



Sturgeon Point Association

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

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Hello Sturgeon Point Members,

Fall has come and the leaves are changing here at the Point. After a rather cool and wet summer the autumn weather has moved from great (what a beautiful September we had!) to unseasonably cold and wet in the first weeks of October. I hope that this letter finds you warm and dry wherever you are.

With this letter I want to report on the Annual General Meeting, the election of new directors and other news.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Sturgeon Point Union Church on September 6, 2009. The meeting started with a thorough presentation of SPA's finances by the Treasurer, Colleen Clynych. With all of the fundraising activities, grants and matching funds to track over the past couple of years, the bookkeeping has clearly become more sophisticated. Colleen's presentation made everything sound clear and straight forward in spite of this. (The financial reports are available on the SPA website for those interested.)

As noted by Colleen, we are in fairly good financial condition. Our Fundraising for the Park and three matching grants from the City have all been very helpful. The Park is now finished, the Public Beach has been rejuvenated and the Upper Wharf has also received attention with the addition of new furniture and general clean-up.

A number of successful community events were held this summer. The opening of Phase 2 of the Park on July 1st kicked off the summer, and on the Civic Weekend we had our Barbeque and Street Dance. That weekend also saw the 171st running of the Sturgeon Point Regatta events, which included the Running Races and Swimming Races. Unfortunately the canoe races had to be cancelled due to bad weather. We have had great attendance at all of these events, and I believe that they continue to be of significant benefit to our community.

At the AGM I also reported that we are in conversation with the CoKL Public Works Department about road improvements in the Village. We are optimistic and expect to see at least some action in the summer of 2010. While I suspect that the work may take several years, I can tell you that we have the backing of Mayor Ric McGee.

Through discussion at the AGM it was agreed that the community wished to become more acquainted with the various environmental organizations involved in our region. In response to this interest, SPA intends to invite representatives of those groups to an open meeting here at the Point sometime next summer. More information on this gathering will come in the spring.

Much has been accomplished in the last 2 years, and I would like to thank the SPA Boards of 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 for all of their work.

Directors

Three directors have finished their terms and have stepped down. I would like to thank Maureen McKellar, Nelia Steward and Ken Nyhuus for all of their hard work and enthusiasm. The new directors elected are Eric Jordan, Liz Wallis and Ramona Kozak. We welcome them to the fold and look forward to their involvement.

The Board held its first meeting October 11th and determined the various responsibilities as follows:

Lynne Manning	President
Tom Anders	Vice President/ Maintenance
Chris Appleton	Secretary
Colleen Clynch	Treasurer
Victor Isbrucker	Communications
Greg Taylor	Park
Eric Jordan	Public Beach
Ramona Kozak	Upper Wharf
Ed Warlow	Membership and Social
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Liz Wallis	Membership and Social

If you wish to contact SPA or someone on the board one of the best ways to do so is through email. Just send your note to the following address: spa@sturgeonpoint.com

Other News

I am sad to report that Pete Cziracky, our Councillor and good friend passed away in early September. There will be a bye-election sometime in January. More information on this will be forthcoming as we know more. Please check our SPA website to keep up-to date.

Victor Isbrucker has done a lot of work on our website this past year and continues to do more. Please check it to see the latest changes.

Membership

Our membership this year remains a little shy of last year's level. Whether you are new to the community or have been here for generations, we strongly encourage you to become a member of our Association. The Sturgeon Point Association continues its work on behalf of all the residents and cottagers of Sturgeon Point year round. This is made possible, in large part, to the ongoing support its many members provided through annual membership dues and financial donations.

To renew or activate a new membership simply complete a membership form. These are available on the SPA website at <http://www.sturgeonpoint.com>. Navigate to the SPA page, find the link to the membership form and then just print it out. If you don't have access to the internet or you have no printer, no problem. You can request a hardcopy membership form by calling Victor Isbrucker at 887-6221. He'll mail one to you directly or otherwise arrange to get one to you.

There are two options to submit your completed form along with your payment:

1. Deposit it in our green SPA mailbox, which is located on Irene Avenue at the Park at the top of Third Street. No stamp necessary! This box is checked daily by a SPA director.
2. Mail your completed form and cheque to the address indicated on the form.

I hope that everyone has a good winter. We look forward to seeing everyone back next summer.

All the best,

Lynne Manning
President
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