

# Fairbank Camp Owner's Association Inc.

Spring 2011

## President's Report



Here it is February at the lake and as you can imagine very quiet during the week with a few snow mobiles on the weekend. We haven't seen a lot of wildlife this fall other than a couple of bald eagles and a coyote in the yard.

The lake level recovered nicely this fall and I would say it is at least normal. Now unfortunately weather takes us through these unusual cycles and conditions.

The holiday season is well over and I hope everyone's was an enjoyable one as ours with our children and grandchildren at the lake was. This year I cleaned and flooded a rink like many do on the Lake, that the family thoroughly enjoyed until the rains arrived on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

With spring forthcoming in a couple of months the association will require volunteers to assist in the refurbishing and installation of lake markers. The existing cables and anchors need to be replaced due to

deterioration following 10 years of use. Please call Brian Burton at 705-866-0319 or Murray Baker at 705-866-5301, if you wish to help.

*Once again please note that our annual fees have been increased to \$25.00 for the 2011 season.*

Our annual meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 7:00pm at Fielding Memorial Park. The executive would like to see more property owners attend and participate in this important facet of our association.

We are please to have Pat Lewis, Manager of Business Relations, Vanessa Felix, Environmental Coordinator, both from QuadraFNX Mining Ltd. to update us on Victoria's Secret (new mine) and Chris Blomme, President of the Sudbury Ornithological Society, who will speak on the decline of the "Whip-poor-Wills".

Hope to see you there Brian



## 2011/2012 Executive Committee

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# Memories of Fairbank Lake

We are pleased to announce we have reprinted our;

## *Memories of Fairbank Lake and Surrounding Area*

history book original printed in 2000. Copies of the history book can be purchased from Executive members, Louise Baker, Margaret Rose Harkins and Marg McLaughlin. Books will also be available at our Annual General Meeting and the Picnic. Each book costs \$35.00.

We hope to do an update in the future; so please consider what history stories and pictures you would like to add to your history book.

## *2011 picnic*

We are once again making plans for our 41st annual picnic. This year it is taking place on Saturday August 13th or in case of rain on Sunday August 14th. It will begin at 1:00pm until around 4:30pm so mark your calendars now and come and enjoy the fun.

We will have all our activities from the past but would welcome suggestions for making your day more successful.

Please call the executive with your comments or if you are able to volunteer, or please e-mail me at; [margharkins@hotmail.com](mailto:margharkins@hotmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing you in August.

Margaret Rose Harkins, Chair

## **Membership Report**

Thank you to all members who paid their 2010 memberships. To date we have 162 paid up members.

New property owners;

Zone 5—R. Champagne sold to R. & N. Aholo & L. Beaton / P. Lavallie sold to P. Dixon—Van Mierlo & R. Van Mierlo

### *Welcome To Our Lake*

*Please notify us of your change of address or sale of property so that neighborhood watch and the newsletter will be directed to your home.*

## **Neighborhood Watch #141**

There have been no incidents of break & enter reported or the year 2010. If you should have one, no matter how small please make a report to the police and call Trudy at 705- 866-2840 so everyone is up to date.

Thanks to every one for watching out for your neighbor.

Trudy McAuliffe



# Lake Steward Report

Greetings!

It has been a busy year for Lake Stewardship with a lot of issues affecting many lakes in the city. We have been attending many meetings and have a lengthy report for this newsletter outlining involvement with a new group committed to improving lake quality, our 2011 Stewardship project and environmental issues.

## Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance

We are members of a new local grassroots movement comprised of Lake Stewardship representatives. It is called the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance. The two main objectives of the GSWA are to diminish the amount of phosphorus entering our lakes and to combat milfoil in the affected district lakes. The GSWA is pursuing a ban on phosphorus fertilizer in the City. The GSWA has an excellent website loaded with resources at <https://sites.google.com/site/sudburywatershed/>.

