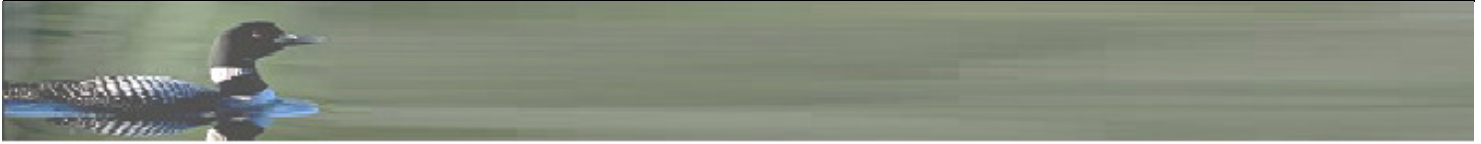


# Loughborough Lake Association 2008 Newsletter



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## President's Message

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This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of the late John McCubbin. He was a past President as well as a member of our Board of Directors. John passed away a few short weeks ago.

Hello again! Yes, I am still the president for another year! My comments will be brief so as not to repeat the information in the director's reports. I hope we will all have a safe and enjoyable summer on beautiful Loughborough Lake.

We have had some recent changes in our Board of directors and regretfully accepted resignations from Jim Rowe and Heather Gregg. Another Director may be leaving us to move to BC. So we are looking for some new directors for the coming year. Please think about joining us. We really are a pleasant group to work with!

There will not be an article on water levels this year, but you are able to access the water quality reports at [www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake\\_partner/index.htm](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner/index.htm)

Our AGM will be held on THURSDAY 7 AUGUST AT 7PM AT THE old STORRINGTON township offices in Sunbury.

The guest speaker will be Sharon David who will speak on local birds and wildlife. Please plan on joining us!

Diane Seymour, President

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## Fishery Update

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by Karl Montgomery

If you live, or visited your cottage on the west basin this past winter you probably noticed an unusually large number of ice fishermen about. This was a result of the season for lake trout now being open year round on Loughborough Lake. This change, which became effective January 01, has been in the works for some time and is a result of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), determining there to be essentially no natural reproduction of lake trout in Loughborough. We are now a "put and grow" lake purposely managed to reduce the fishing pressure on other area lakes which still support naturally occurring lake trout.

According to Cam McCauley an MNR biologist, the challenge will be to maintain a proper balance between the lake trout numbers stocked, other species and the feed



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available in the lake. Already there has been a dramatic drop in the numbers of trout fingerlings stocked, 15,000 this year compared to nearly 40,000 in previous years in an attempt to correct this imbalance.

Loughborough's role as a key recreational lake in the area is certainly not a new one and the MNR hopes to further exploit that role in the future. Consideration is now being given to stocking Loughborough's east basin with Ontario's most popular sport fish, walleye. According to recent media information the MNR admits that other species will suffer if this new introduction is made in the name of providing more angling opportunities for Ontario's growing population. Considering how past splake, rainbow and non-native trout stocking likely spelled the end to our native trout population while attracting hundreds of outside day users to the lake, we may wish to suggest the MNR proceed with caution before interfering further with the lake's natural balance.

The Lake Association will be monitoring new fisheries developments and providing input to the MNR. It is very important that we hear your views so we can lobby for your best interests. Come out to the AGM and be heard.

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## **Don't Get Burned!**

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### **An interview with Chief Chesebrough**

**By Gordon Marantz**

The every day activities of fire fighters involve a whole lot more than just putting out fires. Less than 40% of South Frontenac Fire & Rescue calls are for fires. Almost 40% of them are for medical emergencies. Thirty percent are just

answering what turn out to be false or unnecessary alarms. The balance of calls are made up of motor vehicle accidents, water rescues, animal rescue; structure fires make up a very low percentage of overall activity.

A major area of activity and concern during summer and fall months are grass fires. These are a real menace and can spread very quickly over a large area. Very often these fires can start as a result of careless burning of brush or waste. In an interview with 22-year veteran firefighter, Rick Chesebrough, the South Frontenac Chief, he stressed the importance of all residents being familiar with the rules relating to outdoor burning of materials. The South Frontenac Burning By-law #2004-107 can be found on the Township Website: [www.township.southfrontenac.on.ca](http://www.township.southfrontenac.on.ca). The "burn season" when restrictions apply runs from April 1 to October 31.

Open fires can be the biggest problem. Chief Chesebrough emphasized that before starting an open fire (other than a camp fire or cooking fire) the Department must be notified. Failure to notify can result in serious problems for a person if someone reports the burning as a possible fire and the Department responds with its usual compliment of equipment. That means 2 pumper trucks, 3 tankers and 1 rescue vehicle. Apart from incurring the wrath of the firefighters the person doing the burning is responsible for the cost of sending out this response team. And that is the eye opener. **In addition to a \$75 charge the Township charges \$350.00 per hour for each vehicle responding as well as the full cost of firefighters on the call.**

Small scale burning can be done using a steel drum or barrel. No fire department notification is necessary. But the barrel

must have a screen or spark arrester over the top and must not be placed within 20 ft of any building. The fire must be attended at all times by a person over 18 and no burning is to be done after dark. Campfires, cooking fires and recreational fires are not caught by this prohibition.

An ongoing problem for firefighters is the condition of private roads and lanes in the Township. During the summer of 2007 tree cutters went through the Township pruning back trees alongside of the roads. In some areas this provoked serious objection by residents as they thought the removal was not only excessive, but also carelessly done.

