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## President's Message

By David Latter

Normally winter is the 2<sup>nd</sup> best season on Healey Lake, but not this year. The newly purchased toboggans for grandchildren at Christmas sat idle, along with their skates and winter snowsuits. Instead, Boxing Day activities involved bringing the canoe and kayak out from their winter resting place and onto a wide open lake.

The late freeze up and frequent thaws since January have made the snowmobile season a near washout while snow shoeing and skiing have been even more marginal. The best weekend for all three activities, around Valentine's Day, saw the temperature drop to -37 C overnight. But the days were gloriously sunny, almost windless and 15 cm of fresh snow made for comfortable travel.

By the next weekend, the snow was almost gone, the lake had 10 cm of slush and those few of us "at the cottage" had not much to do but read or chop wood depending on energy levels.

At this rate, the ice will be out by mid-March.

There are not many activities for the HPLOA over the winter months. One issue that does needs some support and action is the condition of the old dam. It has a small, new leak in the face of the dam. The Ministry of Natural Resources were out in November for an inspection. I have to say that the inspector did not share my concern about the condition of the dam and explained the process for replacing it. Long and expensive, according to him.

I understand there is an Engineering report from 2014. I will try to get a copy and provide more details at the Annual General Meeting. The current dam is

not an urgent situation but it may take a few years and some lobbying to put arrangements in place for a replacement. The "new" cement dam is in good shape and a good model for replacing the stone version.

Membership renewal notices will be sent out within the next two weeks. I would urge you all to renew as soon as you receive the notice. There is the option to pay electronically through PayPal, so it will be quick and convenient for those of you who like to shop and pay bills online.

I look forward to another summer of activities on the Lake. Hope to see you at the May Annual General Meeting. If you need to reach me, I am at 416 407-4965 and by email at [dlatter@bellnet.ca](mailto:dlatter@bellnet.ca)

Dave Latter

**Save the date! The 2016 Annual General Meeting is on Sunday May 22nd at 10AM. More details will be sent by email and posted on our website at [www.healeylake.org](http://www.healeylake.org)**

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# Remembering ... Maynard Leigh

Dock Talk has received word that a member of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association passed away recently after many bouts of illness, including cancer. He was kindly referred to as the person with more than nine lives.

Maynard Leigh enjoyed his forty plus years at Healey Lake and left this world on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015.

Maynard loved all aspects of nature except for the black squirrels, (which he hated). He has left behind his wife, Karen, two sons, Michael and Todd, and several grand children.

*We extend our sincere sympathies  
to the Leigh family*



Feeling creative and want to buff up your writing skills this year? Have a story to tell about your cottage, lake history or current events of interest to cottagers? Why not write an article or two for the Dock Talk!

All submissions  
are welcome!

Young  
contributors are  
also invited to

write about their experiences on the lake.

Please contact Stephanie Joiner or Nancy Simpson to submit your articles today!

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## Membership Update



### *PayPal is Here!*

We are pleased to announce that PayPal has now been set up and is available on our website—[www.healeylake.org](http://www.healeylake.org), to allow cottagers to pay for memberships online.

Membership forms have been sent out in March and will be reaching your homes soon! Forms will also be available at the general meeting in May.

Membership fees are \$40 again this year, with associate memberships available for lake supporters who are not property owners.

Please take a moment to complete the form, sign it and return it to Sharon Tosswill. Your authorization is needed to include your name in the cottage directory this year.

Cottagers who are paying via PayPal will still need to send in their form. Signed, scanned forms can be emailed to [Sharon\\_tosswill@hotmail.com](mailto:Sharon_tosswill@hotmail.com) or dropped off during the annual meeting in May.

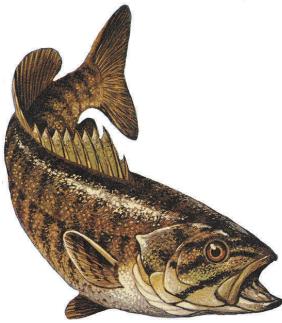
### FIRE PUMP UPDATE

Courtesy fire pumps will be returned to their locations when the ice is out and a message will be sent to all cottagers. Two pumps/hoses and augers remain for emergency use at Mariner's Cove and Charlie Smith's. (139 Healey Lake Water).



Updates to some of the pump boxes were identified last year and will be targeted over the course of the summer. Cottage owners who host the pumps are asked to keep the pump boxes free of children's toys and other personal materials. Should the pump be needed, users must be able to easily access the pumps for emergency use.

# Fishing Regulations Updated for 2016



The Ministry has just released new fishing regulations for 2016. Anglers who have not yet picked up their copy can obtain one online at

[http://files.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/  
fishing/2016/2016\\_Fishing\\_FMZ\\_15\\_English.pdf](http://files.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/fishing/2016/2016_Fishing_FMZ_15_English.pdf)

At the fall AGM, Healey Lakers passed a motion to endorse catch and release fishing on the lake. Preserving our fishery for our children and grandchildren is a concern for all of us on the lake as we have seen fishing decline over the years. As you get ready for another fishing season with your families, please think about what to keep and what to release. Teaching children to catch and release at an early age, preserves the fun for years to come. Want to keep some to eat? Pan fish are in abundance and make a great meal! Please consider releasing all Bass, Pike, and Walleye.

