

**BLACKSTONE LAKE COTTAGE ASSOCIATION  
SPRING NEWSLETTER/ JUNE 2008**

Welcome back to the lake! I hope this newsletter finds both you and yours all in good health and well being as we begin another season of cottaging on Blackstone Lake. The ice retreated on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April this year as unusually warm summer like temperatures were experienced. The summer outlook according to those in the "know" is for a hot and dry summer. However, I hope that this past May long weekend is not a sample of the hot and dry weather that we are to experience this summer. As I observe the thermometer outside and see 4 degrees C. I can only think that perhaps it may be better to have our Victoria Day long weekend aligned more with our neighbours to the south and their Memorial Day Weekend, one week later and warmer thus a true May "24" weekend. With gasoline prices continually rising, the temperatures are sure to follow as we approach summer.....I don't know about you, but I am sure looking forward to that hot day in July and a refreshing swim in the lake!

On Blackstone Lake there are several issues worthy of updating you on and addressing at this time, as well Ian Mead our councilor for Ward 5 has graciously put together an update from his perspective entitled "Councilor's Corner ". Ian has done a nice job trying to keep us all informed as to what is going on with regards to Blackstone Lake within the Archipelago. Especially appreciated has been his direct involvement along with, of course, Sylvia Morwald and J.P. Cayer in the creation of expanded docking at Angler's Inn following the closure of Blackstone Landing last fall as well as his involvement with the ongoing Block 17 issue. If you have not been on his email list please forward him your email address and I know that he would be only too happy to keep you up to date in this manner.

**OUR NEW WEBSITE: [www.blackstonelakeassn.ca](http://www.blackstonelakeassn.ca)**

Perhaps one of the most important creations for the lake has been the development of a Blackstone Lake Cottage Association website. This was proposed at last summer's AGM and thanks to some nice work by Damian Lopes (one of our cottagers) and Bitwalla Design this has become a very informative reality that we all benefit from. It is hoped that posting information such as this newsletter, plus links to Georgian Bay Association's GB Update will assist us in decreasing the costs for conventional mail. Please contact Barb Metelka (bmetelka@gmail.com) with your email address (if you have not already done so) so that she can maintain a member email list for urgent communications. If you have not been to our website please check it out. The graphics are simple to save time for those of us on dial-up. Posted items include your newsletter (which for the 2009 year we are hoping to put out entirely electronically) , 2007 AGM minutes, emergency first aid/ CPR and defibrillator training course on July 12<sup>th</sup> available to all Blackstone Lake cottagers. There are nice easy access links to various associations and government sites as well as the Cottage Life magazine website, which is a must check out for anyone who cottages - lots of good information to be sure!

Last but not least on the Blackstone website there is a preliminary questionnaire posted to assist and allow all Blackstone Lake cottagers to participate as we work towards a

“Lake Plan”. Not surprisingly, enjoying the lake and maintaining the excellent water quality was the most common theme shared by all who chose to respond to this questionnaire. This was also conveyed at the first Lake Plan meeting. The two common themes that were (1) Future development on the lake and (2) Maintaining the pristine waters of Blackstone Lake. Anyone who would like to join our Lake Plan group is more than welcome!

**STINK WEEK**

This year Dave McCamus organized a septic pump out info for “Stink Week” during the last week of May. It was successfully conducted with at least 12 cottages taking advantage of this septic pump-out service provided by Muskoka Septic and their pump-out barge. Based upon the success of this year’s septic pump out David has said that he would co-ordinate and set up a similar week for next spring if the interest is there. Should you be interested in having your septic pumped out next year please contact David McCamus at davidmccamus@cogeco.ca or 378-0383 at the lake.

**WATER QUALITY**

A good segue from “Stink Week” would be an interpretive analysis of the data compiled by Valerie and Digby Sale in the summer of 2007 showing notable increases in TC (total coliform) and EC (fecal coliform/e coli ). Our readings for 2007 averaged above the township recommended levels.

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Blackstone 2007</u>	<u>Blackstone 2006</u>
Total Coliform...100TC (annual avg. )	163.5 TC	58.4 TC
E. Coli ..... 10 EC	15.0 EC	4.0 EC

Please see the Blackstone Lake Cottage Association website for the complete 2007 Water Quality Testing Report compiled by Valerie and Digby. Thank -you to you both for your time spent recording this important lake information in 2007.

