



Sturgeon Point Association

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

April 18, 2010

Dear Members:

Happy Spring to all of you. We enjoyed a wonderful Easter Weekend here at Sturgeon Point. The ice came off the lake that weekend, the earliest time of year for it to happen in recent memory. It just melted before our eyes. The Park was full of young children, and many others were walking and biking. It was wonderful!

2010 SPA Membership

If you've received this newsletter by mail (and many of you have) you'll find your 2010 SPA membership form attached. We ask that you complete it and return it with a cheque to cover the annual membership fee. It is our hope that all adult members of your household who spend time at the Point would join in order to support our activities. If you have new neighbours, please invite them to join too. (If you need another membership form you can always find one on the SPA website: www.sturgeonpoint.com.)

All of your membership dollars go towards the support of activities that benefit and enhance our community in one way or another. Here's a list of the more significant items in our budget:

1. The maintenance of and insurance for all of the properties that are in Trust for the residents of Sturgeon Point. These are:
 - a. The Park in the Woods
 - b. The Public Beach (including the swim raft, furniture, and access ladders)
 - c. The Upper Wharf
 - d. The Leaf Dump
2. Flowers and Beautification throughout the Point;
3. Maintenance of a community web site and other communications activities;
4. The Social Functions that bring everyone together:
 - a. The "Welcome to Summer" gathering at the Park on July 3rd;
 - b. The Civic Weekend Street Dance and BBQ at the Park;
 - c. The Annual Sturgeon Point Regatta, which includes the Running Races and Water Races.

SPA has also undertaken larger scale projects that have included the preservation of the Upper Wharf building and the more recent renovation of the Park in the Woods.

In addition to these local activities, SPA acts as your liaison with the City of Kawartha Lakes on issues that affect our Village. SPA is also involved with a number of local conservation groups, allowing us to stay up to date and contribute to local environmental issues.

These activities just wouldn't be possible without your continued financial support. Your Board of Directors are very active, and we continuously review our budgets to get the most out of our limited resources. However, our maintenance and insurance costs have continued to rise annually.

PLEASE SUPPORT US WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

Roads

We are pleased that our many discussions with Mayor Ric McGee have borne fruit. This summer Lake Avenue will be repaved all the way from Sturgeon Point Road to Irene Ave. The short section of Irene Ave. from Lake Road up past the Church to where it intersects with Forest Road will also be repaved. While this could bring some disruption this summer, the work is badly needed. We hope that the work progresses quickly and painlessly. We are also hoping that the side streets receive similar attention next summer.

Sturgeon Lake Environmental Management Plan

This year we are sponsoring an Environmental Meeting on July 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Sturgeon Point Union Church. Rob Messervey, Chief Administration Officer of the Kawartha Lakes Conservation Authority will present an overview of the scope and objectives of the Sturgeon Lake Plan. The presentation will review the process and people involved. You can also expect a discussion on the stewardship program initiatives and activities that shoreline owners and associations can avail themselves of to make individual and collective contributions toward healthy shorelines and a healthier lake. Rob will be looking for support from our association in achieving their objectives.

Park and Village Spring Cleanup Bee

On Saturday, May 22, at 9:00 a.m. there will be a Park and Village Spring Cleanup Bee. Bring your rake, shovel, broom, and recycling bags and head to the Park. We will break into teams and head out to give the public areas of Sturgeon Point a little spring cleaning. Make it a family event and lets keep our community beautiful for all to enjoy. Light refreshments will be provided.

Summer Social Events

Event	Place	Time & Date	Notes
Annual July Celebration	Park in the Woods	July 3, 12:00 p.m.	Celebrate Canada Day and meet the neighbours
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.) Public Beach (p.m.)	August 2, 10:00a.m. August 2, 2:00 p.m.	The 172 nd running of the Regatta.

Details of these events will be posted on the SPA website and subsequent newsletters.

City Politics

This is the first newsletter since the election for councillor for Ward 7, after the death of Pete Cziraky. Brian Junkin was elected and he is now getting up to speed on the issues for Ward 7. We will be working with Brian on the many issues that we have with the City. We are very pleased that we continue to have good access to and support from Mayor Ric McGee. The Mayor has been very supportive in our need for road repairs.

Sturgeon Point History Project

Many of our community members have a strong interest in the unique history of Sturgeon Point. You'll be interested to know that over the past winter, a Sturgeon Point History Project has been started up. A small committee of interested individuals, led by Liane Kennedy, has undertaken to collect photos, documentation, and other items related to the history of the Point in order to develop an archival record of the history of Sturgeon Point. Anyone interested in helping out and/or contributing to this project is welcome. Watch the SPA website for further information on this exciting project.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon. Summer is coming!

Sincerely,

Lynne Manning
President,
Sturgeon Point Association