## 2011 Project

With our Lake Stewardship grant money from the City we are purchasing No Wake Zone signs to advise boaters to reduce speed to 10 Kilometres per hour when within 30 Meters of shore. It is a Federal Law that applies to Bodies of Water in four provinces including Ontario. The intent is to prevent shoreline erosion caused by boat wakes. The signs are 12 by 24 and will be in-

stalled before spring. This is one project that will be funded by the yearly grant from the city, the other is to upgrade the Camper Association Sign sites at the East and West ends of the lake.

## Phosphorus

Phosphorus is not a problem for Fairbank Lake; in fact the 2010 spring phosphorus value for Fairbank Lake is 4.3 µg/L, which is well below the Provincial Water Quality Objective of 20.0 µg/L. We should all be proud of this result. Shoreline buffers, proper fielded maintenance and bans on phosphorus fertilizer use will help ensure the water quality in Fairbank Lake and all other lakes in the City.

## Eurasian Milfoil

Milfoil is a non native plant that has not been a problem on our lake, but the possibility for Milfoil transfer from other lakes does exist. Best practice is to wash boats before putting them in the water if the boat has been in another lake. Just a small fragment of milfoil can take hold and overtake the native plants in the lake resulting in a weedy lake environment. Some of the affected lakes in the city will introduce Weevils, (little bugs the size of a sesame seed) to combat the problem. These little bugs burrow into the stem of the Milfoil, causing it to collapse and fall to the bottom of the lake at which point the native lake plants take over. Clear Lake in Espanola used Weevils to reduce Milfoil and the results were impressive.

Once the Milfoil is gone the Weevils disappear with the food source. Again, not a concern for us, but with 4 percent of the city's population living on a lake, it is best to use practices that prevent a problem like Milfoil from occurring.

## Septic Systems

The main concern for Fairbank Lake Stewardship is Septic Systems and Grey Water leaching pits. In Gravenhurst, the town has a *Field Bed* inspection program for lake properties that is designed to advise and educate property owners. Last summer the township inspected 150 Septic Systems, 41 were found to have deficiencies. The roadblock that we run into when requesting such a program in the City is that there is no staff or money to conduct the inspections. Our position is that a similar program should be implemented here in the City since 150 inspections is better than none and a good place to start.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on April 21, 2011, and thanks for your ongoing support for keeping our lake healthy.

Dave Lindsay, Chair



*Newsletter - Murray & Louise Baker*

# QuadraFNX

## Victoria Mine Site

On December 2, 2010 the Hwy 17 and Regional Rd 4 intersection. QuadraFNX held a public meeting with about 100 residence of the area attending the Den Lou Community Centre.

QuadraFNX has drilled a pilot shaft on the west side of Fairbank East Road and south of the rail bed. They expect the majority of their mine to be in this area.

At that meeting they outline future exploration plans that may include a mine being opened in a few years.

Residence raised many concerns about road maintenance to increased road traffic and how it would affect each of their neighbourhoods and

They committed to further public meetings as they get closer to a decision about the mines future.

Stay tuned!!



courtesy of Sudbury Star



## High Speed Internet Update

Our committee is continually making progress in efforts to bring economically feasible High Speed Internet to Fairbank Lake. In December we met with Minister Rick Bartolucci (Councilor Jacques Barbeau was in attendance to provide his support). Mr. Bartolucci has offered his assistance and will work with us but assures us this is not an overnight endeavor. A second meeting in December was held

with Josey Frescura from the City of Greater Sudbury who offered his assistance in this undertaking.

Newly-elect Mayor Marianne Matichuk also supports securing High Speed Broadband access in the Fairbank Lake area through Bell Aliant DSL service. She believes connectivity is a critical building block for economic success and community health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and it is important to work with a variety of groups to ensure high-quality telecommunications coverage is extended to all parts of the city and urges Bell Aliant to give every consideration to our proposal.

Bell loaned us the 'Turbo Hub' just over a month ago which we passed to people in various sections of the lake but it met with little success. We have other solutions on the table and will be addressing them in the future.

Please be patient.....it will take time, but we are progressing.

Mary Pat Cochrane, Chair