



# Buckhorn Lake Estates Community Association

## NEWSLETTER

FALL 2022

### Update from Board of Directors

As summer turns to fall and the boating season draws to an end, it is timely for an update from the BLECA Board of Directors. Generally, 2022 has been a fairly quiet year with few issues for the Board to deal with. This is an election year so depending on the outcome there may be a change in Board membership. We hope to see you at the Fall GM on October 1.

1. **Membership of Board of Directors.** Current members: President: Martyn Obbard, Treasurer: Gabe Korda, Directors at Large: Richard Boire, Bob Brown, Leigh McGregor. Social Convenor: Ash Kaushik; Webmaster: Adam Woodhouse.
2. **Mandate of Board of Directors.** The mandate of Buckhorn Lake Estates Community Association and therefore that of the Board of Directors is three-fold: 1. To promote and represent the Community with regard to the municipal water system, 2. To promote and represent the Community with regard to the Boat Access Area and Member Docks, and 3. To represent the concerns of the community to various governing bodies such as local Township, Provincial and Federal Governments
3. **Election Year.** Those who serve on the Board of Directors are elected for 2-year terms. The current board was elected at the Fall GM in 2020; therefore, the term of the current board ends this fall and 2022 is an election year. Nomination forms were distributed to the membership on August 23, 2022. Voting, if necessary, will occur at the Fall General Meeting.
4. **Fall General Meeting.** The Fall GM will be held on Saturday, October 1 2022 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Pavilion. An agenda will be distributed in advance of the meeting.
5. **Summer Golf Tournament.** A successful tournament was held on Saturday June 25 at the Tamarac Golf and Country Club in Ennismore. Again this year, the event was organized on behalf of BLECA by Craig Barry. We thank him for his efforts!
6. **Weed Harvesting.** Weed harvesting was conducted on Saturday, July 9. CleanLake operated two mechanical harvesters this year which made things go faster and more efficiently. In addition, several people in waders pitched in and removed large areas of cattails along the shoreline. Bob Brown did most of the heavy lifting in organizing and directing volunteers and we thank him for his efforts for yet another year. The volunteers enjoyed lunch prepared by Ash and Irmgard Kaushik. Thanks to all who volunteered their

time, and special thanks to Steve Crowley and Alex Hanufer for donating their time and equipment without which the job would be much more difficult.

7. **Dogs.** By our count there are about 40 dogs in the community. As such, it is gratifying to see that our roadsides are as clean as they are. Most dog owners show respect for their neighbours, adhere to the Township By-law, and clean up after their dog. Unfortunately, a few dog owners still do not clean up after their dog. The Board appeals to them, once again, to respect their neighbours and adhere to the Township By-law by picking up after their dog.
8. **Waterfront Issues.**
  - a. We continue to have occasional issues at the waterfront with the gate being left wide open and the area unattended. Please remember to lock up the gate after use to help protect everyone's assets.
  - b. A disappointing incident was the vandalism of the portable toilet at the water treatment plant. Following the rejection in our winter survey of the proposal for BLECA to position its own portable toilet at the waterfront, the Board had negotiated use of the OCWA unit, provided we placed signage asking people not to deposit garbage (primarily dog poop bags) in the unit and providing that people honoured that request. This arrangement worked well until late August when a person or persons unknown left a disgusting mess in the unit (feces on the floor and used toilet paper), which prompted OCWA to indicate that the unit would be locked in the future to ensure cleanliness for their staff.
  - c. The most alarming incident was the apparent theft of a paddle boat that was moored with permission at dock 1R. This was a new boat that the owners had only had the chance to use twice before it disappeared on or about August 10. If you have any information on this incident please reply to [info@buckhornlakeestates.ca](mailto:info@buckhornlakeestates.ca)

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