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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARLIN HORST

**W**elcome to another addition of the Baptiste Lake Association Newsletter. As I write this there is still snow on the ground, and the ice on the lake is almost 3 feet thick. Hopefully as you are reading this the ice is gone and there are leaves on the trees.

We are looking forward to an exciting season of activities and hope that each and every one of you will participate in some or all of the activities. Please keep an eye on the website for updates on activities.

Before looking forward we should look back and see what the association has been up to since the last newsletter. As you know, the BLA



does not sponsor any activities in the winter but that does not mean the board is inactive. As many of you know the dead of winter saw a proposal by Armatec Survivability to develop a military testing site next to Benoir and Elephant Lakes. While this is in a different municipality, it could directly affect Baptiste Lake as we are downstream from the proposed development. We submitted an objection to the proposal. A copy of our letter of objection is available on the website. At the time of writing this the proposal was rejected by the municipality, but we are unsure if this will be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. Any input you may have is much appreciated.

The first event planned for this season is the Spring Opening event. This year we are changing it up a little. The event will be a pre-dinner event, held from 4:30 to 6:30 at Birch Cliff Lodge. There will be wine and beer and appetizers. Please join us to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. New residents of the lake are particularly invited. Come and get to know your new neighbours.

Unfortunately we will be unable to hold a music festival this year. We were unable to secure a location for the event and consequently we have decided not to have a music festival this year. A

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special thank you to Mike Moxan for all of his hard work over the past few years.

While we may be losing the music festival this year we are planning on holding a regatta in August. The details are still being finalized but more information will be available at the Spring Event and of course on our website. It promises to be a fun event for the whole family.

We will also be holding our Closing Event on Labour Day weekend at Camp Ponacka. Further details will become available throughout the summer. Please plan to attend this event which is traditionally one of the largest events of the season.

In addition to social activities the BLA continues to work towards implementing the Lake Plan. David Hawkes has been tireless in organizing this as Lake Plan Implementation Coordinator. The Lake Plan is a living document and we must continue to build on and implement its recommendations to ensure that the objectives of the residents, both permanent and seasonal, as set out in the Lake Plan, are achieved. This can only be achieved by volunteers and if David calls upon you I would hope that you would answer the call and do your part to help with Lake Plan implementation. If you would like to help, in no matter how small a way, I would encourage to you

contact David and let him know that you are willing to volunteer. The more people who volunteer, the easier it will be for all.

As many of you know this year is a municipal election year. Elections for the Mayor and Council for Hastings Highlands will take place in October. Elsewhere in this newsletter are details of the vote and who is eligible to vote. Many of you may be surprised that you are entitled to vote. I would encourage each of you who is able to vote to cast a ballot. It is at the ballot box that you can most influence the municipality. Please get to know the candidates and what they stand for so that you can make an educated decision at voting time.

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# A GEM AMONGST US

BY MARGOT CURRIE

**F**or most of those residents of Ponacka Road or Forest View Road, trips around HWY 648 Loop Road north of Highland Grove are common. I would like to tell you about a gem of a place in Harcourt, that you might easily miss, but you shouldn't. It is Cottage Hill Furniture. Take some time and look them up this summer. Better yet, drop in and meet them and get a good look at the fine work they are crafting.

Late this past March, I had the pleasure of meeting up with Willy and Patti Ewaschuk, owners of Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets Inc., and long-time advertisers with the Baptiste Lake Association newsletters.

A graduate of the Ontario College of Art in Industrial Design, Willy's initial experience working with wood started when he was 14 years of age. For six summers, he worked with a German wooden boat builder in St. Catharine's.

Willy spent 18 years working for Nienkamper in Toronto, beginning in 1986. At Nienkamper, Willy was in charge of Product Development for chairs, as well as a Production Technician. Before he left the

company, he was in charge of the plant. It was at Nienkamper that he met Patti. Patti was a Production Coordinator.

After 18 years, they were ready for a change and began looking for a cottage in the Peterborough area. In 2003, they purchased a partially complete cottage in the Wilberforce area. Once the cottage was completed, it became home.

