



## STURGEON POINT NEWSLETTER, SPRING 2008

Dear Sturgeon Point Members,

Welcome to Spring. We have already had a week of summer up here and we do hope it returns. For those of us here year round, this will be a winter that won't be forgotten. However, the snow is melted, the water is high, the grass is green and the trees are getting their leaves.

As you know from the many letters and emails that you have had, we have had a busy winter at SPA. The Sturgeon Point Park Restoration Committee has made a great deal of progress with the restoration of the Sturgeon Point Park. After working very closely with two prospective equipment suppliers, a proposal was presented and approved by the SPA Board of Directors on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Henderson Recreation Equipment, a Canadian based company with roots in Peterborough, has been selected. Over the course of the next few months the park will undergo its transformation with a grand opening ceremony scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>. With heavy machinery and unsettled lands please use great caution should you be in the area of the park during the construction phase, which is slated to begin May 19<sup>th</sup>. I wanted to recognize the efforts of the Sturgeon Point Park Committee for taking on such a responsibility and representing our community interests so closely. Thank you to Jalyn Anderson, Lisa Vehrs, Debra Taylor, Simon Aspinwall, and Greg Taylor.

Then, starting in January, the Fundraising Committee started its work. Due to the very hard work of Bob Barrett and his committee of Maureen McKeller, Tom Anders and myself, we are moving ahead. We are about 80% of the required amount. We did receive a grant from the City of Kawartha Lakes of \$7,500 and the McLean Foundation. We also need to thank Pete **Cziraky**, our councilor, who helped us work out an arrangement with the City that allows us to donate our money through them and for contributors to get a tax receipt. We had hoped that we would get some Trillium support and some support from our local retailers. However, we were turned down by Trillium and most of the retailers have yet to participate. However, we are continuing to make contacts with our members and friends in order to reach our goals. We hope to have this fund raising completed this summer. **If you haven't donated, but still want to, please send your cheque made out to: CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES – SPA PARK FUND.** This will assure that you get a tax receipt. Please don't put it in as a donation to SPA with your membership fees.

SPA has now turned its attention to the Public Beach and we have formed a committee chaired by Chris Appleton to look at what needs to be done there. We are particularly concerned by the safety of the slide and what steps need to be taken. If you have any suggestions, please let us know, or if you would like to offer to be part of this committee, we would be pleased to have the help.

**SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNED: MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**PARK OPENING - SATURDAY, JUNE 28 AT 12:00 NOON**

**STREET DANCE TO CELEBRATE THE 170<sup>TH</sup> STURGEON POINT REGATTA  
- AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

We have also been trying to get some attention to our roads from the City, but at this moment, we continue to get patching on demand. **REGARDING ROADS, A REMINDER THAT THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE VILLAGE IS 30 KM. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT EVERYONE WALKS ON OUR ROADS AND SAFETY IS AN ISSUE.**

Also, a reminder to keep in touch through the SPA website: [www.sturgeonpoint.com](http://www.sturgeonpoint.com).

We will be looking for new members of the Board of Directors for the Sturgeon Point Association at the Annual General Meeting on Labour Day. If you are interested in getting involved with your friends and neighbours in making this a better community, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing everyone this summer and enjoying our new "Park in the Woods". **REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR SPA MEMBERSHIPS SOON.**

Sincerely,

Lynne Manning  
President  
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