

Greater Bob's Lake Landowners Association

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President's Message

Greetings from Bob's Lake!

Despite the wonderful cross-country skiing, it's been a long, cold winter and I'm sure that I'm not alone in looking forward to the coming of spring, let alone imagining summer! Many members of the Board have been actively involved in activities on your behalf throughout the winter months, whether it be here in Ontario or from as far away as Georgia and Florida.

I have had excellent meetings with both the Ministry of Natural Resources and our own Fishing Committee to review plan for the fish restocking program for the upcoming year. Once again, Bobby Greenslade has applied for assistance under CFIP (Community fisheries Involvement Program) and we must now wait and see if funding is forthcoming.

Ministry officials also informed me that Green Bay is now officially a Trout Lake and I have attached some pertinent information regarding this, that I believe you might find interesting.

Early in February, we applied to Bedford Township Council to endorse our application for funding through the Environmental Youth Corps for a sewage system survey. Council did not feel that it could offer its support without an indication of support by the general membership to this initiative. I have described the proposal submitted (Environmental Youth Corps: Sewage System Survey and this issue will be addressed at the Annual General Meeting.

In conclusion, I would draw your attention to a number of articles in this newsletter, including the one dealing with exercising your franchise in the Municipal elections to be held this fall and the EYC: Sewage System Survey. In addition, since a copy of the Treasurer's Report was unavailable at the Annual General Meeting, we have included a financial statement for your perusal at this time.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, July 31, 1994.

Sincerely,

.....Anna Chadwick

Financial Statement Summary

As at December 31, 1993

Assets	
Bank	\$7,266
Prepaid expenses	\$1,826
Equip & misc	\$ 527
Liabilities	\$ 0
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Association Equity	\$9,619
Revenue	\$10,383
Expenses	
Printing & postage	\$1,528
Annual Meeting	\$ 267
Insurance	\$ 734
Membership	\$ 217
Misc	\$2,200
Net Project Costs	\$4,145
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Net Revenue	\$1,272

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The Year of the Hawk

Alfred Pick

The Chinese have just been marking or celebrating the Year of the Cock; for me it has been the Year of the Hawk.

We are all familiar with the high-flying birds that turn out to be turkey vultures or ospreys or even seagulls. The hawks are more varied, seem to fly higher and are more difficult to identify by shape or sound. The most common is the Red-tailed which shows its colour (if mature) when it tilts or soars. This year we have had three hawks on the peninsula between Green Bay and the West or Main Basin of Bob's Lake.

1. The Nesting Red-Shouldered Hawk

Again, the pair of red-shouldered hawks was nesting in 1993 in their high nest in a crotch of a big beech tree. They obviously came in early in the season and were noisily re-furbishing their bulky nest of sticks, soaring about and giving their loud cry of kee-yer (similar to that of the Red-tailed). We later had three young ones on the nest and gradually they took flight after walking about the periphery of the nest for some days. The nestling period is said to be 5 to 6 weeks. We do not know whether they all survived the perils of childhood.

A pair of Red-shouldered stays together and often re-uses the same nest from year to year, adding a few sticks and especially some camouflaging green foliage. We expect them back next year.

2. The Banded Sharp-shinned Hawk

Early in May we found a dead Sharp-shinned that must have struck a cottage window in its hot pursuit of little birds. This beautiful creature had to be either a large female "Sharp" or a small Cooper's Hawk. In the case of some hawks and owls, the female is larger than the male. The Cooper's has a tail that is slightly rounded at the end while the somewhat smaller Sharp-shinned has a tail that is straight across or more square-ended.

The most exciting feature was the aluminum band on a leg marked "AVISE Bird Band" and nine digits. It said, vaguely, "Write Wash D.C. U.S.A."

Back in Ottawa, we had quite a run-around starting with the National Museum of Nature and ending with an office of the Canadian Wildlife Service in Hull, where they were interested and competent. The details were taken and I was told I would receive a certificate from Washington in a few weeks! This Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service came in due course, thanking me for the feedback.

The person on the phone in Hull had said that she would check her data bank, and after a few moments told me that the bird was banded at Holiday Beach in Essex County (Windsor) on October 6, 1991, and that it was a second-year female Sharp-shinned. The certificate said it was hatched in 1990.

These hawks, among others, gather in spectacular numbers on our side of the Great Lakes in the autumn on their migration south for the winter. I have since learned that there is regular banding at Holiday Beach.

