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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARLIN HORST

As I write this the leaves have begun to change colour and we are thinking of closing up after another fun (if somewhat cool) summer. The association had a very active summer.

The BLA held its traditional “Welcome Back” get together on the May long weekend. Once again Birch Cliff Lodge generously provided the space and the event was very well attended. Light snacks and beer and wine were available. Donations were good. They can always be better.

In late June the BLA, along with other lake associations in Hastings Highlands, and the Municipality of Hastings Highlands held a workshop at the offices of the Municipality in Maynooth. The purpose of the of the meeting was a round table discussion of issues which are of concern to the people who use the lakes in

Hastings Highlands. Please look elsewhere in the Newsletter for a summary of this event. We continue to keep lines of communication open with the Municipality so that we can help them to protect our lake.

We held our AGM in early August. David Hawkes gave a report on the round table meeting in June and also discussed what we as an association can do going forward. We heard from Mayor Bloom (on behalf of herself and Greg Roberts, Deputy Mayor, and Nancy Matheson, councillor, all of whom were present) and Councillor Lorraine Fell regarding events at the municipal level. A lively discussion took place and I think it was informative for all, politicians and members. At the AGM we also welcomed three new members to the Board, Kathy Irwin, Ann Coleman and Paul Coleman. We are grateful for their willingness to serve. Thank you to David Milne and the staff at Birch Cliff Lodge for allowing us to use their facilities, it is much appreciated.

In mid August the BLA held the first Regatta in almost 10 years. The Regatta was held at Camp Ponacka and was attended by a small but enthusiastic group. There were swimming and canoe races as well as some land races. It is clear the children are better at three legged races and egg carrying contests. There were also war canoe races. In the final the camp councillors roundly defeated the cottagers (likely because I was steering the war canoe on behalf of the cottagers, my apologies). Thank you to Camp Ponacka for providing a venue for the event along with the use of staff and canoes.

Unlike most of the summer, the weather on the Labour Day weekend was fantastic and the Closing Event held at Camp Ponacka was very well attended. We reverted to our traditional corn roast with hot dogs and everyone seemed to enjoy

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it. The corn was excellent. We almost ran out of beer and wine. Thank you to Camp Ponacka for providing the venue. Thank you also to all those who made donations which helped greatly to offset the costs.

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.

Please visit our website regularly to see what is happening around the lake. In addition if you have not provided us with your e-mail address

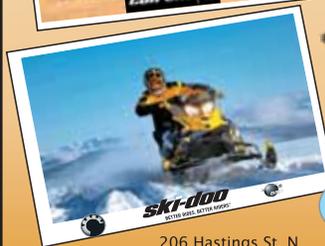


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would encourage you to become a member. The cost is minimal (\$25 per year or 3 years for \$60) and benefits are so much more.

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GETTING A DEAL ON WATER LEVELS

BY PETER BROWN

After about 50 years of temporary lumber company dams, the Province built the first permanent dam in 1912, several hundred yards upstream from the current dam. And at the same time, the Bancroft Public Utility Commission (PUC) was given water rights to generate power in the river near Bridge St. In the accompanying picture you can see that the lake dam was a large stone and log structure and is said to have raised the lake level by 10 to 12 feet. It was replaced in 1931 with a cement buttress dam. With a permanent dam, consistent water levels should be easy, right? Well, no!

The BLA water level story begins in 1950 when the first formal association was established. At first, water level was always discussed in relation to impact on fishing. Most concern in the fifties was about the winter level. It was the BLA view that a winterkill of fish was occurring by allowing the lake level to fall three feet before freeze up.

Right from the start, it was apparent that the PUC was the main challenge to consistent water levels on the lake. By the fifties the realities of 1912 had changed. Bancroft, no longer solely dependent on the PUC, was getting 80% of its power from Ontario Hydro and a growing lake population wanted a say on water levels. As early as 1953 the BLA made representations to the town and PUC for more favourable minimum levels.