The showroom and workshop on Loop Road in Harcourt came first. The Haliburton store on Highland Street opened in July 2013, and they had the official opening in mid-August. Patti oversees the showroom in Haliburton.

Cottage Hill Furniture creates everything from individual pieces of furniture, one of a kind doors to complete kitchens, bathroom vanities, built-in cabinets and closets. The bulk of their business are kitchens and bathrooms. Their work often brings them south. Usually it is the result of work they have

done at cottages for clients. All the work is done in the shop in Harcourt.

When asked which woods they enjoy

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Willy and Patti Ewaschuk

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# NEWS FROM HASTINGS HIGHLANDS

BY LORRAINE FELL

**W**ow, what a winter! Two years ago on March 26, the ice was out! The best we can hope for this year is a “slow melt” leading to “ice out” in May?

Hastings Highlands (HH) has been very busy the past six months handling organizational changes. CAO/Treasurer Davidson has left HH. In the interim, a cost saving measure was proposed to hire consultant Steve Silver temporarily, to work part-time with council and staff to complete the needed changes. On his advice, we are in the process of hiring a new treasurer.

At this time, with competent senior staff Dave Robb, an experienced manager in charge of Operations, plus CBO Frank Mills, a former CAO/Treasurer and currently appointed Interim Treasurer, a majority of council and staff feel we have turned the corner. We are confident of moving forward with the business of municipality, until a new council takes the reins



after elections on October 27, 2014.

Again, voting will be by mail-in ballot. This method gives all eligible voters an equal opportunity to cast their vote. In the best interest of residents, all qualified voters are encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote for the candidate(s) of their choice.

In this election, you can choose to vote for two councillors in Herschel Ward, plus a Mayor. The new council will select one of its members to act as Deputy Mayor. This will leave HH Council with seven elected members, instead of eight. You will be notified of a few other changes to help ensure that each qualified voter's name and address appears on the voters list, so that all eligible voters will receive the mail-in ballot.

Since Mayor Emond resigned during this term, council has been trying to complete certain projects still pending. Delays due to opposition from Papineau Lake residents caused council to research a number of additional sites for septage disposal. The Little Papineau Lake Waste Site

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# A NEW BUILDING FOR THE BANCROFT FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

By Adrian Hill, BFHT Board Member & BLA Board Member

**T**he Bancroft Family Health Team's new building opened in December after ten months of construction and a year of careful planning and consultation by the BFHT Board and the civic commitment and leadership of a group of local developers. The new Health Centre on Oak Street provides spacious, modern medical offices and examining and treatment rooms to help the BFHT physicians and staff provide excellence in health care to more than 80% of all rostered patients in the immediate area.

Sandra McGrath, BFHT Managing Director said, "We had outgrown our Billa Street premises long ago and we knew we needed new space to service and treat our large patient load and to accommodate our new physicians. Two new doctors joined us recently, including Dr Melissa Fransky, and a third new physician came in December. As our new physicians arrived, BFHT will be treating more and more patients and we hope to expand our services and our after hour and weekend clinics which the town desperately needs and the Health Ministry is demanding."

The Bancroft Family Health Team Practice model is crucial to seniors as well as new families with children. This family approach to health care is backed up by the local Bancroft

hospital. The BFHT patient count is expanding quickly with those three new physicians and we expect to reach 10,000 patients soon.

Our BFH Team includes Registered Nurses, front line staff, a Respiralogist, and together they provide many services: a Blood Pressure Clinic, Diabetes Clinic, Chronic Disease Management including hypertension and smoking cessation, Respiratory Therapy Clinic, and a Chronic Pain Clinic. The Registered Dietician offers a full range services, crucial in a town like Bancroft. Our Nurse Practitioner is both very experienced and very popular – she offers many services including a Woman's Health Care Clinic. A social worker and psychologist offer counselling, chronic pain support and therapy, advocacy, and facilitate a meditation group. New baby services and breastfeeding support are always busy. A Chiropodist sees patients weekly and the Nursing Foot Care program offers crucial support to high risk seniors and diabetics. A Chiropodist sees patients weekly and the Nursing Foot Care program offers crucial support to seniors and diabetics.