3. The Neighbouring Broad-winged Hawk

In late July and early August we had a more-or-less resident Broad-winged. This is a medium-sized stocky hawk, sometimes called the "butter-ball," that is not easily frightened. It sat in tall trees looking down at open spaces such as roadways and the Hydro right-of-way. This hawk, unlike some other species, is interested in small rodents such as mice and large insects, rather than songbirds.

Its call, repeated regularly, was a loud shrill pewee (two notes), somewhat diminuendo, a little like the call of the Eastern Wood Pewee — though higher and sharper.

The Broad-winged also migrates in the autumn in large flocks, gathering at favourite places on the north shore of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario before taking off south when the

Preserving Our Lakes

The Bedford Lakes Committee of the Township of Bedford cordially invites you to attend their second annual public event at which a group of experts will be available with their displays to answer your questions one-on-one on the present and future quality of the lakes in Bedford.

This group will include representatives of the three local conservation authorities, the Ontario MOE and MNR, the Health Unit, the local council, the Federation of Cottagers' Association, MAPLE, the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department and many more.

If you have questions about water quality, sewage treatment, fish management, or shoreline restoration, please join us.

The Place: Bedford Community Hall
 The Date: Saturday, June 11, 1994
 The Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 PM

A telephone call to (613) 374-2066 indicating your interest in attending will help us with our planning.

Environmental Youth Corps: Sewage System Survey

Anna Chadwick

Although we did not receive Council endorsement and thereby were unable to proceed with plans for this summer, we would like to reapply for funding to the Environmental Youth Corps to conduct a Sewage System Survey/Educational Program on Bob's Lake for the summer of 1994-95 and 1995-96. As you are aware, government support and funding for these projects is disappearing at an alarming rate and we can only hope that it is still in place in 1993-94.

If you support the project outlined below, we would ask for your endorsement at the Annual General Meeting in order to indicate to Council that we feel strongly about the water quality of our lake and that we are prepared to share our concerns and beliefs with all lake residents.

Outline of Submission

Rationale:

Secchi disk testing, which has been conducted by GBLLA volunteers over the course of a number of years and the phosphorous study funded by the Association and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority in the summer of 1993, indicate that phosphorous and nutrient loading is above desirable levels in certain areas of the lake.

Some factors which contribute to phosphorous-loading occur naturally and are beyond our control. Others however, such as shoreline restoration, adequate sewage disposal systems (including grey water control), and shoreline erosion due to boat wake, are a matter of personal control and responsibility.

Since Greater Bob's Lake is extremely large and heavily-populated, reaching all residents is a daunting and impossible task without assistance. Hiring staff, trained by the Ministry of Energy and Environment and/or Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, would ensure that the majority of cottage, resort and homeowners could be contacted regarding issues related to water quality and sewage systems over the course of two summers.

Procedure:

The staff hired would be trained and the project work directed by either the Ministry of Environment and energy and/or the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

Four field workers would attempt to contact all cottage/resort/home owners to:

- offer the opportunity to participate in a voluntary sewage system survey;

- offer suggestions re improvements which might be considered, or in event of serious problems, should be undertaken;
- provide information regarding:
 - shoreline restoration
 - use of environmentally friendly products
 - composting
 - available services; e.g., MAPLE, RVCA
- report back to the program co-ordinator

Follow-up:

A report would be prepared and distributed to all participating agencies, Township of Bedford, and all interested participants, in addition to being included in the GBLLA newsletter.

We would like to stress that change is a process, not an event and an undertaking such as this won't address all the issues regarding water quality on Bob's Lake. However, personal contact serves to heighten awareness, provides meaningful information, and encourages individuals to assume an active role in preserving our lake.

We look forward to your comments and support at the Annual General Meeting!

Bedford Lakes Committee

Anna Chadwick

I have continued to attend meetings of the Bedford Lakes Committee chaired by Councillor Roxanne Greenslade. You will find enclosed a copy of the informational pamphlet that we have developed and hope to circulate not only to all taxpayers in Bedford Township, but to prospective landowners. We hope that by being informed, individuals may be saved costly and unpleasant surprises when they plan to build or develop their property.

Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee, is most welcome and should contact Councillor Greenslade through the Bedford Township Offices.

Please note that this committee will be hosting its Second Annual Meeting on *Saturday, June 1, 1994* (10:00 am to 2:00 PM) at the Bedford Township Hall.

Membership

Anna Chadwick

We have had an excellent response to our membership drive this year and currently have over 200 active members. We encourage you to spread the word about the Association and if any of your neighbours at the lake have changed their permanent address, do ask them to let us know. Each year, a number of newsletters are returned due to incorrect addresses and we certainly hate to lose contact with our members.

