

Couchiching Point Resident's Association Report and News for 2015 to date.

June 6th was the annual yard sale – many of our homes seem to participate and it is a popular event for outsiders. This is also a good opportunity to talk to neighbours. All the advertising for this is done by CPRA.

Mariposa Festival this year appears to have passed without problems. Tony and I did go to the police and talk to them about increasing their presence on the Point during the weekend. This helped during the dark hours.

CPRA Golf Tournament - The golf section had to be cancelled because of rain. However about thirty people enjoyed a sociable cocktail hour and fish dinner. It was great to be able to talk to many of our friends and neighbours. Thanks go to Jennie and Bob Robinson on Stanley Crescent who organized the day this year.

There has been discussion within the board about changing the time of the golf tournament next year. Please let us know whether a June or September tournament would be preferable to a mid summer one?

The Canal Committee is still continuing to control the weeds on the north part of the Dougall Canal and we thank a group of volunteers who help with this every year. A report from the committee chaired by Alex Barnett is attached here to.

The Dougall Canal - is now the official name for the canals. As many of you know it was named by the Mayor in a short ceremony at the beginning of July. This was really nothing to do with the Residents' Association, but a private incentive by my husband Tony. For those who do not know the canal was built by Glen Speer's first husband Bruce Dougall in 1960-65. Cam Dougall who lives on Moberley is his son and helped his Dad in the summer vacations. Glen still lives on the same lot on Broadview.

Ron Vance, with Karen's help, does a stellar job with his lawn mowing and plantings on the approach to the Point. For this a big thank you from everyone, Ron and Karen. Ron also carries buckets of water down for the plants on his truck. It would be fantastic if people on Couchiching Point Road could water them now and again when watering their own front gardens.

History of "The Point"

We have a resident, Alda McMahon at 735 Broadview Avenue, who is interested in gathering up information about the history of Couchiching Point and putting it on a web site. She has started to make a site at www.couchichingpoint.yolasite.com. If you have any historical information, which you think, would be of interest to Alda, could you please contact her at 705-259-0416 or aldamcmahon@rogers.com.

DUES

Your \$5 membership fee for the Couchiching Point Residents' Association is due in September. We have fewer collectors than previous years and are trying to help them out. The dues will be collected at the Fun day on September 12th or you could put yours in o your local collector's mailbox in order to help them.

The following people are collectors for different areas:

Mooney - **Marilyn Gordon, 665 Broadview**

Glen and Dale - **Tom Nichol 683 Glen Cres.**

Moberley, Couch. Pt Rd and 600 -661 Broadview - **Sandy Dougall. 616 Moberley**

726-end of Broadview - **Martha Ewart, 756 Broadview**

662-725 Broadview and Stanley Cres. - **Laurel Fisher,**

N.B. It would really help them if you could put your dues into an envelope and put it in their mailbox. Put the following information on the envelope: Name, address, phone number and EMAIL. Most information is now sent out by email and if we do not have yours you will miss out. So if you have had a change make sure we know.

If you do not have an email address please make arrangements with a neighbor to keep you posted.

Reasons for having dues:

Ongoing:

To pay to have the left hand side of Couchiching Point Road kept cut and landscaped by Ron Vance.

Advertising for the Point Yard Sale.

Hot dogs etc for the September get together.

Mailing and cards etc.

Past expenses:

The construction and maintenance of the sign at the entrance to the Point.

Plant boxes on Couchiching Point Road

Grass cutting and weeding

Past expenses incurred when we have had to be involved with the City, such as getting the traffic lights at the top of Couchiching Point Road.

We need a reserve in case we ever need a lawyer to support us or there is something we need to buy for the Point.

Slate of Officers for 2015-16:

President: Betty Bridgens
Past President: Bill McLeod
Vice President: Ron Vance
Secretary: June Healy
Treasurer: Stephanie Worthington

Directors: Sandy Dougall
Martha Ewart
Laura Fischer
Marilyn Gordon
Tom Nichol

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting. We are always looking for more volunteers and more directors would certainly simplify the work existing directors have to do.

I would like to thank Bill McLeod for the years of dedication he has given to the Residents' Association as President and for all his time trying to get the water levels improved for us. Thank you Bill!

*President – Betty Bridgens
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North Dougall Canal Committee Interim Report:

We finished our first cleanup of the North Dougall Canal on July 22 and we think the canal looks much better for the effort. It should be noted that Nathan (our harvester operator) also cleared a swath out past the canal mouth on the north west side to promote flow. Nate put in well over 10 hours of true cutting time (15+ elapsed time) but has asked to be paid for 9 hours plus $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour to cover his assistant Gord who worked for 8 hours on Tuesday. We think this is more than fair given we have the use of his truck & trailer for 2 days as well.

A special thank you should go out to Phil and Liz at 679 Broadview for once again allowing us use of their dock, which is a perfect offload spot. We (committee) had welcome support from a number of resident volunteers including Steve, Rick, Gus and Brian, most of whom came back the next day to help with two more offloads. Thanks as well to Ron Vance for his truck driving skills & making the arrangements to dump the weeds. We should also thank Craig Musil and Doug Roe, owners of the lot behind Couchiching Inn, for allowing us to dispose of the weeds on their vacant

lot which is a close and convenient location and saves us time by not having to go to the City Landfill.

Thanks as well to all committee members who worked very hard to collect stray debris not captured by the harvester. In total more than 30 volunteer man-hours were expended in that effort alone with another 40+ volunteer hours dedicated to the offload and disposal. We are looking at a possible late summer clean up later in August based on need.

The committee is also met with Ted Emond and Sarah Valiquette our councilors on August 12 to discuss the future of the Dougall Canal and how the City needs to be more involved in maintaining their canal.

Committee members:

Dave Rowswell, Ron Vance, Rob Jones, Alex Barnett

Treasurer's Report prepared for General Meeting September 2015

Bank Account Balance as at September 6, 2014		\$1,889.79
REVENUES:		
Membership Dues Collected for 2014/2015 Season	\$840.00	
Golf Tournament Dues (food only due to poor weather)	\$540.00	
Total Revenues:		\$1,380.00
EXPENSES:		
Grass Cutting for 2014/2015 Season	\$650.00	
Food for 2014 Annual General Meeting	\$29.95	
Street Sale Advertisement (2 days)	\$32.90	
Golf Tournament Fees (food only)	\$518.40	
Bank Charges	\$22.00	
Total Expenses:		\$1,253.25
<u>Bank Account Balance as at September 2, 2015</u>		<u>\$2,016.54</u>

Treasurer – Stephanie Worthington