The Chronic Pain Clinic has partnered with Bancroft Fitness in L'Amable for patients to have access to exercise equipment and programs. Seven, soon to be eight, physicians are

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# **EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON OCTOBER 27, 2014**

The BLA encourages all eligible voters to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming municipal elections for the Municipality of Hastings Highlands

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?**

If you are a Canadian citizen over the age of 18 and you are resident, or you own property, in the municipality you are entitled to vote.

Please note that if you are a seasonal resident, you can vote in your home municipality and in Hastings Highlands if you or your spouse own property in Hastings Highlands.

The municipality is required to publish a voters list no later than September 2, 2014.

Please ensure you are on the voters list if you are entitled to vote. You are not required to be physically present on election day to cast your ballot. In the past, the municipality has accepted ballots by mail and is required to provide for alternative voting methods.

## **WHO SHOULD I VOTE FOR?**

The BLA will not be endorsing any particular candidates. We encourage each voter to learn what each candidate stands for and vote accordingly. Your residence in Hasting Highlands is a significant investment. What happens in the municipality is of great concern. Make sure your voice is heard.

## **WHY SHOULD I VOTE?**

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became the only viable alternative, with further testing required to determine if prerequisites will meet the ideal conditions identified at the Papineau Lake Waste Site. We expect the time frame needed for added tests with MOE approvals will not allow completion of this project in this term.

I am optimistic that our initiative to implement a Secondary Plan for Bird's Creek may be successful – to allow growth and development to occur in the area. We have been most fortunate to realize astounding new assessment growth in HH, totalling \$9.7 million in 2013. When buildings are completed, this will amount to \$50,000 in new tax revenue. As well, new development permits issued to date are up

from last year. This bodes well for future growth in HH, especially if the plan for Bird's Creek is approved. In addition, NH municipalities will be meeting shortly with Hastings County to explore possibilities to allow rural growth to occur with “wording” changes in the County Official Plan.

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## CORRECTION FOR SIDE WHEELER

BY BARRY MARTIN

**W**ith reference to the article in the Fall 2013 Baptiste Lake Association newsletter “Refuge: A short history of Herbert H.M. Alp”, I would like to point out some historic incorrect items that were written about, namely the “alligator” boat on Baptiste Lake.

Recently, there have been some references made in writings of the history of the Martin Brothers Lumber Company's barge that pulled logs from the upper reaches of Baptiste Lake and Benoir Lake, (not up and down the lake) down to the sawmill on Hughes Road, which today is known as Marina Road. Several of these writings refer to this boat as the “alligator”. As things happen, if not corrected, some terms unfortunately become historic fact. I would like to set the record straight.

The barge was built by my father Whitney Martin, owner of Martin Brothers Lumber Company. It was built in the early 1940's as a replacement for a much older steam operated barge known as the “beaver”. The latter was operating in the 1920's according to a photo I have of it, by the Bailey Jennings Lumber

Company, but not for “six decades” prior to as was written.

The newer boat was driven by a bulldozer (a Heil Cletrac), which was driven onto the oak plank hull each spring, after working in the bush all winter building roads, etc. The tracks were removed and the rear sprockets hooked up to large paddle wheels on either side of the boat, thus the name “Side Wheeler”. It was called by this name for as long as our family members can remember, and by the company, its employees, and most everyone in the Baptiste/Bancroft area. It was never know as an “alligator”.

Technically, the boat was diesel driven, had two 8ft plus paddle wheels, and two long rudders out the back. There was a cabin near the front which housed the large steering wheel as on large ships, a sleeping bunk, and a table for eating. Behind the cabin were many 45 gallon drums to hold the diesel oil, with the bulldozer behind. The approximate dimensions were 16 feet wide and 40 feet long. It seemed to have one speed whether towing logs or not. The logs were towed by a large rope, and were either in large booms of softwood, or multiple narrow “cribs”

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working with, Willy offered up Cherry and Patti offered up Cherry and Walnut. They try to use local woods such as Maple and Cherry. They gave me a short tutorial on the differences between soft and hard woods when constructing pieces of furniture and/or cabinets, and how the various grains can make a project more or less intricate.