A concern, perhaps? However, if we all continue doing our small parts to help our lake along then at least we are being pro-active rather than reactive, or worse, oblivious of our actions. Coliform bacteria are found in the digestive tracts of most wildlife and although most coliform bacteria are not harmful, they indicate an unsanitary condition in the water and the likely presence of disease causing agents.

Should a reading in a test site be higher than one might expect a closer monitoring of the area might be in order. There could perhaps be something “natural” having an impact on the readings or perhaps there is a bigger problem such as a leaky septic system. A comparative look at the readings we acquire during the upcoming summer of 2008 with the same persons testing in the same locations will be very interesting! I asked Digby about the spike readings taken at the end of July last summer and, yes, these readings were taken after a long , hot dry spell. As well he said that a methodical error (incubation temperature and time) for that particular test could not be ruled out, although he was not aware of anything being done differently. Results here according to the Township indicate that the water is still safe and good for recreational use, however, it is certainly safe to say “Do Not drink any untreated

Blackstone Lake water". As far as water clarity is concerned a Secchi depth reading of 6.0 Metres represents excellent water clarity and corresponds with low phosphorus in Blackstone Lake. Some cottagers have expressed some concern about possible fertilizer run-off from the Camp for the Deaf. It is probably a good idea to keep an eye on the back side of Angler's Inn for any notable changes in algae formation. By definition, simply put, as you add more nutrients to a lake, the potential for algae blooms go up. Let's once again stock up on "greener cleaners". Look for the federal government's "Ecologo" and the comeback of cleaners such as baking soda, vinegar and lemon juice. Check out [www.lesstoxicguide.ca](http://www.lesstoxicguide.ca). Please Note! It is recommended to never use soap or shampoo in the lake! Even if a soap says it is phosphate-free and biodegradable - Do Not assume that it is safe for the lake! The bottom line is that it is capable of breaking down mostly with the help of soil bacteria.

The following information shows Blackstone Lake's 2007 water testing results along side some other inland lake neighbours as well as a look back at some previous Blackstone readings for comparison.

	<u>TC (MPN)</u>	<u>EC (MPN)</u>	<u>Secchi Depth (M)</u>
Blackstone Lake	163.5	15.0	6.0
Crane Lake	90.3	19.7	4.7
Healey Lake	349.5	5.5	3.0
Kapikog Lake	345.2	8.7	3.9

TC = Total Coliforms, EC = E. Coli, MPN = Most Probable Number.

Notes:

1. The TC and EC values in the table are averaged across all sample stations and sample dates.
2. TC and EC values for Blackstone Lake were affected by very high values on one sample date.
3. TC values of 10+ are considered unsafe for human consumption; values of 200+ are considered to be indicative of deteriorating water quality; values of 1000+ are considered unsuited for recreational water use.
4. EC values above 0 are considered unsafe for human consumption; values of 100+ are considered unsuitable for recreational use.
5. Based on a number of years of intensive bacterial monitoring throughout the Township of Georgian Bay and the Township of the Archipelago, the following has been recommended as a suggested bacterial objective (annual average) for the waters of Georgian Bay and the associated inland lakes/ Total Coliforms( TC) - 100 and E.Coli - 10.

Note. For the above, interpretation of the TC and EC values over the years should consider: 1) different testers and methods 2) some variation in sample sites and 3) different weather conditions.

### BOATING SAFETY

Just as a reminder, Yes, the OPP do visit Blackstone Lake and it is our responsibility to have all the proper safety items required onboard as per the size and type of vessel.

Last summer I personally had a full inspection by an OPP officer visiting by boat from Crane Lake. It may be a good idea to check out the following website early in the season and revisit what equipment you should have on your boat. [www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca) .

The following is a brief breakdown of the proof of competency required to operate a power boat. Proof of competency can take 1 of 3 forms:

1. A pleasure operators card
2. Proof of having completed a boating safety course in Canada (or equivalent US for Americans) prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999.
3. A completed rental-boat safety checklist.

Date at which proof of competency is required!

- All operators born after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983, proof of competency required onboard at this time
- All operators of craft under 4 meters in length (including PWC (personal water craft) proof of competency required onboard at this time.

All operators, proof of competency onboard by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE

Back in late October of 2007 Barb and Andy Metelka, Dr. David Rosen, Carolyn Rymell and I attended the Deerhorn Conference. Perhaps the most interesting question posed to all the lake association members in attendance was "Is your lake association prepared to handle medical emergencies?" Who do you call as a first responder? (Note: this question in no way implies or suggests that we not place a call to 911 and replace trained medical help as a first response ourselves but simply be able to perhaps respond in an appropriate manner and help until proper medical care arrives.) Who do you call as a first responder? Several persons addressed this part of the conference including our own Dr. David Rosen. While it can certainly be said that the best first responder is a person at the cottage itself inevitably, you are the best first responder.

