large

Fall Social Events:

The annual Thanksgiving Touch Football game is coming up on Sunday, October 7th at 2pm at the Wisener cottage (Rigadoon – 33 Henry St). Thanks to the Wisener family for making their yard available for this fun for all ages game again this year. There will be warm refreshments available but feel free to bring your chilled beverage of choice.

Halloween comes early to Sturgeon Point and everyone is invited to celebrate with us on Saturday, October 27th. There will be a party at the Park in the Woods starting at 11am through 1pm with pumpkin carving, face painting, crafts and snacks. Then at 5:30pm the trick or treating fun begins! Maps of participating houses will be available at the park. If you would like the kids to visit your house for treats please contact Patricia (patricia@sturgeonpoint.com) and she will put you on the map.

Membership:

Summer may have just ended, but not the activity in the village. That means it's not too late to get your 2012 SPA membership. Thank you to all who have already done so.

Revenue collected through our membership program remains our primary source of funding. This money is used to managing and maintaining the trust lands, support the social events, and maintain the unique character of Sturgeon Point. If you aren't sure about your membership status, don't hesitate to contact us. We'd be happy to let you know whether your membership is up to date this year. You can renew by paper or on-line, all the information can be found on SPA's membership page: <http://www.sturgeonpoint.com/spa-membership/>

Doors Open:

The Doors Open event in September was a great success with over 50 visitors to the Upper Wharf, the Church and the Golf Club. They came from around the Kawarthas and as far away as

the Maritimes and even Europe! All were very interested in the heritage of our sites and in the history of the village in general. It was nice to see some Sturgeon Pointers visiting the sites as well. Thanks to the volunteers who greeted visitors and answered questions at each location. A special thanks to Liane Kennedy for her work on the photo displays for each site. We are looking forward to participating in Doors Open again in the future.

Environment:

The Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association has printed a booklet titled "The Algae of the Kawartha Lakes" that discusses their place in the ecosystem, when they become a hazard, and what controls their growth. It is available to the public and is sure to be an informative resource. I picked up several copies at their AGM, so if you would like to have one please contact me or visit their website to download the pdf. <http://klsa.wordpress.com/>

We are always looking for volunteers for various events and sub-committees; if you are interested in getting involved, please contact any member of the board. Additionally, if you have any questions or ideas that you would like addressed by the board, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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