At the 1961 members meeting Irving Germain, President, put water levels at the top of the agenda. Letters were being addressed to Lands and Forests and there seemed to be a growing dissatisfaction with the status quo. The year 1962 was a turning point. Water levels fell so much that summer that great inconvenience was being caused on the lake. I worked that summer as dockboy for Art Nicoll at Birch Cliff Lodge. About 40% of our docking was dry ground. John Kuder trailed his Chris Craft inboard from the US but it sat on the beach for two weeks, as it was



impossible to launch. The BLA executive led by Bill Biggs, Irving Germain, Pat Murphy and Art Nicoll began concerted efforts from that fall to get a deal for minimum water levels.

At the Aug 17, 1963 members meeting, District Forester Taylor from Tweed was present to address members. I recall a very angry membership, giving Mr. Taylor a rough time. Under direct questioning he admitted at the meeting that logs were being taken out of the dam at the request of Bancroft PUC for more flow. So what the BLA suspected was now admitted. I think, for Lands and Forests, this may have been a wake-up call that lake residents had rights as well, and had been largely ignored.

Bill Biggs, wasting no time, led a delegation a few days later to meet with Bancroft Council and PUC. The BLA argument, was first of all fairness, but also pointed to the town's self-interest in cultivating the tourist and part time

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Introduction

In 2009, the Baptiste Lake Association approved the Baptiste Lake Plan. The plan provided a number of recommendation that the association could undertake to improve the social and environmental quality of life on the lake. With respect to the natural heritage features found on the lake, the plan identified that the western half of the lake had already undergone a comprehensive assessment of the wetlands under the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES), with the result being that some wetlands in the north end of Hamilton Bay were determined to be provincially significant. These wetlands, and the species and habitats that depend on these wetlands are now protected from development and site alteration in accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement (2005).

The Baptiste Lake Plan further identified that the wetlands on the eastern half of the lake had not been evaluated, although many have been identified, mapped and zoned Environmental Protection by the local zoning bylaws. Therefore, one of the recommended actions identified in the lake plan was to undertake a preliminary evaluation to determine the potential for these wetlands to become provincially significant should a comprehensive evaluation be undertaken.

The Toronto Zoo, under their Adopt a Pond program, contracted French Planning Services to complete a rapid wetland assessment. The objective of this preliminary assessment was to review the wetlands on the eastern half of Baptiste Lake to:

- Identify the wetlands that may be determined to be provincially significant should a full comprehensive wetland evaluation be conducted using the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System;
- Determine the extent and character of these wetlands as well as gain a better understanding about each wetland area ; and,
- Provide a preliminary opinion on how each wetland would be scored in a OWES evaluation process.

The results of this rapid assessment will help to identify priority wetland areas on the eastern portion of Baptiste Lake that could be determined to be provincially significant should a comprehensive wetland assessment be completed.

Methodology

The following methods and approaches were utilized to undertake a rapid wetland assessment to determine which wetland areas on east Baptiste Lake should receive priority for a comprehensive wetland evaluation in

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REPORT ON HASTINGS HIGHLANDS LAKES WORKSHOP

June 21, 2014

By David Hawkes

Overview

The idea of bringing together the lake associations and the Council of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands for a day-long workshop was first explored during a meeting on June 29, 2011, where the Baptiste Lake Association (BLA) and the Council initiated discussions on implementing the Baptiste Lake Plan. It was thought that it would be useful to bring all of the lake associations of Hastings Highlands together with the municipal government in order to discuss issues of common interest. This idea was reinforced during several presentations to the Council by the BLA over the past three years.

The focus of the day was to hear from lake residents – be they cottagers, businesses, visitors, or permanent residents – on the issues that they consider most important to resolve, and which the municipality (not the provincial or federal government) has the power to address. Our objective was to identify recommendations for action. Lake associations communicated with their members and urged them to attend the workshop. Public notices also publicized the meeting to the general public. About 50 participants attended the workshop, including about 10 members of municipal council and senior staff.

The logic track was as follows: begin with an overview of the issues, then examine existing bylaws and their enforcement regarding these issues, and then draft recommendations for action by the lake associations, the municipality, or both (as well as identifying actions for provincial and federal governments).