Looking through one of their many photo albums, I was taken with one kitchen in particular. It was created for a cottage on Grace Lake, and featured curved cabinets of blistered cherry fit snug to the wall. It gave the illusion of a much bigger space than the actual footage of the room.

It was a pleasure to meet the couple and tour their outfit. According to the couple, most clients have a fairly concrete idea about what it is they want. But, given the opportunity, they are always prepared to come up with something unique for the project at hand, while maintaining a high standard of quality.

Thank you Willy and Patti for your continued support of the Baptiste Lake Association. Cottage Hill Furniture can be found at 4025 Loop Road, Harcourt, and at 165 Highland Street, Haliburton.

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*A New Building... Continued from page 5*

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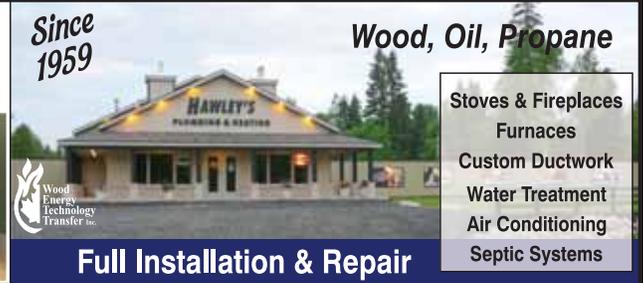
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Correction for Side Wheeler *Continued from page 8*  
that floated hardwood logs, or a mixture of both. As kids, we occasionally got to ride on the side wheeler.

Alligator boats were never used in this region. A number of current and past articles in this publication and others have indicated that they were. They were used in the Muskoka area, and possibly in the upper Algonquin Park areas. They were used to transport men and light supplies in logging operations. Being much smaller, approximately 8 feet wide and 14 feet long, and powered by a gas engine, they had winches fore and aft to pull them short distances over land from lake to lake. I believe there is still a preserved one at the logging museum in Algonquin Park.



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The preliminary budget projection for this year indicates we will be able to maintain a stable tax base, with a small percentage increase for inflation. Overall, I believe our restructuring initiatives have set the groundwork. I feel confident that positive accomplishments may be achieved by a new council for the benefit of ratepayers in the next term. Personally, I wish to contribute to making that happen; I have filed nomination papers to run for Councillor in Herschel Ward. Meanwhile, we all look forward to a long "HOT" summer.

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If you have questions as to what constitutes hazardous household waste, please call 613-338-2811.

### Hastings Highlands Workshop

Mark your calendar for June 21, 2014. Hastings Highlands and Hastings Highlands Cottage Association are putting on a workshop for municipal staff, councillors and cottage association members. The purpose is to look at issues of common concern. The workshop will be held in the gymnasium at the Hastings Highlands Municipal Office in Maynooth. The workshop runs between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact your lake association.

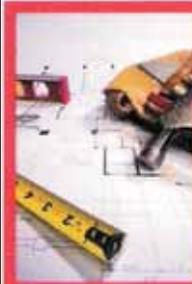


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## WHEN

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## WHERE

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## WHAT

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# Maynooth Community Events, 2014

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of *Maynooth Madness*.

It is two days of 25 events for young and old.

The main event on Saturday  
is the Highland Games.

The Mudd Dawg takes place on Sunday.  
Other Saturday events include the Farmer's  
Market with over 50 vendors, an art market,  
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automobile contest, and much more.

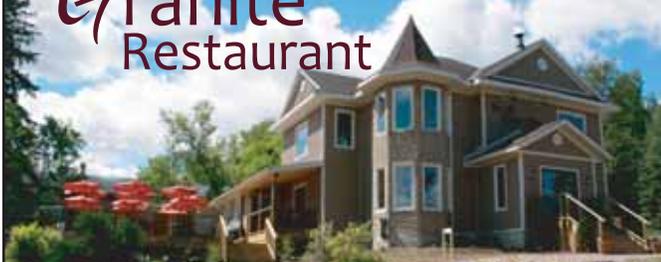
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Recep./Awards Fri. May 2 at 7:30 p.m.

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- Juror Arne Roosman

Reception Fri. Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

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Works By Anka Milligan

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Works By Arne Roosman

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### November

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Reception Fri. Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

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Works By Don Wilson

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