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Municipal Election - October 2010

Municipal elections are being held across Ontario on October 25th, 2010. This bulletin is intended to help you understand the process, and to encourage you to participate.

Who Can Vote?

If you are a Canadian citizen, and you own property in Ontario, you can vote in these elections.

Whether you are a permanent resident of South Frontenac Township, or merely own property here, and live elsewhere, you have the right to vote.

That means that you (and your spouse) can vote twice - both 'at home' and at the cottage.

During the second week of October, the municipality will be sending out voters' packages to everyone who is listed on the voters list.

How and When Can You Vote?

All voting in our township will be done by phone or by email. This method has been adopted partly to accommodate landowners (typically cottagers) whose permanent homes are outside the township – you don't need to come all the way here to a polling station.

Eligibility to Vote

The specific eligibility criteria from the Ontario government website are:

A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality, if on voting day he or she is:

- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years old;
- residing in the local municipality or an owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
- not otherwise prohibited from voting.

In your voters package will be the phone number and email address as well as your personal PIN identification. Voting will take place for 8 days, up to October 25th at 8pm.

If you don't receive your package by October 15, or you want to find out more information, you can call or email the municipality at:

1-800-559-5862

elections@township.southfrontenac.on.ca

Who Can You Vote For?

The FIMLA area is in two of the township's districts – Portland and Loughborough. Depending on where your property is, you can vote for the candidates of that district. You can also vote for the mayor and the relevant school trustee.

The Candidates are:

For Mayor:

- Gary Davison (incumbent)
- John Filion

Loughborough District Councillors (2 positions):

- Allan McPhail (incumbent)
- Ron Vanderwal (Incumbent)
- Randy Ferguson
- Fran Willes

Portland District Councillors (2 positions):

- Jim Hicks (Incumbent)
- Bill Robinson (Incumbent)
- John McDougall (FIMLA member)
- Doug Lovegrove

If you would like any additional information, you may find it on the township's website:

www.township.southfrontenac.on.ca

FIMLA 2010 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of FIMLA took place on August 1st, 2010, hosted at 1022 Little Deer Lane. Over 50 members attended.

FIMLA President, Gord Rodgers, welcomed everybody, including Ron Vanderwal, Councillor for Loughborough, and FIMLA member, John McDougall, who is standing as a candidate for Portland District Councillor in the upcoming Township elections.

To celebrate completion of

the Lake Stewardship Plan, a short business meeting was followed by a social event. Gord thanked Elaine Aronson and Cynthia Cole for hosting the meeting and the celebration to follow.

Secretary's Report

Elaine St John, Secretary, reviewed the August 2nd, 2009 minutes, which were unanimously approved as a correct record.

Treasurer's Report

Rod Harris-Lowe, Treasurer, reported that the Association had

51 paid up members at the end of July, 2010. From an initial balance of \$8,446.47 on August 3rd, 2009, he reported expenditure over the year of \$4,907.14. Income from revenues and grants of \$3,183.98, resulted in a balance of \$6,723.31 on August 1st, 2010.

2010-11 Budget

A Budget was submitted proposing expenditure of \$5,000 on Lake Stewardship Plan actions. With anticipated revenue of \$2,800 in the upcoming year, net assets of \$4,500 were forecast for July 2011.

A motion for acceptance of the financial report and budget proposals was seconded and carried, all in favour.

Election of Officers

In the absence of any other nominations by the July 19th deadline, all executive members, except for Rod Harris-Lowe, Treasurer, indicated they were willing to stand for another two years. Elaine St John agreed to double up the role of Treasurer and Secretary.

Gord thanked Rod for his diligence in the last five years at managing the funds, and for all his work on behalf of FIMLA.

A vote was held by a show of hands and the executive were duly elected for another 2 year term as follows:

- President:** Gord Rodgers
- Vice President:** Brett Dark
- Past President:** Anne Tucker
- Sec./Treasurer:** Elaine St John
- Lake Steward:** Peter Peart
- Communications:** Robert Powell

Lake Plan Update

Chair of the Lake Planning Committee, Brett Dark, summarized the activities of the Lake Planning Committee over the last 3 years, and specifically recognized Gord Rodgers, for his

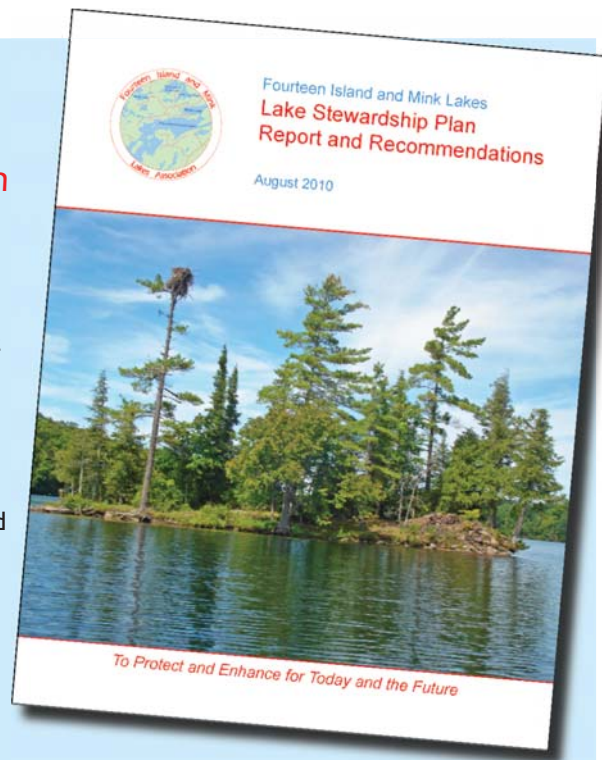
Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes

Lake Stewardship Plan

Based on the summary approved by FIMLA members at the 2009 AGM, the full version of the Lake Stewardship Plan was launched at the FIMLA AGM in August 2010.