Background

The lakes of Hastings Highlands Municipality are facing increasing challenges today. Easier highway access, increased property development, and greater demands for

recreational opportunities put pressure on these lakes. More and more seasonal residents, many of them “baby boomers,” are deciding to live permanently at the lake when they retire, often enlarging their cottages into more comfortable homes. Increased cottage density threatens water quality. More septic systems, more pollution from lawn fertilizer, and more removal of the vegetative shoreline buffer – together these activities degrade the water quality of these lakes. The qualities that make the Hastings Highlands lakes special to us – the natural beauty, the tranquility, pristine waters, the natural ecosystems, the landscapes, and the recreational opportunities – are being compromised.

It does not have to be this way: we can turn this situation around. Steps can be taken to repair and restore natural shorelines, septic systems can be systematically monitored, and buildings on these lakes can be constructed on a scale that allows the landscape to remain dominant.

Many of these issues fall within the jurisdiction and responsibility of the municipal level of government. The June 2014 workshop was convened to discuss these challenges, and to work together on how to address them. The objectives of the workshop were: (1) to identify major issues affecting Hastings Highlands lakes that the municipality and lake associations can address – whether it be shoreline preservation and stewardship, land use, water pollution, tourism, development, septic, or bylaw enforcement; (2) to consider alternative actions that might be taken to address these issues; and, (3) to formulate recommendations for action by the lake associations.

The Workshop

The one-day workshop ran from 9:00 –

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accordance with OWES due to their potential to be evaluated as provincially significant.

A. Background Research

In order to select areas to be assessed by this project the following was completed prior to conducting the field assessment:

- Review existing reports including the Baptiste Lake Plan, the Natural heritage Inventory and the Ontario Wetland Evaluation Manual (Northern);
- Acquire wetland maps from MNR including PSW and any unevaluated wetlands, and;
- Review maps including aerial photographs, Google earth maps, landuse and municipal zoning.

B. Field Assessment

Barry Snider of Snider Ecological Services conducted a rapid wetland assessment of the priority areas identified from the background research and was assisted by Shannon Ritchie and Crystal Robertson from the Toronto Zoo Adopt a Pond program. Two days were spent in the field assessing the wetlands as described by the following:

- On July 9, 2013, the lakeside edge of the wetlands (McGary Creek wetland and Lavalley wetland) were identified by boat, with assistance from David Hawkes (A local property owner). The purpose of this assessment was to identify the lake side edge of these lacustrine wetlands. This was not done for the lakeside edge of Redmond Bay;
- On August 20, 2013, the cottage and forest access roads were travelled to identify and assess the land side of the east Baptiste Lake wetlands as well as additional interior wetlands. GPS waypoints and tracks were used and later transferred to Google earth to relate notes and photos to exact locations;
- The interior (landside) wetland boundaries were estimated based on our assessments of air photos, Google earth maps and visual inspection from road ways;
- During both days, attention was directed to making observations on Species at Risk (SAR) and potential SAR habitat, as well as fish habitat and other species that would contribute to a higher score from a comprehensive wetland

evaluation; and,

- Potential threats and impacts to wetland areas were identified.

Conclusion

A rapid wetland assessment was applied to four wetland areas on Baptiste Lake to determine the likelihood of their being scored to be provincially significant if they were evaluated under the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES).

During the two day rapid assessment, attention was given to threats to the subject wetlands. One threat is invasive species. Eurasian milfoil was tentatively identified as it was in the Baptiste Lake report. Eurasian milfoil can dominate the submergent vegetation in many open water marshes, and this was not the case where it was seen in low quantities. Eurasian milfoil has probably been in the lake for many decades and has achieved a balanced level. None of the other serious invasives were seen such as purple loosestrife, European frogbit and zebra mussels. This indicates that if present they are at low levels. The invasion of emerald ash borer has not apparently reached the area, but this species will have a large effect on black ash that is prevalent in the treed swamp areas of the Baptiste wetlands. New shoreline development is occurring in some areas and in other locations there is an obvious lack of shoreline protection and this is a threat to some of the smaller wetland areas. No aquatic vegetation control was noticed and there was no recent evidence of dredging of wetlands

A further comprehensive evaluation would provide a better understanding of the features and functions of the wetland and would determine whether the wetland is of sufficient importance to score as a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW). Any evaluation would be reviewed and approved by staff of the MNR District office located in Bancroft. The three wetland areas that appear to have potential to be identified as a PSW, in order of priority are: McGary Creek wetland, Lavalley Bay wetland (if evaluated as a wetland complex with McGary Creek) and finally Redmond Bay wetland. The interior wetland complex north of Dog Bay is not considered a priority, because many of the individual wetland units are on crown lands and also these interior wetland areas are unlikely to face significant threats.



