



Sturgeon Point Association

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

December 19, 2009

Dear SPA Members,

The Board of Directors of the Sturgeon Point Association would like to wish you and your family all the best for the Holiday Season. We've certainly had a mild November, but there's no mistaking the signs of winter now. It has hit -19C this week, there's snow on the ground and the lake has been frozen since last weekend.

There are two items that I'd like to bring to your attention. Both issues involve local city politics and have direct impact on Sturgeon Point.

By-Election

There will be a by-election in January to fill the empty Ward 7 seat at Council. As most of you know, Pete Cziraky held that seat until he passed away in September of this year after a battle with cancer. Here are the key points you need to know about the by-election:

- The by-election will be conducted through a mail-in ballot;
- Eligible voters should have received their ballot kits in the mail by January 12th, 2010;
- Your completed ballot should be mailed by January 20th, 2010;
- As an alternative to mailing, ballots can be hand-delivered up until January 25th, 2010;
- The results will be announced on January 26th, 2010.

I've included a table of the important dates and other information at the end of this newsletter. You'll also find this and other up-to-the minute information on the SPA website. We've set up a by-election page so that you can check in at any time to learn about the by-election. This includes links to local newspaper articles involving the candidates.

There are three candidates running for the election. I've tabulated their names below, along with some contact information. Two of the candidates have web sites that you can visit to learn more about them and their positions.

Candidate	Contact/Info
Audrey Holden	Website: http://www.audreyholden.ca/ Email: info@audreyholden.ca
Brian Junkin	Website: N/A Email brianjunkin@hotmail.com
Gail Thomassen	Website: http://www.gailthomassen.com/ Email: admin@gailthomassen.com

Several members of the SPA board have already met with Brian and Gail; Audrey Holden is scheduled to come for a similar meeting early in the New Year before the by-election takes place. We felt it was important that whoever wins this election should be familiar with the specific issues that are of concern

to our community, and it also gives the candidates a chance to learn a little about SPA. The winner will undoubtedly be dealing with us in the near future.

There will be an all-candidates meeting on January 7th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Bobcaygeon Legion. This meeting hasn't yet been officially announced, nor has the format. In any case, the event will give those who attend an opportunity to hear the candidates and (presumably) to ask them questions. We'll keep updated information about this event on the SPA web site as more information becomes available. Any press reports about the meeting will also be posted.

Official Plan for the City of Kawartha Lakes

The CoKL has been slowly putting together a Draft Official Plan for the past eight years. The Official Plan is a legal policy document that has a direct impact on all the residents of the City. It establishes the policies that govern land use and thereby lays the framework for future development of the City. The Plan takes into consideration growth targets, economic factors, social, cultural, and heritage issues, and of course environmental concerns.

We are pleased that Sturgeon Point has received special consideration in the Plan. These considerations are the direct result of early interventions by SPA in the years immediately after amalgamation.

The draft is now very close to being officially adopted by Council, but one of the final hurdles to pass before adoption is a series of public hearings. Such meetings are open to anyone with an interest, whether to simply observe the proceedings or to make a statement for or against the plan. Several hearings have already been held, but recent comments by the provincial government have been sufficiently substantial that an additional public hearing is warranted before Council can adopt the plan. The meeting date(s) have not yet been set, but are expected to take place in January. The Official Plan is expected to be adopted by council in early February. Please check in to the web site for any announcements about the public hearing.

You can access the draft Official Plan on the CoKL's website by navigating to the following page:

<http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/residents/planning-building/official-plans-zoning-by-law>

You can find an article about the plan online as well. The Lindsay Post published a short news report last month and it can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.thepost.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2185000>

If you have any concerns about the By-Election or the Official Plan, please let us know.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season with your family and friends and all our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lynne Manning
President,
Sturgeon Point Association

By-Election Schedule

Key Dates	Event
Week of Nov 16 th , 2009	Voters' List Available The Voters' List for Ward 7 is available, where requested in writing by the candidate, for pick up by registered candidates at the City of Kawartha Lakes Municipal By-Election Office.
Mon, Nov 16, 2009 to Mon, Jan 25, 2010	Revision Period An eligible voter whose name is not on the Voters' List or whose name or address are shown incorrectly on the List may be added to the Voters' List or have the information on the List amended by filing an application with the Clerk's Office or the Bobcaygeon Municipal Service Centre.
Mon, Jan 4, 2010 to Fri, Jan 8, 2010	Ward 7 Ballot Kits to be Mailed and Received
Tuesday, Jan 12, 2010	Notify the City Municipal By-Election Office to advise of no kit.
Mon, Jan 4, 2010 to Wed, Jan 20, 2010	Return Completed Ward 7 Ballot Kit by Mail Ward 7 Voters should return their completed voter kits by mail any time between the date of receipt and January 20, 2010 – after January 20, 2010 they should be hand delivered to the Bobcaygeon Municipal Service Centre or to the Election Office at City Hall, Lindsay
Thur, Jan 21, 2010 to Mon, Jan 25, 2010	Return Completed Ballot Kit in Person Ward 7 Voters should NOT place completed ballot kits in the mail after January 20 th . Between receipt of the Ballot Kit and 8:00 p.m. on January 25, 2010, you can drop off a completed ballot kit at the Bobcaygeon Municipal Service Centre. Completed ballot kits can be dropped off at City Hall until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010.
Mon, Jan 25, 2010	By-Election Day On January 25, 2010, you can drop off a completed Ward 7 ballot kit at the Bobcaygeon Municipal Service Centre until 8:00 p.m. This will be the only location on this day for ballot kit drop-offs.
Tues, Jan 26, 2010	Declaration of Official Results

The Bobcaygeon Municipal Service Centre is located at 123 East St. South, Bobcaygeon
The By-Election Office is at City Hall, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay.

By-Election related issues can be brought to the attention of the City's Returning Officer:

Judy Currins
City Clerk and Returning Officer
City of Kawartha Lakes
26 Frances Street
Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8
1-705-324-9411 Ext. 1295