We all have a responsibility as a first responder to know a little first aid, maybe some CPR or even perhaps the knowledge on how to operate an AED (automated external defibrillator). Chances are that the person that you may have to help will be a family member or a neighbor. To make perhaps a long story short we All felt that we were not as prepared as we should be to handle a medical emergency (be that a waterskiing/wakeboard accident or even an SCA (sudden cardiac arrest). There are many areas in which we can improve. The following represent areas where it was felt we could improve and make a difference to for all Blackstone Lake cottagers. I think we are moving in the right direction. Should you have any ideas or suggestions we certainly welcome your thoughts and comments!

- An emergency first aid training day has been arranged by Dr. David Rosen and Barb Metelka on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (Please see Blackstone Lake website for details or contact Barb directly at [bmetelka@gmail.com](mailto:bmetelka@gmail.com) or H. 519-853-0382 or at the lake 378-0350.

Guy Harris from Parry Sound EMS will be conducting the Training.

- With AED's (automatic external defibrillators) now being both very easy to use and relatively inexpensive and in light of the loss of longtime Blackstone cottager Niall Magner last summer we have acquired some important first aid equipment, notably a Zoll AED Plus defibrillator, a backboard (donated by Parry Sound EMS) and an emergency first aid kit. This equipment will be kept with Sylvia Morwald at Anglers Inn so that it is available to all Blackstone Lake cottagers. Following the July 12<sup>th</sup> first aid training day, those qualified in first aid/CPR/AED training will be noted on the cottage site map alongside all of the fire pump locations on the lake. Some cottagers may already be trained in these areas and should you wish we would be happy to add your name to the cottage site map. A copy of this will be kept in a visible spot at the cottage.
- Road access cottages should also have their civic addresses displayed at the end of their dock or another visible spot from the water in case of emergency, be that either fire or medical. Please note! It is recommended that the address not be green like your road sign is.
- Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates for the Angler's Inn boat launch have been provided to Parry Sound EMS just in case an ambulance helicopter is required to pick up during a medical emergency.
- The Angler's Inn boat launch dock would also be the designated meeting spot in the event that paramedics were required for a water access cottage. Note: For a road access medical emergency your civic address must be provided, as well it would certainly be advisable to have one person meet ambulance at the driveway to ensure no confusion.

While these small improvements have been put in place for the summer of 2008 they certainly do not eliminate the need to have a good cottage first aid kit along with some aspirin and Benadryl on hand, especially with children around. I strongly encourage those interested in expanding or refreshing their first aid knowledge to contact Barb Metelka regarding the July 12<sup>th</sup> first aid course. Numbers are limited and we feel so strongly about its benefits that the cottage association is supplementing \$30.00 of the \$80.00 cost to run this course.

### F.O.C.A. NEWS

Fall Meeting - The main topic was emergency preparedness. Only 12% of Canadians have an emergency survival kit and only 11% have a family emergency plan (to be honest, I am surprised that it is that high!). A variety of disaster situations were discussed by Erin Hills. He recommended that people have emergency supplies to last them 5-7 days and that a supply of common medications be kept on hand. It was also mentioned that part of the provincial plan in the event of disaster includes shutting down HWY 69 and HWY 11 to prevent urbanites from traveling north - something to think about in an emergency! Individuals are responsible for their own safety and well-being of their families. Check out [www.ontario.ca/emo](http://www.ontario.ca/emo).

Spring Meeting - David McCamus, along with Barb and Andy Metelka attended Humber College meeting on behalf of Blackstone Lake, whereby discussions involved

Lake Stewardship and Lake Plans. Just for the record Barb Metelka is currently our lake steward representing the Blackstone Lake Cottage Association as a liaison with FOCA. The following are some of the key points.