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HONOURING DAGMAR

By Diana Gurley

On August 12 our esteemed colleague and friend, Dagmar Gontard Zelinkova sadly passed away. She died at home, just as she had wished, surrounded by those she loved and her tranquil and beautiful woodlands. I was privileged to spend some time with her on those last days and I will never forget them.

Dagmar, was a remarkable woman with great courage, determination and stamina.....she never gave less than 100% to any endeavour she undertook. Those who had the privilege to work and serve with Dagmar during her many years of service for the Baptiste Lake Association can attest to her devotion to all that concerned the protection of the environment and the sustainability of the wonderful diversity of life on and surrounding Baptiste Lake.

During her years of service to the BLA, Dagmar undertook to mold and organize the Block Captain program as she diligently coordinated and maintained the BLA Membership records and



renewals. She worked with great devotion on the Lake Plan Steering Committee from the beginning of the Lake Plan development and to its final implementation. In particular she strongly voiced the need for protection of the environment, the wetlands and identification of the many streams which feed into Baptiste Lake.

Dagmar attended the Municipal meetings for Hastings Highlands in order to keep the BLA informed on matters which might have some impact on Baptiste Lake. Her presence there was of great value and greatly appreciated by the BLA Board of Directors.

As a neighbour and friend over these 20 years, Dagmar and I and our families developed a very close and special relationship. She was my swimming partner as we partook in our often daily swims while also enjoying stimulating discussions on topics dear to her heart and mine. Her generosity and kindness was boundless. My children and grandchildren hold dear the many wonderful times spent at Dagmar's property as they visited her animals, took walks in her trails and enjoyed the beauty of the pristine woodlands.

So we sadly say "Goodbye" to Dagmar.....but hold firm to the memories. RIP

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NIGHT SKIES: A FACT SHEET ON LIGHT POLLUTION CONDENSED FROM A FOCA ARTICLE

BY BARRY MARTIN

Light pollution is a serious problem, but many people don't know that light can be a pollutant, especially for wildlife. Use lights only where and when necessary. Nighttime lighting in cottage country is typically used for security and walking safely, but too much light can cause a loss of visibility.

Lights that are shielded to direct light down on targeted areas stop light from escaping sideward and up. They prevent light from shining into a neighbour's windows, lighting their property, or glaring across the lake. Shielded lights reduce glare and sky glow.

It is important to aim lights down and away from water. Choose lights that direct light onto the ground. Avoid landscape lighting that sends light from the ground up and dusk to dawn lights that shine all night. Why, you ask?

Light plays myriad roles in nature: changing light patterns can disrupt an ecosystem's balance. In water environments, daily cycles for organisms such as zooplankton are controlled by light, while others, such as fish, are attracted or repelled by it. Studies show that moths, fireflies, salamanders, frogs, song birds and other wildlife are affected when artificial nighttime lighting influences navigation, predator-prey relationships, foraging behaviour, reproduction, mating, and other biological and ecological characteristics.

During a moonless night, you should be able to see 2,500 to 3,500 stars and the milky way. Star gazing can be an amazing family activity. It can invoke scientific curiosity, imagination, and discussions of our past culture and our future.

Please be kind.
Turn your lights off or down.

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4:30, with four sessions – two in the morning and two in the afternoon. The workshop took place in the gymnasium of the municipal building. The workshop began with Opening Remarks by David Hawkes, workshop organizer and Baptiste Lake Association board member, and Mayor Bloom.

