

## **Couchiching Point Residents' Association (CPRA)**

**Subject: The 2014 AGM that wasn't.**

Dear Residents,

Unfortunately due to the storm and the aftermath our meeting was cancelled. Some properties in the area took quite a hit with many trees down and homes damaged. We do not plan to schedule another meeting date for this year.

Due to resignations we need a new Vice President and 2 directors. The duties are very light. Time required is limited with 2 meetings annually and some fee collecting on the part of directors. The Vice President would assist the President in handling enquiries from residents and interfacing with local authorities when required. Come on, step up and help your community!! Please contact Betty or myself to volunteer.

In the meantime membership collection will be carried out by those directors who already have their routes assigned and further arrangements will be made ASAP.

The Treasurer's Report shows that we have a bank balance as of Sept. 06. of \$1,889.79 with our major expenses being grass cutting and maintenance along Couchiching Point Road and also the refurbishment of the Sign located there. Ron and Karen Vance are to be congratulated for their outstanding work in this area.

Ron's efforts as the 'Tin Man' performing his collection of metal items, bottles and cans etc. for recycling netted \$2,000.00 which were donated to Charities. Again another outstanding year of hard work by a guy with a big heart, caring for others.

The Golf Tournament was enjoyed by all and placed one hundred dollars into our bank account. Many thanks to the organiser Jenny-May Banks.

Unfortunately 3 gentlemen running for Council, namely Joe Fecht, Donald Porter and Ted Emond were not able to address us due to the cancellation, however there is an All Candidates meeting for Ward One scheduled for the City of Orillia Council Chambers on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm..

An application to proceed with the naming of the Canal was signed by approximately 40 residents; it will be named the Dougall Canal by the City sometime in the weeks ahead.

The meeting cancellation did not allow us to receive an update on Canal activities from Alex Barnett, however it has been forwarded to residents by email. I was unable to address lake water levels although my 'Summary' on the situation was made available to you earlier by e-mail.

Over the past year Karen Vance resigned as treasurer to be replaced by Stephanie Worthington. Ron Vance, Paul Bennett and Joan Baker stepped down as directors. Many thanks go to them for their efforts over the past years. I am also stepping down as President at the end of this calendar year after a 5 year term and Betty Bridgens will replace me. As previously stated we need you to step up and volunteer to join the CPRA Board.

Almost forgot to mention that I was contacted by an official at Orillia Power stating that they would like to discourage people from hanging flower baskets on the hydro poles, although he did not ask that they be taken down. Ivy and clematis climbing the poles is strongly discouraged for safety reasons.

Sorry we could not see you all at the Vance's. We hope you had a lovely summer.

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