The main reason for such trimming is to ensure emergency vehicle access along these roads and lanes. Private roads and lanes should be at least 15 feet wide with 15 feet of overhead clearance and should be able to support a vehicle weighing 35,000 lbs. There should also be a turnaround area at the end of the road to accommodate access by ambulances and other emergency vehicles. Chesebrough explained that a tanker can carry 3,000 gallons of water at 10 lbs per gallon. Vehicle and equipment weight adds to that total.

Chief Chesebrough stated that if these conditions are not met this could result in delayed or limited service in case of emergency. He suggested that homeowners could pool resources to either do the work themselves, or pay for contracting it out.

While there may be nothing nicer than a glowing fireplace or a warm stove on a cold evening, the Chief reminds us that they can quickly lead to disaster if the heating system and chimney system has not been properly maintained.

The South Frontenac Fire and Rescue Service continues to maintain its high level of professionalism and training. This year they will be bringing 26 "raw" recruits onto the team which will bring total strength up to 160 firefighters. Every year a number of firefighters retire or resign, leaving openings to be filled. It is an interesting and exciting challenge to take up.

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### **Extend the Shell Life of Turtles - Be a Habitat Steward**

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**By: Nona Mariotti**

#### **Ontario Turtle Tally**

Toronto Zoo's Adopt-A-Pond Programme invites all Ontarians to celebrate and protect Ontario's turtles. In order to assist them in this endeavour we are requested to report any turtle sightings to add to their data bank. Turtle Species, and particularly turtles nesting incidents, provide them with data to update turtle distribution maps and to identify important wetland habitats. Photos are great! Even dead turtles or those sighted as road kill are important to them. The place of sighting, time, what the turtle was doing and the species are reported. The different species found in our area are; Stinkpot, Spotted Turtle, Northern Map Turtle, Midland Painted Turtle, Blanding's Turtle and the Common Snapping Turtle. They are all very distinct. This can be a fun and educational activity to assign to kids or grandkids throughout the summer. Their website is:

<http://www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/TurtleTally.asp>

Here you can find identifying pictures, maps, facts and some fun info re turtle, such as:

- Turtle lifespan is similar to that of humans

- Turtle eggs hatch after 90 days of incubation
- The temperature of the nest can determine the sex of the hatchling
- 6 of 8 turtles are at risk due to a multitude of factors
- Turtles in Ontario are protected under the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act.

The Pontoon Boat Poker Run on Loughborough Lake is on Saturday July 26. See the posters in the community for further information.



**Water Source Protection Committee**

**By Nona Mariotti**

I have been fortunate to be given the opportunity to represent Lake Associations on this committee within The Cataraqui Source Protection Area in South-eastern Ontario. Ontario’s Clean Water Act, 2006 and the accompanying regulations aim to protect health and safety through clean and plentiful source water for human consumption.

Source protection plans for now will focus primarily on municipal drinking water. Our efforts will concentrate on protecting areas called Intake Protection Zones and Wellhead Protection Zones that supply the municipal water systems. We will also be studying highly vulnerable areas including recharge areas and highly vulnerable aquifers. All drinking water comes from two sources—surface water and ground water. Surface water includes lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. Ground water is underground below the earth’s surface. Our Area have nine Intake Protection Zones; that is nine municipal intake

zones using surface water as their drinking water source, and three municipal systems that use groundwater. Other drinking water systems may be included under certain conditions.

The Cataraqui Source Protection Area includes 12 major watersheds draining into Lake Ontario or the St. Lawrence River. The committee has established our terms of reference; presented them to the public and any required modifications will be made before they are submitted to the Minister of the Environment. The committee will begin the review of existing policies and programmes in 2009. Formal development of policy will begin in 2010 so the proposed Cataraqui Source Protection Plan can be submitted to the Minister by August 20, 2012.

PLEASE visit the CRCA website for additional information: [www.cataraquegion.on.ca](http://www.cataraquegion.on.ca)

Benefits of protecting water include:

- Not having to find new drinking water sources when old ones become contaminated.
- Avoiding the need to clean up contaminated water.
- Reducing the cost of water treatment.
- Ensuring a long-term supply of clean water.
- Providing a healthy environment for fish and wildlife populations.

**What would you like the Loughborough Lake Association to do for you?**

**By Marion Abell**

We would love to hear from you any and all ideas for coming together.



How about a picnic? a dance? or a photo contest?

We know everyone has a fabulous photo of the lake from their own unique view, and why not share it with us all? We could give prizes and show them off at a location accessible to all!

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<http://www.loughboroughlake.org/>

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Phone: (613) 353-1060

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### **OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE!**

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**By Maryan Horne**

Battersea United Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary! Over the years this building has played a key role in the village, the setting for countless community events and memorable family occasions.

Weekly services are held at 9:30 am each Sunday and a warm welcome is extended to all. Our wonderful minister is Rev. Heather McLurg-Murphy.

Saturday July 19th is the date for the annual fish fry supper. If interested, it is suggested to call in advance for tickets, to 613 353-2995. Hope to see you there.

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# Loughborough Lake Association Annual General Meeting

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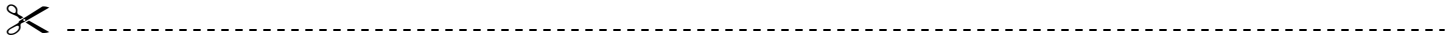
Thursday August 7, 2008, 7 pm  
In the Old Storrington Township Offices, Sunbury.

Guest Speaker:

Sharon David

“Local Birds and Wildlife”

*Light refreshments will be served*



If you would like to become a member of the Loughborough Lake Association, please use the form below to register. Donations are welcome!

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➤ One time Lifetime Member fee: \$150

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Yes, I would like more information about becoming a director of the Association.

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