1. Shoreline Land Use

David Hawkes moderated the first session on shoreline land use. Lake residents identified a number of issues during the session, including:

- Clear cutting and bulldozing right down to the waterline
- Creating sand beaches down to the waterline
- Maintaining lawns, causing water pollution because of fertilizers
- Oversized buildings
- Light pollution
- Confusing shoreline land use zoning
- Environmental protection of wetlands

2. Water Pollution

Kan Chhatwal moderated the second session on water pollution and water quality. Lake residents and users identified a number of issues during the session, including:

- Pesticide and fertilizer runoff into the lakes
- Spills or gas and oil into the lakes
- Clearing weeds
- Faulty or inadequate septic systems
- Cottage or lot density
- Invasive species

3. Tourism and Business

Following lunch, Hilary Philips moderated session three on tourism and business. Lake residents identified a number of issues, including:

- For tourism, “how it looks,” or the aesthetics, is all important – people come to our lakes because they are natural and pristine – it is important to preserve the natural shoreline and water quality
- Concern was expressed that increased density, from recent developments such as time-share units, will place increased pressure on area lakes

4. Existing Bylaws, Enforcement, and Recommendations for Action

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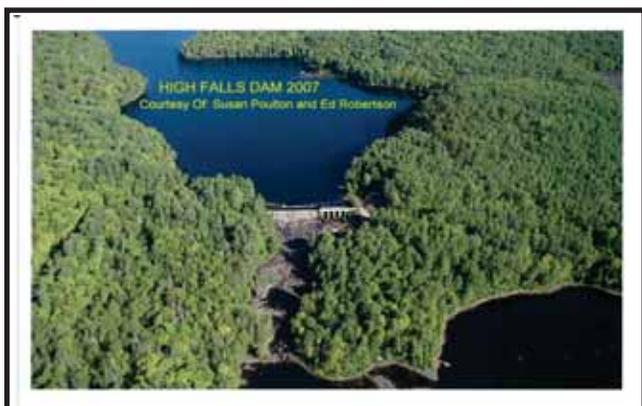
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resident economic input. Minutes of that meeting say that little was accomplished. Later, the PUC chairman sent a conciliatory note. Maybe change was achieved? Not a chance. In 1964 water levels continued the then familiar pattern of plummeting through the summer. The BLA fumed and strategized. Letters to Bancroft merchants were prepared, which stopped just short of using the word boycott. Legal options were discussed. Letters and contacts were made to many officials, even Ministers at Queens Park.

Pat Murphy took over as President that year and one of his first actions was a letter to the Minister of Lands and Forests requesting a review of the dam structure and its operations. Presumably, it was another way to say, "We are not satisfied". Whatever the motive, it brought unexpected results. Not only did a survey get done but also by December 1964, Pat received a personal phone call from the Surveyor General that a new dam was going to be built as early as 1965. An MNR document written in 1988 says that the 1931 dam design had not provided for logs lower down in the gates to be swapped out. The logs in place were showing signs of wear. The same 1988 document says, the 1931 dam could not adequately manage the annual summer water drawdown.

Little could happen on water levels in 1965 with a new dam in the offing, but hopes were



high. Early in 1966, the BLA Executive discussed the plans for the dam and decided to ask for a dam one foot higher than the old. It's hard to tell if it was BLA influence, but the new dam completed December 1966 was built a foot higher. Meanwhile, summer 1966 water levels disappointed once more. A BLA letter to Lands and Forests read at the 1966 meeting included this line: "Despite Mr. Murphy's efforts on our behalf the water level is still extremely low". The new District Forester at Tweed, a Mr. Patrick, was at the meeting to discuss a fishing survey. Inevitably he was drawn into the water level debate, but was apparently ready for the usual accusations about the PUC in Bancroft. He offered the following from department files: "1912: the normal flow of the York River to be

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accorded to the Bancroft PUC" Finally the PUC claim to special water rights was shown to be rather flimsy; "normal flow" being a lot less than "whatever we require".

Mr. Patrick publicly offered a meeting of all interested parties at Queens Park. It happened Nov 29, 1966. BLA reps were Biggs, Nourse, and Murphy. Patrick was there for Lands and Forests, and for Public Works it was the Surveyor General Mr. Code and the Chief Engineer Mr. Delavigne. Herschel Township was represented, but the PUC did not attend. Instead they sent a letter, which was a particularly strong defence of PUC rights. It actually called Baptiste Lake its reservoir. By now the PUC bluster was broken, and the letter seemed to have no weight. The BLA presented a very well

documented brief with target water levels for the summer, winter and a required drawdown before spring breakup. Notes say Provincial officials accepted the BLA levels as the targets. It looked like a major victory. Follow up action included the promise of charts and graphs by Lands and Forests to make the agreement operational.

