



Sturgeon Point Association

Fall 2006 Newsletter

Greeting to members and friends of SPA.

If you were fortunate enough to be a Sturgeon Point over the Thanksgiving weekend you experienced some of the most beautiful and spectacular weather that we've had this Fall and it couldn't have come a better time. With many of us closing cottages for the season, doing general chores around the house, squeezing in one last round of golf, the kids playing football or other outside games it was a super weekend all around.

Let me give you a brief update on the affairs of SPA and the upcoming municipal election.

The Annual General Meeting of SPA was held on September 3 and the new slate of directors was elected and they are as follows.

**President: Larry Thomas
Vice President: David Agnew
Treasurer: Jill Hunt
Membership: Maureen McKellar
Property Management: Don Holloway
Secretary/Heritage: Nelia Steward
Communications: Jamie Wisener
Director at Large: Ted Graham
Director at Large: Ken Nyhuus**

At the beginning of the year we set a target of 250 for membership. I'm pleased to report that we are currently sitting at 258, an all time high! Many thanks to all of you who have joined/rejoined SPA over the past year (we look forward to you renewing your membership for next year) and congratulations to Maureen McKellar and her team for a job well done.

On the financial side of things we are in very good shape with a current balance of over \$9,000 in the bank plus \$10,000 in a GIC for contingency requirements. This puts us in the best financial position that we've enjoyed in the short history of SPA. In addition to membership dues we've also received over \$1,500 in donations, our appreciation goes out to the many generous contributors from within our membership.

Last month we submitted our comments to the City of Kawartha Lakes regarding the Official Plan. Specific emphasis was placed on maintaining and protecting the historical and unique aspects of Sturgeon Point. The city has confirmed receipt of our submission and will respond to our submission after the election.

As you all know, the municipal election will be held on November 13. In an effort to provide our members the opportunity to meet and hear from the candidates running for mayor and councilor for Ward 7 we held an all-candidates meeting on Saturday October 7 at the Sturgeon Point Union Church. One of the main objectives of holding the meeting was to ensure that Sturgeon Point was squarely on the radar of all the candidates and that when the winners were in office they'd be familiar with the issues that are of concern to Sturgeon Pointers.

David Agnew did an excellent job as moderator, keeping the candidates in check and ensuring there was plenty of time for questions from the floor. Ken Nyhuus took notes from the meeting and they are attached for your information.

I'd also like to thank Patty Aspinwall for organizing the event and most importantly ensuring that we had 100% turnout from the candidates given that there was a competing meeting in Fenelon Falls at the same time as ours. The fact that they all chose to attend our meeting underscores the high regard they have for Sturgeon Point.

Enjoy the rest of the Fall and I'll be touch in due course.

Larry Thomas