- FOCA is available for feedback pertaining to the development of a lake plan
- The lake plan should document the unique characteristics of the lake both in its physical and its social aspects.
- The two most critical aspects that the plan should attempt to address are the management of water quality and establishing an approach to manage further development on the lake
- Involvement of property owners is key
- The plan should be tied into the municipality planning system
- It is critical that associations prepare themselves properly for any potential confrontation with developers
- Incorporation and proper insurance is critical. This has already been done by the association. Many thanks to Barb Metelka pertaining to this! We are now a not-for-profit corporation known as Blackstone Lake Cottagers Association. Our insurance now includes liability for volunteers as well as Officers and Directors.
- Possibly apply for charitable status
- Implementation of a program to re-inspect septic systems across province-noting that the Archipelago already has such a program in place.
- Source protection of all drinking water-a review thereof of water intake systems
- Recommendation that septic systems be pumped out every 5-10 yrs.
- Invasive species signage for boat launch area recommended by FOCA (this has been ordered through Erin Hamlyn, MNR Invasive Species program. Erin spoke to us at last summers AGM. Erin's water sampling last August showed no spiny water flea in Blackstone Lake. Follow up sampling has been requested for this summer.

For more FOCA information go to [www.foca.ca](http://www.foca.ca)

### **A LAKE PLAN FOR BLACKSTONE LAKE - STATUS REPORT**

At the August 2007 AGM the importance of a Lake Plan was discussed and on Dec. 5, 2007 J.P. Cayer graciously opened up his boardroom and hosted the first and to-date only Blackstone Lake Lake Plan meeting. Both lake associations were represented here. J.P. Cayer, Todd Cleland and David Kupka represented BERA (Blackrock Estate Ratepayers Association) with Barb and Andy Metelka, Carolyn Rymell, Dr. David Rosen and Colin McFadyen representing the Blackstone Lake Cottage Association. Invited, however, unable to attend was David McCamus, Digby Sale, Rob Moos, Erik Mathieson and Jeff Elliott.

The purpose of this meeting was to engage both cottage associations in establishing a vision for Blackstone Lake on behalf of all Blackstone Lake cottagers. Hence, both groups anticipate working together to develop the foundations that could be used

towards the unified creation of a Lake Plan. At the end of the evening there was indeed at least a consensus that 1) maintaining high water quality and 2) managing future development on the lake would be the foundation on which we could as a unified body build a Lake Plan. What we all want for Blackstone Lake is what was previously outlined and identified in the FOCA news update.

There is essentially a Lake plan committee in place here, although be it unofficial. There are many highly skilled and knowledgeable individuals that are passionate about the lake and willing to help out here, however, what we need is a committee chair to steer the ship and move the development of a lake plan forward. All-in-all this is an important issue moving in the right direction, although I think it could use a shot in arm. Should you wish to take this project on please contact me directly at colin.mc.fadyen@hotmail.com or 705-835-2035. I have a list of enthusiastic helpers that would assist you where needed.

### GEORGIAN BAY ASSOCIATION

It has been agreed by all that the status quo in the relationship between both the Georgian Bay Association (GBA) and the Georgian Bay Foundation (GBAF) could not continue because this would jeopardize the charitable status of the GBAF. By the end of June it should be realized whether two separate but redefined organizations shall exist or one combined organization will be the outcome. There is a committee in place working on this at this time. Blackstone's own Carolyn Rymell as a director of the GBA has stayed on for yet another term to assist in this deliberation. We will take a look at this relationship and see how it develops and see whether things are still in the Blackstone Lake Cottage Associations best interest. For access to GBA website: [www.georgianbay.ca](http://www.georgianbay.ca)

### COUNCILOR'S CORNER

By Ian Mead

Let me start by thanking your Executive for asking me to participate in your newsletter. I can't believe a year and a half has gone by since I became your Councilor and I can't believe how much I still have to learn about the job. This is a complex township.

Let me bring you up-to-date on a few issues that affect Blackstone Lake:

**Waste Management:** Waste management has been and will continue to be an expensive and challenging task for the Township. The challenge is two-fold. One is to keep the cost down which directly affects taxes and the second is environmental - how do we reduce waste entering the landfill. Last year the township did an experiment with the Healey Lake transfer site. The walk-through gates were locked and the site was manned more often. This was in an effort to prevent illegal usage of the site by non Archipelagans and to make sure all the waste was deposited in the correct bins. All the cottagers that would use the site were given ID cards which had to be presented to the attendants. The experiment was a great success. Our

tonnage entering the landfill was reduced and our recyclables came through with zero contamination.

I must admit, I was hoping that our Crane Lake Road transfer site wouldn't warrant these measures but it does. Our recyclable bins were contaminated 57% of the time. This meant that 57% of the recyclable material went to the land fill instead of being recycled - completely unacceptable - I'm sure you'll agree. There was also evidence of people dumping illegally.

So, this year our site will be locked to prevent walk through and will be manned more often. This will take effect June 16<sup>th</sup>. You will receive all the details by mail shortly. Let's all join in and make the necessary, simple adjustments to our habits to ensure success of the changes. Our environment will thank us in the long run.