M.A.P.L.E. Shoreline Restoration Program

What is it?

A *cost-free*, shelf-help program to assist lakeshore owners to restore natural vegetation of the shoreline.

Why?

Shoreline restoration is essential to maintain the natural balance of all lakes, thereby:

- curbing erosion
- preventing overfertilization
- preventing excessive warming of lake water
- protecting the ecological balance
- providing scenic beauty

How?

By planting shrubs common to eastern Ontario on a 10 metre band inland from highwater mark of the lake.

How you can become involved:

1. *June 4, 1994* has been set as the planting date for our area.
2. If you wish to order cuttings or require information contact Ed Villeneuve (613) 264-0614 to arrange the pick-up time and location.
3. If you can assist with spring planting day at the Christie Lake Boys' Camp on May 14, 1994, call Ed for further information.

Inland Lake Trout Management in Southeastern Ontario

Published by the Ministry of the Environment (Southeastern Region) and Ministry of Natural Resources (Southern Region)

Water Quality Summary

Surveys of Bobs Lake (Green Bay) reveal good water quality conditions for lake trout. Average chlorophyll levels are consistently low. Temperature and oxygen profiles indicate optimal lake trout habitat is present throughout the stratified season. The lake trout habitat model predicts the Bobs Lake (Green Bay) is highly sensitive to loss of the remaining optimal lake trout habitat as a result of additional nutrient loadings.

Fisheries

Major Sport Species: Lake trout, walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, lake whitefish

Lake Trout Origin: Native

Lake Trout Potential Annual Yield: 555.2 kg or 0.73 kg/ha

Lake Trout Reproduction: Limited natural reproduction (holding basin)

Stress Factors: Nutrient enrichment, habitat loss

Creel Information:

Estimated Lake Trout Fishing Pressure:

1989 (Mar. 11-31):	74.7 Angler Hours
1990 (Mar. 10-31):	97.6 Angler Hours
1991 (Mar. 9-30):	100.6 Angler Hours
1991 (May 19-Sept. 8):	758.8 Angler Hours
1992 (Mar. 14-31):	283.2 Angler Hours

Fisheries Summary

Water levels are regulated by Environment Canada, Parks Service (Rideau Canal).

Bobs Lake (Green Bay) presently supports a remnant lake trout population with extremely low levels of natural reproduction. For the past several years Green Bay has been planted with F1 splake.

Future management efforts will be initiated to rehabilitate the remnant lake trout population. This will involve stocking yearling lake trout in an effort to rebuild a naturally

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re-producing lake trout population. Plantings of F1 splake will be discontinued immediately.

Every effort should be direct to protecting existing habitat and restoring degraded habitat. Future programs should also be initiated to increase information on the lake trout fishery and the success of rehabilitative stocking programs.

Important Notice About Voting By Proxy In Forthcoming Municipal Elections

Municipal Elections in Ontario take place on Monday, November 14, 1994. Polling hours are between 10 AM and 8 PM. Two mandatory advance polls will be held on Saturday, November 5 and Wednesday, November 9 (same hours). If you are eligible to vote, but cannot do so on any of these dates, you may vote by proxy. The procedure is as follows: after the closing date for nominations — October 14 — obtain form the municipality township offices the form permitting you to assign your proxy. At any time after you have completed the form, your assigned proxy may present it at the township offices for certification and the proxy must complete a declaration at this time. For the convenience of the proxy, the visit to the township office may also be done on any of the polling days up to the close of business (5:00 PM). Note that a person may act as proxy for only one other person, except in the case of family, where a person may act as proxy for a spouse and any or all children, parents and grandparents. Note also that the proxy must be an elector within the township in which the proxy is exercised.

REMINDER:

Greater Bob's Lake Landowners Association

Annual General Meeting

JULY 31, 1994

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Greater Bob's Lake Landowners Association

Membership Application

Name _____

Summer Address _____

Lot and Concession No. _____

Telephone _____

Winter Address _____

Telephone _____

Enclosed is \$25.00 in dues _____

Additional Donation:

Lake Preservation Fund _____

Emergency Equipment _____

General Fund _____

Fish Stocking _____

Total _____

Please remit funds to the Greater Bob's Lake Landowners Association, care of:

c/o The Burrige Store
RR #2
Godfrey, Ontario
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***Committed to the preservation of the lakes, lands and wildlife of the
Greater Bob's Lake area***