Fishing regulations are designed to ensure the longevity of our fishery. Please get to know the regulations for our zone and fish within them. It's up to all of us to keep our environment strong for our children. If you see anglers on the lake who don't respect these laws, please care enough to act. You can reach the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry TIPS line at: **1-877-847-7667** or Crime Stoppers (anonymous) **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**.

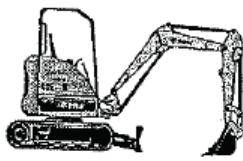
For more information on fishing in Ontario please see: <https://www.ontario.ca/travel-and-recreation/fishing>

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# Councillor's Corner

## By Grant Walker Ward 6



*A Water-based  
Community*

As I write this I am reflecting on what a easy winter it has been compared to last year and we are going into the tail end. It's downhill from here but be careful and be safe spring breakup can bring surprises.

I have had reports that the road systems were well looked after and I'm looking forward to seeing how the spraying and sealing we did last fall has worked.

Met with the minister of the environment last week while attending the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference to express our concern over small municipalities influence in the reorganization being planned for recycling. We are worried that producers will cover their obligations by looking after the large dense areas which will be easier and cheaper than developing programs for small rural and northern municipalities. This could cause us a lot of problems and be very costly.

In the fall we had a workshop on water quality which was well attended. We will be continuing our water testing program with some changes and adding phosphorus testing. In another part of the newsletter I forwarded information and registration details on a forest workshop we are co-sponsoring with the Georgian Bay Biosphere who we have contracted to provide our environmental services.

The GBBA will be offering a number of programs for adults and children this summer. I should be able to give a lot of detail on the environmental programs planned for this year in the next newsletter.

As always please contact me if I can help you in any way  
[705 720 2244](tel:7057202244).....Grant

**The Healey Lake Property Owner's Association Facebook page now has 167 Likes from cottagers and friends of the lake. Join us today!**

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## Love Your Lake Program Update

Last summer we were visited by the Love Your Lake program—an initiative that was developed by two charitable organizations—



Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation. The program was established to help lake communities protect and restore shorelines to strengthen the health of our lakes and the wildlife that depend upon it. The Healey Lake Cottage Association voted to support the initiative at our annual meeting last May.

Personalized shoreline property reports are now available. Cottagers should be receiving their notices in the mail (we just got ours) which contain a unique survey code to allow you to request your report online. If you do not receive a letter, please contact the Georgian Bay Biosphere at [info@gbbr.ca](mailto:info@gbbr.ca).

### Forest Health of Eastern Georgian Bay Workshop

This workshop will take place on Friday, April 22nd at the Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto. This event is co-hosted by the Township of the Archipelago and Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, with support from Georgian Bay Association and Westwind Forest Stewardship.

Come to learn and engage in conversations about the state of eastern Georgian Bay's forests. Presentations include

- Historical changes to eastern Georgian Bay's forest
- What's Bugging Our Forests?
- Forest Pests - Identification tools and resources, best practices, and controls options
- Forest Stewardship Programs

For more information about the workshop, and to register, visit: \*

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/forest-health-of-eastern-georgian-bay-tickets-21680704571>

Don't wait, space is limited! Online registration will be open until April 6th. Please note that lunch will be provided to registered participants only.

# Around the Lake

By Stephanie Joiner

## Wedding Congratulations!

Wedding bells were ringing again on Healey Lake as lakers travelled to Dominican Republic in December to celebrate the wedding of Guy Clement and Ting Xiang. Much fun was had by all at the ceremony and resort.



The lovely couple were married surrounded by family and friends on a sunny 30C beach day! Congratulations Guy and Ting!

## Welcome Baby Cherepa!



New arrivals were the talk of the hour in the Cherepa house this year. Please welcome Wesley Shields Cherepa! Mom and Dad, Jess and Ryan are thrilled with their new arrival, as is Grandpa John!

## This is Winter?



What an odd winter it was this year with many cottagers spending Christmas at the cottage and arriving by boat! Some great pictures were had of the Latter and Partchenko/

Mossman families as they enjoyed the fine weather!



## Christmas At the Latter's



Dave and Debbie Latter enjoyed a terrific Christmas holiday with their family Healey Lake style.



The sweatshirts were the perfect touch! Love the team spirit guys!

## December was warm, but February Rocked!



Freezing temperatures and a healthy dose of snow, had the snowmobilers out in fine form this year and the scenery was gor-



geous. Thanks to Debbie for this shot of the Valentine's Day freeze, and to Marilyn Courtney who captured the beauty of the season while at the cottage. Not to be dissuaded by the weather, Lakers made snowmobile trips to Tappatoo Lodge, Parry Sound, Nobel, Kearney and Cochrane this year to name a few. Though short the season was a good one!