The final plan is a full colour, illustrated, perfect bound book, comprising 90 pages, available to FIMLA members at the subsidized price of just \$10. Order it today.

Get your copy today using the order form below.



FIMLA Lake Plan Order Form

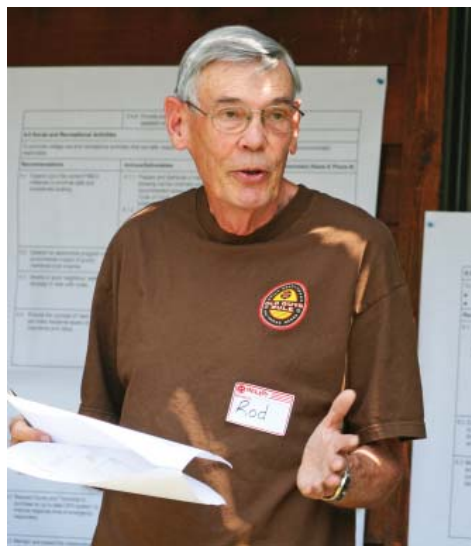
Please photocopy, complete and return this order form with payment to: The Treasurer, FIMLA, Box 105, Hartington, Ontario, K0H 1W0

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Please reserve for me:	Qty	Price	Total
The FIMLA Lake Plan Book	_____	\$10.00	_____
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dedication to the lake planning process and the expertise he brought to the task.

Gord stressed that the plan was a 'living document' and invited members to volunteer to help with implementing the action plan items in the Lake Stewardship Plan document.

He then thanked the Lake Plan Committee for their work and presented them with special FIMLA commemorative, travel mugs.



▲ Outgoing FIMLA Treasurer, Rod Harris-Lowe, at the 2010 AGM.

Water Testing

Over the last two years work has been carried out with the Ministry of the Environment to provide water quality data for all five lakes. Brett thanked the following volunteers, who had collected water samples on a monthly basis for this program:

I4 Island - Peter Peart/Brett Dark

Mink - Bob Carr

Little John and Little John's

Sister - Peter Bedoukian

Buffy - Rita Welch

Fishery Update

Work to improve walleye spawning in Fourteen Island Lake, was planned for mid August. Peter Peart had obtained approval from

MNR (along with funding support) and Quinte Conservation to rehabilitate an old spawning area in the creek that runs from Cranberry Lake into Fourteen Island Lake. Mrs Isabel McLeod, on whose property the creek runs, was thanked for permitting MNR and volunteers to proceed with the placement of rock in this spawning bed.

Water Level of Lakes

In response to concern raised about the water level of the lakes, it was pointed out that one action point in the Lake Stewardship Plan is to get further input from the 'experts', so that the Lake Association can make an informed decision on this matter.

Trousdale Boat Launch

Gratitude was expressed for the Trousdales' co-operation on allowing twice yearly access to the boat launch on Fourteen Island Lake. Further discussions with the Trousdales will occur to see what plans for improving the boat launch might be appropriate this autumn

Meeting Closed at 2:30

The social event then got underway, with thanks to Elaine Aronson, Sandra Barrie, Cynthia Cole, Grace D'Alo, Lori Dark, Suzie Labonne, Barb Rodgers, Elaine St John, Anne Tucker, and Glenda Turner, who provided food and beverages.

Lake Plan Sales

Copies of the Lake Stewardship Plan were available at the meeting for those who had ordered copies, and for purchase. ■

2010 AGM Minutes

Full minutes of the 2010 AGM are posted on the web at:

www.FIMLA.org

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Reminder

FIMLA Membership

For those of you who haven't paid your dues for 2010-11, please make out a cheque for \$25 to:

'Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Association' or FIMLA

and send it to:

The Treasurer, Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Association, Box 105, Hartington, Ontario, K0H 1W0

Cranberry Rocks

Over a hot, humid week in mid-August, Lake Steward, Peter Peart, and his team of volunteers assisted by three MNR students, completed the restoration of an old pickerel spawning ground that thrived years ago in the stream connecting Cranberry Lake to Fourteen Island Lake.

With the full cooperation of Isabel McLeod whose land this stream flows through, and advice/permission of both MNR and Quinte Conservation, the 12" culvert that allows the stream to pass under her road was replaced and upgraded with one 48" in diameter.

Then the real back-breaking work started - transporting and placing eighteen tonnes of river rock on to the stream bed from this culvert to the exit point into the lake.

After many years, it is hoped that next spring the pickerel will have access to the stream and find protective rocks behind which they'll deposit their eggs, and that the resulting fry will find refuge as they grow.



▲ MNR crew, Brad Immerseel, Lindsay Brown and Andrew Meiklejohn placing rocks on the stream bed.



▲ Peter, Rob McBride and Kirk Halladay load up Gord's trailer with another load of rocks for transporting to the stream bed.

FIMLA Website Makeover

Following publication of the Lake Stewardship plan the FIMLA website has been re-vamped and a new 'Stewardship' section added. Here you will find the FIMLA action plan and further information about implementing the Lake Stewardship Plan.

As proposed in the report, material uploaded includes species lists of the plants and animals found locally for FIMLA residents to update with their own observations, to help create a more detailed and comprehensive list of the diverse populations of wildlife that inhabit this area. To find out how you can help achieve the goal and objectives of the plan go to www.FIMLA.org.