It seems those charts and graphs were never completed or if they were, there is no record they were shared with the BLA. Murphy was promised a meeting in October 1967 to settle the operational aspects, but this meeting never happened. Certain rainfall data needed was not available. Nonetheless, the dam operation was starting to settle into the pattern requested by the BLA, at least over the 1966/67 seasons.

In 1968 when there was an extended dry period, water levels were, once again away down. In frustration, Pat Murphy wrote a long letter to Patrick. Among other things he said, "The new dam seemed to be of no use whatever". He also said "there appears to be no action to conserve (water) until we are well below the minimum levels". So achieving agreed target levels was one thing: making it happen something else. Patrick never answered. But in the spring of 1969, his replacement at Tweed, District Forester Peacock wrote a two-page response. Almost plaintively, he noted the difficulty of keeping the agreed 7.5 ft level as measured at the dam, when 8.0 ft. is the dam wall level. He said the 1968 drop in level was

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IN MEMORIUM: WAYNE JACKSON

By Carol McLellan



Wayne, a long-time Baptiste resident, died at home on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the age of 70. His beloved wife Edith predeceased him in 2011. His yellow Lab Dax, also passed away in 2011. His business, Heritage Restorations, did custom carpentry and furniture repair for many of us, as well as taking care of opening and closing our cottages.

Wayne served as a BLA Director from 1999 to 2010, initiating and soliciting ads for the

newsletter and helping with the corn roast. He loved Baptiste Lake and the fishing, as well as his annual moose and deer hunting trips to places further afield with his long-time friend Rick Williams. We will miss his can do attitude, friendly smile, and the timely Baptiste photographs and humorous e-mails. Donations in his name can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.



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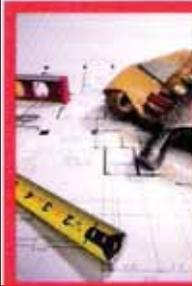
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There were approximately 11 pairs of loons (territories), and many singleton adults on the lake this summer. One newborn baby was noted on Jul 25 (a very late hatching) and this was in the busiest area of the lake – the main channel going to the marina. The baby was seen three times with the parents at the end of July.

Unfortunately, after that there were no further sightings.

A loon on a nest was cited on the small beach on Herschel Island on June 20. It was extremely close to the water level. Unfortunately, a heavy rainfall the next day washed the nest away. While the Dog Bay loon pair were only seen together a few times, they were often heard calling to each other.

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primarily due to evaporation. He finished by saying the future plan would be to start summer with water at dam wall level. This practice, still in place, gives our familiar pattern of high at July 1 and falling slightly through the summer depending on the weather.

MNR began operating pretty much to agreed targets. 1969 was Pat Murphy's last water level report. He passed away in 1970. Water level was not even on the 1970 agenda, and seldom mentioned for many years. The lack of charts and graphs was not an issue for almost 20 years. But that's part 2 of the story coming in the spring newsletter.

Its safe to say that the 1960's BLA efforts garnered us a new dam and agreed targets that MNR has followed ever since. Hats off to Nicoll, Germain, Biggs, and Murphy and many, many others who contributed to getting a deal on our water levels.

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The fourth session of the workshop focused on existing municipal bylaws, how effective they were, if they were being enforced, and whether additional measures were needed. David Hawkes was the moderator. This session gave lake residents the opportunity to focus on topics that they wished to address most urgently.

Enthusiasm focused on three areas of concern, almost all of it on shoreline land use. The first area was increased education of shoreline owners, realtors and contractors concerning shoreline land use bylaws. The second area is closely related to the first, as is the third. It was agreed that the Municipality of Hastings Highlands should fine those individuals (owners and contractors) who destroy the natural shoreline; and further, that those who engage in wanton destruction be forced to restore the shoreline to its natural state at their expense, as is done in some other rural municipalities.

5. Next Steps

David Hawkes agreed to draft a report on the workshop, and to distribute it to Hastings Highland Council and staff, and to lake associations within Hastings Highlands. Further cooperation between area lake residents and the municipality is anticipated.

For a more detailed report on the workshop, please go to the BLA website and read further on possible actions that can be taken to address the concerns raised at the workshop.

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Don Wilson

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Linda Lang

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Wed. Mar. 4 to Sat. Mar. 28

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