## Healey Lake Sunset

No snowmobile season would be complete without a lake gathering of some kind. 30+ sledders held an impromptu wine and cheese in late February to say goodbye to the season and watch the sun go down . With water showing already in some spots, it won't be long now before we are back on the lake in our boats!





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## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING DOCK & BOATHOUSE CONSTRUCTION

***If you are planning to construct a dock or boathouse in 2016 there may be delays in issuing building permits and advanced planning may provide a timely transition.***

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has recently changed its policies regarding the requirement for authorizations under the Public Lands Act, for docks and single storey boathouses that occupy more than 15 square metres of (shadow) area over the Crown lake bed. This includes new docks, expansions of existing docks, seasonal docks and single storey boathouses, including replacement structures. Authorizations will be in the form of a Land Use Permit. In cases where construction includes works conducted on privately owned shore lands, a Work Permit will also be required from the MNRF.

Applications should be made to the Parry Sound District office via normal channels using the Ministry's standard work permit application package. If you have questions about this new process, please send your specific questions to [mnr.approval@ontario.ca](mailto:mnr.approval@ontario.ca). For more information, please see the Ministry's website at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits>.

### DOCK AND BOATHOUSE BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit is required for docks and single storey boathouses according to the Ontario Building Code Act, 1992 (OBC). The Public Lands Act is applicable law under Division A, 1.4.1.3. of the OBC and therefore MNRF authorization is required **before** a building permit can be issued to a resident, contractor or agent.

Compliance to the Township of The Archipelago's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law A2000-07, as amended, is also required prior to the issuance of a building permit and can be viewed on the municipal website at [www.thearchipelago.on.ca](http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca). It is advisable to confirm compliance with the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law **before** seeking MNRF authorization to provide a more seamless building permit process.

If you have any questions as to whether your proposed dock or boathouse construction complies with the Zoning By-Law, please contact the building department at 705-746-4243 extension 317 or email to [edyck@thearchipelago.on.ca](mailto:edyck@thearchipelago.on.ca).

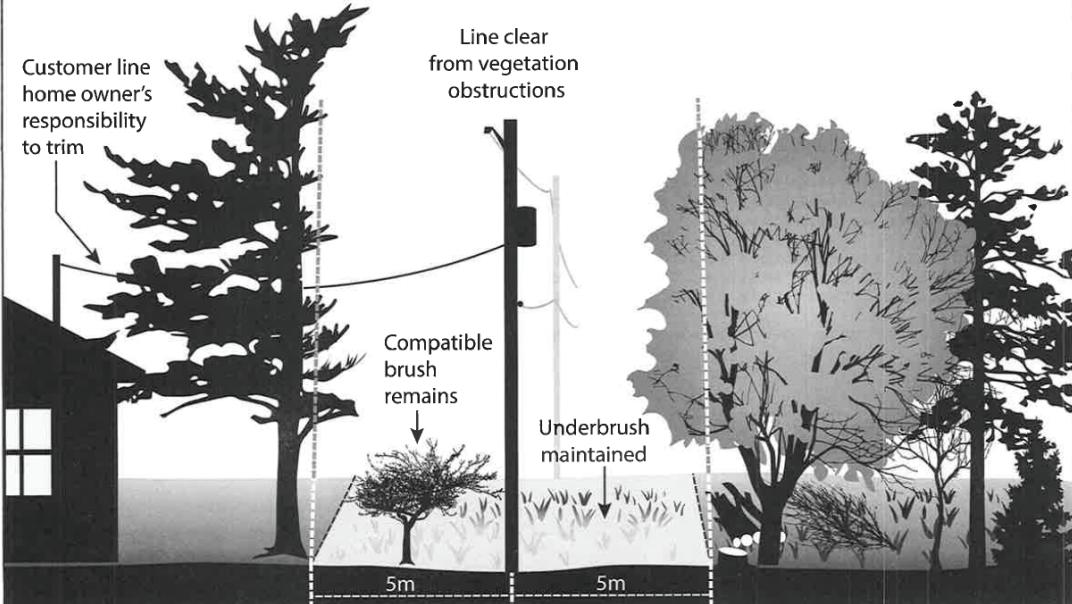
# Hydro One Vegetation Clearing

Hydro One has notified the Township that they will be clearing the hydro line corridor on the lake this spring to protect lines and keep them from harm resulting in outages. If you see folks clearing branches in your area, that is most likely who they are. Examples of clearing results are included on the next page.

## Example of Line Requiring Vegetation Maintenance



## Example of Vegetation Maintenance Completed





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### The Last Word, by Stephanie Joiner

It was a brief but lovely winter, and we are all anxiously awaiting spring so we can put the boats in and get out to the cottage again. How exciting it is to visit the lake for the first time each spring! Though there's lots of work to be done, we always seem to make time for a sunset cruise and some fun with family and friends. It seems to make all the pinning worthwhile when we finally get the chance to put our feet up on the dock and enjoy the view. Hoping to see you all at the Annual Meeting in May! Until then, see you on the lake!