**Shoreline Preservation:** I hope I'm preaching to the converted, but I would like to stress the importance of retaining trees and bushes at your shoreline. These plants are nature's filter and they consume enormous amounts of nutrients before they reach the lake. The condition of our water is of supreme importance and we must do all we can to keep it pure. Please think twice before removing trees or underbrush from your shoreline. You will be receiving much more educational material on this topic in the near future.

**Water Access:** With the closing of Blackstone Landing last year the issue of access by water has become top-of-mind for many on Blackstone. Fortunately Angler's Inn is willing to expand and accommodate those of you who were displaced as a result of the closing. New docks are under construction as this is written. As a result of the situation on Blackstone, a Committee of Council has been formed at the TOA to examine all options and come up with recommendations to ensure access in the future. We are working through that and will be getting representatives of the Blackstone neighbourhood involved in the not-to-distant future. Please stay tuned!

**Block 17:** At the time of writing this, the OMB hearing relating to the development of Block 17 has been postponed in an effort to see if the issue can be resolved outside the OMB. As we are all aware the OMB hearing that was scheduled for April was postponed in an effort to see if all parties come to some mutually agreeable arrangement. At this time (June 1<sup>st</sup>) there is a concerted effort underway between the GBLT (Georgian Bay Landtrust) and Mr. Kolbuc (the owner of this property designated "Natural State") to work out an arrangement (deal). However, if this is not achieved this could go right back to the OMB. Or there is an alternate solution proposed by Councilor Ian Mead if negotiations fail with the GBLT.

OMB - By letting it go to the OMB we will end up with one of two decisions - the OMB may rule in favour of us (us being Blackstone Lake and the Township of the Archipelago) and we will all be happy or they could rule in favour of Mr. Kolbuc in which case we may be kicking ourselves for not taking a more proactive stance. It can be a gamble going to the OMB!

Alternate Solution - Myself and council have determined that Mr. Kolbuc is prepared to forego the OMB if we wish to purchase the property from him. Council is prepared to purchase the property on our behalf on an interest free 5 year loan. In

rough numbers (at this time) I figure the cost would be approximately \$300.00/ratepayer (cottage property) per year for 5 years. The end result will be that this property remains undeveloped and "natural state".

Many of you have already received an email from me regarding this update. However, for those of you who have not received the detailed email pertaining to 'Block 17" please respond by email to: Ian Mead at [ianm@vianet.ca](mailto:ianm@vianet.ca) or call and leave a message at 705-378-2089 or 705-484-5235. You may also contact Colin as well at [colin.mc.fadyen@hotmail.com](mailto:colin.mc.fadyen@hotmail.com) or call and leave message at 705-835-2035. Note: There will be a council meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> that will address this issue, thus I do hope that this newsletter enables those who have not already been emailed to express their thoughts.

**OPA 54:** I'm sure you have all received communication by mail regarding OPA 54. The public meeting regarding this has been set for July 25<sup>th</sup> in order to allow as many of you as possible to participate if you wish.

**Friends of Belvedere:** There are a number of ladies in the area who have formed a group called "Friends of Belvedere". That's the Belvedere Heights home in Parry Sound. These ladies have formed the group to raise money for Belvedere through various fund raising initiatives. This group is to Belvedere as a PTA would be to a school and the funds that they raise go to buy equipment and supplies that aid the workers in their day-to-day functions helping the aged. One of their fund raising efforts is to collect empty aluminum beverage cans. Adams Bros in Parry Sound have supplied a container and any monies made from selling the aluminum to recyclers comes back to the group. Apparently they have made over \$1000.00 so far - not insignificant! They have asked me to ask you to save your empty aluminum beverage cans and when you're in Parry Sound deposit them in the special container which is located at the north end of Sobeys. More containers are on their way and will be placed in other spots around town but for now Sobeys is the only location. I'm sure you will agree that this is a worthwhile effort and I hope you will join us in helping the ladies in this initiative.

That's all for now. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

Phone           705-378-2089  
E-mail           [ianm@vianet.ca](mailto:ianm@vianet.ca)

Have a safe happy summer!  
Thanks

Ian Mead

## BLACKSTONE LAKE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2007/2008 financial statement will be available for the 2008 AGM. One change that occurred this year is that we were finally able to switch to a type of account that has no service charge. It previously cost \$3.95 per month to keep an account, but now since we access it online it is free.

