

## President's Message Spring 2007 – Len Ross

What is happening at the lake? A few highlights are: Don Henshaw is working towards putting the finishing touches on an amazing social calendar, Tony Moffat is looking forward to discussing shoreline plantings, Paul Hutchinson is keeping our working relationship with the Township of Lake of Bays in excellent shape, Dan Mckeen is doing a similar function with the Huntsville Lakes Council and Wim Magee is looking after the website and trying to make it meaningful for each member of the PLA. Not to just focus on the board; John Brenciaglia is reviewing the Lake Plan for improvement, Bill Wright is getting set to put in the buoys for another season and Jim Marshall will be looking for more ways to keep track of the health of our beautiful lake.

Along with the weather the quarry has been playing heavily in our discussions and it promises to be headlined again well into this year. On Feb. 15/07 we received notice that the OMB had ruled against the establishment of a quarry overlooking Peninsula Lake. With that decision many years of hard work by so many loyal and dedicated Penlakers was rewarded and a collective sigh of relief could be heard around the lake. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this cause, the "no quarry team", the fundraisers and you the members of our association. Because so many people gave freely of their time and their resources, I would be at a loss to name names; it might just be easier to publish our membership list and let everyone thank their neighbour. However, that said, the unflagging devotion to the cause by the Doyles (Joe & Pat), as well as Cathy Purvis, did keep us focused on the goal. The end result of so many months of hard work was summed up by the OMB as follows: "The Board finds that the character of the rural residential area and the character of the lake and its surroundings would be altered by the presence of the dimensional stone quarry in that location. The Board finds that the proposal does not constitute good planning. Accordingly, the Appeal is hereby dismissed."

Well, we thought that was the end. I guess one should not say never because the lawyer for the quarry has requested that the decision be reviewed and the OMB has agreed and August 8 has been set aside for that review. In anticipation of this one-day hearing your board has committed itself to vigorously defending our winning position. We have also scheduled June 9 to give as many of you as possible a first hand overview of the OMB's decision and to share our optimism about the outcome of this review.

Welcome back to the lake for another summer; please feel free to contact myself or any other member of the board regarding how we can improve your association.

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