

## President's Report 2018 - 2019

My vision for the association in my role as President is based on three guiding principles:

1. Engage members
2. Encourage family activities
3. Promote volunteerism

These principles have guided how the Pike Lake Community Association (PLCA) Board has carried out its activities this past 2018/19 fiscal year.

### **The PLCA has experienced successes in key projects and initiatives.**

The Walleye Habitat Enhancement Project, coordinated by our Lake Steward, Linden Davidson, is moving forward with final steps.

The buoy program continues to be honchoed by John Murphy, Vice President. Now in its second year, volunteers gather and wash the buoys each autumn, warehouse them during the winter, and set them out again in the spring.

Kay Rogers is our ninth time editor of the Pike Lake Post, an endeavour that all agree is enormous. Suzanne Forget designed and printed a new brochure to promote the association.

Seventeen volunteer made the delivery of the Post to residents. This year, in an endeavour to reduce plastic we moved from using plastic bags to brown paper envelopes.

We are also creating new initiatives. Suzanne Forget and Linden Davidson are hosting a children's fish derby Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Suzanne is also developing a family-friendly biodiversity project focussing on bees.

The PLCA works with other organizations to support our mandate. For example, the PLCA is a member of the Lake Networking Group, a network of several lake associations and conservation groups in the region. Funded in part by Watersheds Canada and the Daniel and Susan Gottlieb Foundation, the group published the Lake Protection self assessment workbook.

A multi-year initiative was most recently spearheaded by Adrienne, our current Past President and formerly the long time Lake Steward. She has worked for several years, along with many Pike Lakers, to provide information for the Watershed Report produced by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. This report update was released March 2019.

## **Challenges and Issues addressed by the PLCA Board,**

Last year, it was noted that further clarification of the nomination process was required. As a follow-on action to the 2018 AGM, the Constitution Committee worked this winter, with input from PLCA members, to do some wordsmithing to ensure the intent of the document was clear.

The AGM has historically been held in July, and a few members questioned if this was the best time of year. In response, Kathy Noxon, Communications, developed a survey which she sent out to the members which indicated a preference for June and July.

Our website is known for its idiosyncrasies and challenges, including having the site down for several weeks. At Kathy Noxon's recommendation, due to cost and other factors, it was decided to keep the status quo.

As we reported in the Pike Lake Post, a resident had the unfortunate and scary experience of having his snowmobile catch fire on the lake. The owner did his best to mitigate potential environmental damage by dragging the frame to his property shoreline.

Widespread flooding occurred this spring in the Ottawa area but water levels on Pike Lake appeared for some members, to be lower than normal. John Murphy contacted David Coleman from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR&F) who confirmed that the MNR&F was

following standard protocols for water management and nothing was amiss.

A synopsis of Board meeting minutes was sent to members. Full recorded minutes are available to members upon request. With updated member phone and email information, we can continue to keep you informed.

Our association is a success because of the 55 volunteers who manage 17 projects.

In closing, I encourage you to talk with your neighbours, chat with people sitting on their docks and enjoy the activities your association offers.