



Sturgeon Point Association Letter from the President June 2017

Happy summer and welcome back to those who leave us for the winter. We have an interesting and exciting summer planned for 2017, in our beautiful Village of Sturgeon Point.

This letter outlines all the things that the Sturgeon Point Association (SPA) has planned for the summer. It also provides an update on maintenance and projects we have underway, some important safety reminders, and of course how to renew your SPA membership.

Canada's 150th: A Special Celebration



July 1, 2017 is Canada's 150th anniversary and we are planning to celebrate SPA-style with a lunch BBQ at the park. This year, we will kicking off the event with a special flag raising ceremony on our new flag pole at the Upper Wharf, which we were able to install due to a grant from the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Please meet at the Upper Wharf at 11:45am on Saturday July 1 to raise the flag and sing O Canada, and then join the procession up to the Park for the BBQ. Don't forget to wear red and white to celebrate this momentous occasion!

Civic Weekend: Our Busiest (and most fun!) Weekend Of The Year

On the Saturday night of Civic Holiday weekend (August 7th), SPA will host a BBQ and Street Dance (perhaps with a few new surprises!). Join us at the at the Park for a night of food, fun and dancing!

The annual Running Races and Swimming & Canoe Events will run as usual the same weekend. We will need some volunteers to help make sure the races run safely and smoothly. Please check the SPA website for details.

The Upper Wharf Restoration: A Wharf Committee Project

The Upper Wharf rain shelter is a designated heritage building, and a landmark for Sturgeon Point and the City of Kawartha Lakes. As part of SPA, an Upper Wharf Committee has been working for the last couple of years to identify sources of funding to repair and restore the dock and the building, both of which require significant work.

Unfortunately, the Upper Wharf committee has reported that Sturgeon Point was turned down by both the Ontario and Federal governments for grants available for Canada 150.



The Committee will be looking at other grant options, as well as other potential sources of fundraising. If you would like to get involved, please contact SPA to be connected to the Wharf Committee.

The Wharf And Public Beach Docks: Mother Nature Is A Force

Unfortunately, we have had another tough winter for our docks. The Upper Wharf was significantly damaged last winter, and beams were installed last summer to repair and stabilize the concrete dock. These beams were welded over the winter so hopefully they will no longer bang together.

The dock at the Public Beach was damaged by ice this winter, and there is now a large crack near the shore. SPA members met with contractors to determine what temporary repairs can be made before the summer, but we are not permitted to pour new concrete into the lake for a more permanent solution until next winter. SPA will ensure that all repairs are done as cost effectively as possible.

Roads Update: Safety Is Priority #1

Keeping our community safe is a top priority for SPA. We are in regular contact with the City of Kawartha Lakes concerning several road safety issues.

SPEEDING AS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ENTER AND EXIT THE POINT IS A MAJOR SAFETY ISSUE.

WE REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE VILLAGE IS 30KM/HR.



As summer residents return to the Point, and hundreds of people will be walking and biking, please DRIVE SLOWLY AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN ON BIKES. Our children are precious, and not always watchful, so please take it as your personal responsibility to keep them safe.

A more specific request is to be watchful at Sturgeon Point Rd and Golf Links Rd. This is a hazardous intersection, and we have already had one bicycle accident there in the past few years. We must not have any more.

SPA approached the City of Kawartha Lakes to move the 40 km zone on Sturgeon Point Rd. further out from the Village, and to install a three way stop sign at the corner of Sturgeon Point Rd and Golf Links road. These requests have been referred to their engineering department for review, but since approval likely involve a use/needs test, our likelihood of success may be low.

The City has informed us that they have no plans to resurface Henry St. or Lake Ave east of Henry in 2017.

SPA will continue to press both these issues with the City.

The Park In The Woods: For All Generations

SPA continues to make sure our beautiful Park and playground are kept beautiful and safe. The woodchips were topped up last year (funded by SPA), and safety inspections are made at the beginning of each year. We are committed to making sure this beautiful space can be enjoyed by all generations for many years to come.

Spa Membership: Time To Renew!


Have you renewed your SPA membership yet? It's easier than ever! Membership dues can be paid online with PayPal, or by cheque mailed or dropped in our mailbox at the park. Membership renewal forms are available on the SPA website.

We have had a tough couple of years financially due to the ice damage at the Wharf and Public Beach docks. As a result, membership revenue is extremely important. Early payment and any donations would be greatly appreciated. All SPA communication continues to be by e-mail only to keep costs down.

The Sturgeon Point Association was formed following the amalgamation which resulted in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The Association's mandate is to preserve the unique heritage of this community within the newly formed City through unified representation.

Membership is available to individual adult residents. Membership fees are used to maintain public spaces within Sturgeon Point and to provide services, like this website, for both permanent and summer residents.



SPA membership fees have been kept deliberately low because we ask each resident of your household 18 and over to be SPA members.

We have had a lot of new families that have moved to Sturgeon Point in the last few years. We ask all residents to reach out to the newcomers, welcome them to Sturgeon Point and ask them to join and to support SPA.

A number of members own rental units in the village. SPA requests that any rental property be treated as a separate entity and that a separate membership be paid, to cover the visitors and guests that enjoy all the Point amenities.

Keeping The Point Clean

The City has changed the rules for garbage and recycling. Clear bags must be used for trash bags plus other changes. Please refer to the City of Kawartha Lakes web-site for details. Out of respect for your fellow residents, please keep pets on a leash and promptly pick up and properly dispose of their waste.

Our Amazing Community: Church, Sail, Golf

We encourage all Sturgeon Point residents to also support the three important community organizations that help to make Sturgeon Point such a unique and special place to live.

Information on the Sturgeon Point Union Church, the Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club and the Sturgeon Point Golf Club is linked on the SPA web-site.

The Golf Club will be operating a Junior Golf Camp and group junior lessons this summer, which will work in concert with the sailing club program to improve the already great programs for children at Sturgeon Point. The health of these three organizations is important to our enjoyment of this community. Links to each are provided below.

Sturgeon Point Association: www.sturgeonpoint.com

Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club: www.slsc.ca

Sturgeon Point Golf Club: www.sturgeonpointgolf.com

Sturgeon Point Union Church: www.sturgeonpoint.com/church

City of Kawartha Lakes: www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca

CoKL waste & recycling: www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/residents/solid-waste-services

And finally, if anyone is interested in volunteering for SPA, please let us know. We are always looking for volunteers as well as Board Members, and we will be pleased to have you join us.

Have a great, safe and happy summer!

Phil Robertson, President

Sturgeon Point Association