

Couchiching Point Resident's Association Report and News for Fall 2015 – September 4, 2016

Fall/Early Winter – members of the Board were involved in several meetings and communication with members of the Tudhope Park planning committee and our councilors. At that time it was decided that our future plans would be to monitor progress and then decide appropriate action.

Ongoing - the North Dougall Canal Committee has been working with the City and other environmental departments regarding the weed situation in the water. There is a full report at the end. Please take a few moments to read it. If you have any more questions please bring them on September 10th and someone from the committee will be available to answer questions.

Thank you once again to the committee for a job well done and the hours of work spent for the Dougall canal by Al Barmett, Rob Jones, Dave Roswell, Ron Vance and our councilor Ted Emond. Also all the other volunteers who physically worked on or in the canal to get it to the improved situation it is in now.

June 4th 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 been no problem and was certainly enjoyed by many of our residents as well as well as outsiders.

CPRA Golf Tournament – The golf tournament had to be cancelled for lack of support this year. Thanks go to Bob Robinson for all the work he went to planning the event.

The board is discussing whether we should try a different activity for next year. Ideas would be very welcome and there will be a ideas box at

the annual general meeting / Fun Day on September 10th. Give it some thought and see if you can come up with some ideas.

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. Blake & Darlene Schryer of 396 Couch Pt Rd have been assisting with some boxes – thanks to them too. Any help watering from residents on Couchiching Point Road would be gratefully received.

History of “The Point”

Aldo McMahon has been working hard on the web site:

www.couchichingpoint.yolasite.com.

If you have not looked at it yet, I strongly recommend you to take some time and see what Alda has accomplished so far. It is an amazing undertaking, which tells so much about the growth and history of Couchiching Point.

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. The dues will start to be collected at the Fun day on September 10th.

The directors will be coming around to your door during the next month and if they miss you they will leave an envelope for you to fill in and put into their mail box.

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.

The following people are directors (collectors) for the different streets:

Mooney - **Marilyn Gordon, 665 Broadview**

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

Moberley, Couch. Pt Rd - **Sandy Dougall. 616 Moberley**

601 - 661-Broadview (odd and even) – **Liz Thompson, 681 Broadview**

663 - 725 Broadview (odd and even) and Stanley Cres. - **Laurel Fisher, 685 Broadview**

726-end of Broadview (odd and even) - **Martha Ewart, 756 Broadview**

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 please make sure we know.

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

Slate of Officers for 2016-17:

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 of existing directors.

Report Prepared by: President - Betty Bridgens
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Spetember 4, 2016



Dougall Canal (North) Committee **AGM Report** **2016 the year we got our canal back.**

In the fall of 2015 Dougall North Canal residents, in overwhelming numbers, signed a survey supporting an initiative to control the Eurasian Milfoil that was taking over the north canal. We are happy to report that after a year of meetings, reports, presentations and hard work we were again able to give the north canal a badly needed treatment of an environmentally approved aquatic herbicide to help

control the spread of Eurasian Milfoil that had displaced native aquatic vegetation. This was done by a licensed contractor following City, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and Federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans approval. The result has proven very positive and we now have a beautiful clean, flowing river like setting. Property values are maintained or enhanced, swimming, playing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, and all manner of water enjoyment has improved. Some native aquatic vegetation is apparent and the fishing is better much to the delight of grandkids and adults alike.

The entire Dougall North Canal Committee has been active in the process. Very special acknowledgement is due our Ward 1 councillor Ted Emond who has listened to resident concerns and worked tirelessly to support our request for the City to help and support our concerns. We owe Councillor Emond as well as all Dougall Canal Volunteer Committee members a big thank you.

But the work continues.

Councillor Ted Emond is currently chairing a Working Group (WG) consisting of 2 members of City Council (of which he is one), Dougall North and South Canal resident reps, City staff (Environmental Services Dept./Water Resources) 2 members from Orillia's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and a member of the Severn Sound Environmental Association. This WG is tasked with developing a Long Term Plan (LTP) for management of both north & south sections of the canal. This includes land use abutting the canal, measures to control nutrient loading into the canal and best practices that support the ecological balance of the canal. We are also awaiting the results of the Science Study by Lakehead University that began in early July and runs through September. This will provide detailed science based data on the aquatic environment that will facilitate informed and objective decisions going forward.

Later this fall we will be reporting to all Dougall Canal residents as to progress and to discuss the future long term canal management plan framework.

Prepared by Alex Barnett for Rob Jones, Dave Rowsell, Ron Vance.

**Couchiching Point Residents' Association
Treasurer's Report
Prepared for the Annual General Meeting
September 10,2016**

Opening Bank Balance: **\$2,016.54**

REVENUES:

Membership dues collected for 2015/2016 season: \$812.20

*Note: Social event for 2016 cancelled, therefore no additional source of revenue.

Total Revenue: \$812.20

EXPENSES:

Grass cutting for 2015/16 season \$650

Food for 2015 Annual General Meeting \$150.64

Street Sale advertisement (2 days) \$33.90

Grass seed & fertilizer \$50

Bank charges \$22

Total Expenses: \$906.54

Bank Account Balance as of August 22, 2016 **\$1,922.20**

Prepared by Stephanie Worthington - Treasurer CPRA

Couchiching Point Residents' Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
September 12, 2015

- Residents welcomed by President
- Thanks given to neighbours for offering their properties for our “fun and games” day
- Many thanks to Ron and Karen Vance for co-ordinating the barbeque
- Dues to be collected by Directors
- Check e-mails for all residents
- President introduced the Executive for 2015-016:
 - § President – Betty Bridgens
 - § Vice President – Ron Vance
 - § Treasurer – Stephanie Worthington
 - § Secretary – June Healy
 - § Directors - Martha Ewart - Sandy Dougall - Laurel Fischer - Liz Thompson - Marilyn Gordon - Tom Nichol
- Canal Report – Rob Jones
- Thanks to Bill McLeod for a great job as past president
- Golf tournament to be held in June or September 2016
- Fun time of games organized by Martha Ewart and Sandy Dougall
- No new business at this time A successful day enjoyed by all!

Submitted by June Healy – CPRA Secretary

