



# Sturgeon Point Association

84 Irene Avenue, Sturgeon Point, Ontario, K0M 1N0

July 27, 2010

Dear Members:

It is hard to believe, but we are heading into the half-way point of our summer at the Point. We have had a hot and steamy one, but much better than last year's rain.

#### General News

Things have been going pretty smoothly so far this summer. Resurfacing work on Lake Road was completed in a reasonable amount of time in spite of some wet weather and the odd under-ground obstruction encountered by the road crews. The lake water irrigation system was accidentally knocked out of commission by some heavy equipment, but it was brought back up to snuff within a matter of days. (Kudos to Dave Kennedy for staying on top of that situation.)

As many of you have undoubtedly noticed, Lake Road now provides a very smooth and quiet ride along our lake. Without the usual pot holes to contend with, it's all too easy to cruise along in excess of the posted speed limit. There are lots of children running around, especially at this time of year. Please be careful not to speed in Sturgeon Point.

We had a very successful "Welcome to Summer" gathering at the Park, where in addition to meeting and greeting our friends and neighbours, we welcomed Mayor Ric McGee and Councillor Brian Junkin, both of whom spent a couple of hours at the park enjoying the beautiful weather with us.

We also had two special additions to the festivities this year. Lianne Kennedy had a display of some of the history that she and her history committee are gathering. This was of great interest to everyone. In addition, we had on display an antique poster of the Sturgeon Point Hotel that was recently donated to the SPA. Please see below for more information on how you can purchase a reproduction of this poster.

#### Conservation Meeting

On July 10, we had our first "Environmental" meeting, with Rob Messervey, CAO of Kawartha Conservation Authority. The meeting was very well attended. Rob gave us a presentation on the Sturgeon Lake Plan initiative and other issues of interest regarding the lake and the local environment. We plan to follow up with a similar meeting next year. For those of you wishing to learn more about the activities of Kawartha Conservation, please visit their web site at <http://www.kawarthaconservation.com>.

#### Civic Weekend

Civic Weekend is coming quickly (this weekend!). There are several events that are planned. First of all, there is the Civic Weekend BBQ and Dance. This is wonderful chance to spend time with your friends and neighbours mid summer. Last year we had over 200 people – it has become one of the most popular events of the year. Everyone is welcome, so be sure to bring your family and friends. There will be barbecued hamburgers, drinks and dessert for everyone. A DJ will be on hand to provide dance music for all ages.

On the Monday of that weekend we will be holding the 172<sup>nd</sup> (yes, that really does say 172<sup>nd</sup>) Sturgeon Point Regatta. As per tradition, the morning will see a full slate of running and skills contests for all ages to be held on the beautiful front lawn of Swannanoa. Aquatic events will be held in the afternoon at the

public beach. The Regatta is always a lot of fun, especially for the kids. Everyone is welcome. Don't miss it.

Below is a tabulated time table if the Civic Weekend events.

| Event                                     | Place                                   | Time & Date                                | Notes   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Annual Civic Holiday BBQ and Street Dance | Park in the Woods                       | July 31, 6:00 p.m.                         | Food, music and dancing!                      |
| Sturgeon Point Regatta                    | Swannanoa (a.m.)<br>Public Beach (p.m.) | August 2, 10:00a.m.<br>August 2, 2:00 p.m. | The 172 <sup>nd</sup> running of the Regatta. |

#### Sturgeon Point Hotel Poster

As mentioned on the previous page, an original poster of the Sturgeon Point Hotel was on display at the recent Canada Day Celebration at the Park. To the best of our knowledge, the poster dates from about 1876, the year the hotel opened for business here in Sturgeon Point. The poster was found in an abandoned farm house in the small town of Clandeboye, Manitoba in 1981 and donated to SPA in early 2010. In order to share this unique piece of history with the community, SPA has commissioned a limited edition reproduction print of that original poster. The print is of very high quality, using archival grade paper and printing technology. The print is available for purchase at a cost of \$65.00. Proceeds go to SPA to help raise funds.

Note that this is a very limited edition printing, with over 70% of the posters pre-sold. If you are interested in purchasing one of these posters, please contact Victor Isbrucker. You can reach him via email ([victor@sturgeonpoint.com](mailto:victor@sturgeonpoint.com)) or by phone (705) 887-6221. The posters are expected to be available for delivery on the Civic Holiday Weekend.

#### Trust Land Management

As many of you are aware, the Sturgeon Point Association has been actively involved in the maintenance and management of our local trust lands. These lands include the Playground, the Public Beach and the Upper Wharf. As it turns out, we are responsible for more activities than the average cottagers association. For this reason our insurance rates have become prohibitive this year. The insurance arrangements covering these lands are currently under review, and SPA is working diligently to find a reasonable and cost effective solution to this challenge. We are working with the Trustees of the Lands, the City of Kawartha Lakes, and the insurers to accomplish this.

On a more specific note, and one that will be especially relevant to those of you who enjoy the public beach area, there have been some rumours that the swim raft at the public beach may be impacted by the insurance issues at hand. While the raft certainly presents some unique challenges in terms of insurance, we are hoping to continue to see the raft in the lake in the coming years. We will keep you posted on this issue.

Please remember to buy your 2010 membership and remember that all generations in a family should be members. We need these funds in order to provide all the activities for the community.

Enjoy the summer

Sincerely,

Lynne Manning  
President,  
Sturgeon Point Association