## BLACKSTONE LAKE QUICK NOTES!

- You will receive your 2008 assessment sometime this fall. Visit [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca), [www.wraft.ca](http://www.wraft.ca), and [www.captr.org](http://www.captr.org) for further details.
- Crane Lake Cottage Association has invited all Blackstone Lake sailors to join in their sailing regatta to be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm. For further details contact Colin at the lake ...378-2252.
- Marine and small engine repairs, contact Mike Steele @ Crane Lake Resort, shop tel. # 378-1471.
- Angler's Inn contact Information/ Sylvia Morwald email [angler@vianet.on.ca](mailto:angler@vianet.on.ca)
- Tel. 378-2352.
- Note: medical equipment kept at Anglers Inn - defibrillator, backboard and first aid kit.
- Are you interested in a sweatshirt depicting a Blackstone lake logo - contact Dave Kropf at Cottage Lake Apparel, [www.cottagelakeapparel.com](http://www.cottagelakeapparel.com)
- Interactive Mapping Application - check this out and have a look at Blackstone and surrounding area. This mapping application can be accessed using the "interactive mapping link" on the Township's main web page ([www.thearchipelago.on.ca](http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca)) or go directly to : [www.wpsgeonet](http://www.wpsgeonet)
- Crane Lake transfer Station only open when manned during summer 2008. Hours of operation June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Sept 7<sup>th</sup> are as follows :

Sunday	12-8
Monday	8-4
Thursday	8-4
Saturday	8-4

On Mondays of each long weekend hours are 8-7

Large item drop off days are as follows:

July 12 <sup>th</sup>	8-4
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	8-4
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	8-12

By now we should have all received our 2008 Waste Information Guidelines from the township. As of June 16<sup>th</sup> you will need to show one of the permit cards enclosed in that mailing in order to access the station.

- Reflective civic address signs for end of dock or other visible place are available to purchase at Bay Graphics in Parry Sound for approx. \$22.00-\$25.00. Call 746-6067 and ask for Mike Laver (they supply the Township). As mentioned before green is not recommended, blue can get obscured by the colour of water thus red with a white numeral is ideal and of course there is nothing that says you cannot display your civic address by a homemade sign, however, this reflective type of sign can be easily recognized during the day and at night.

- There will be a new weatherproof community board put up near the boat launch at Anglers Inn to display any notices or other lake information for the summer months thanks to the skills of Dave McFadyen.

### THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Burkhart family has kindly offered to host this year's AGM on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am. Cottage Site Map # 290 (map depicts locations in relation to Angler's Inn. The cottage has a boathouse and is the only one on the peninsula before the entrance to McRoberts Bay on the left side. They have asked that you bring a folding chair, a mug and a snack such as muffins, cookies or fresh fruit to enjoy with a coffee between 9:30 and 10:00 while chatting with neighbours. Ian Mead, our councilor, will join us in discussion and answer any questions you may have. NOTE: The Burkhart cottage is water-access only. Those arriving by boat will have to tie up and raft together with other boats alongside their boathouse. You may wish to dock at Angler's Inn and take the water taxi running from the boat launch to the Burkhart cottage. Return service will be provided after the meeting (hopefully around 12:30pm). The Burkhart cottage phone # is 378-2351

Have a great summer!

Colin McFadyen

President, Blackstone Lake Cottagers Association

Cottage : 378-2252

Home : 705-835-2035

Email : [colin.mc.fadyen@hotmail.com](mailto:colin.mc.fadyen@hotmail.com)

**NOTICE OF BLACKSTONE LAKE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008**

**DATE:** SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2008

**LOCATION:** BURKHART COTTAGE (DIRECTIONS IN NEWSLETTER)

**TIME:** COFFEE & SNACKS FROM 9:30 - 10:00am

MEETING FROM 10:00am TO NOON

**MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

For information please phone Colin McFadyen Cottage: 705-378-2252

Home: 705-835-2035



**BLACKSTONE LAKE ASSOCIATION  
2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**ANNUAL DUES ARE \$90.00**

Dues include membership in the Georgian Bay Association and FOCA

Please make your cheque payable to *Blackstone Lake Association* and bring it to the AGM, or mail it with this application to:

Barbara Metelka, Secretary Treasurer  
R.R. # 2, 13652 Fourth Line  
Acton, Ontario  
L7J 2L8

I am becoming a member for the first time (please check one): No  Yes

Please complete and/or update your information:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSTAL/ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVINCE/STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS:** HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COTTAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST AID EXPERIENCE?** NO  YES (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_