



COUNCIL 2015 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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*When all the world appears to be in a tumult, and nature itself is feeling the assault of climate change, the seasons retain their essential rhythm. Yes, fall gives us a premonition of winter, but then winter will be forced to relent once again to the **new beginnings of soft greens, longer light, and the sweet air of spring.***

Madeleine M. Kunin

We hope you have all been able to enjoy the sweet air of spring at the Lake already!

There is a lot of information to report this time; we hope you will enjoy catching up on developments throughout this newsletter. The big news is that the Regional Sewer Line is nearing construction completion. Testing for deficiencies is taking place to ensure compliance standards are met and we are all anxious for a Grand Opening (announcement to follow).

Crystal Springs now has good information regarding our local collection line following acceptance on May 20th of MPE's Final Report. A meeting that day of the Southside Wastewater Committee also heard from Dale McClure, an experienced inspector of local wastewater systems. He was able to answer questions of a practical nature for the low-pressure system design of the sewer, indicating options for effluent pumps, which the committee will follow up. Funding from the 2014 Regional Collaboration Grant provided more details about the engineering specifications. The three aspects of the local projects mentioned in previous newsletters, governance, financing and communications, still need work and the Committee is striving to find common answers where possible. The Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Committee has agreed to pursue development of a new Southside Wastewater Commission, and the committee administrators (County of Wetaskiwin) delayed the May meeting to discuss related legal documents.

In relation to funding, we learned in April that the application for a collaborative grant between Norris Beach and Crystal Springs was unsuccessful. In early May Administration applied for a Building Canada grant for the construction of internal lines. The change in government has increased the uncertainty that we can access this funding which means the amount of borrowing would require Ministerial approval. Realistically, this changes the likelihood of the sewer project proceeding next year, though it is still possible.

We hope to inform you of more progress at the Annual Information Meeting on July 18th and there are plans for a regional Open House as progress continues. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please feel free to contact any of us on Council; we're happy to talk with you about what's happening.

Community Projects will also take place this year: the Big Item Pick-up will be on July 18th; our 5th Annual Boat Rally will be August 8th, and plans are well under-way for another fun year! Thanks to the Commodore and First Mate, you're sure to be welcomed aboard at the Daypark. How can you help? **Please get your tickets as soon as they are available** --- we had 200 in attendance last year and while laggards won't have to walk the plank, this is the year to be first to get a ticket!

To all residents, property owners and guests in Crystal Springs --- have a wonderful summer at the lake!

Kevin, Grant and Doris