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In 2017, Canada will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Confederation. It's time to start planning. Across the country, organizations and communities have started planning how to celebrate this major national milestone.

The 100th anniversary of Confederation in 1967 was a momentous occasion. Celebrations ignited enthusiasm among all Canadians. Its memory is alive and well for millions of people. The 1967 Centennial was a success because Canadians in all corners of the country found unique ways to celebrate. Communities organized local events, municipalities developed parks and arenas, and neighborhoods got together to learn more about our national history. From big to small, Centennial celebrations connected Canadians. As we look ahead to 2017, the Centennial demonstrates what is possible.

When it comes to celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary, the sky is the limit. As Centennial celebrations showed us, initiatives can range in scope, time and intensity. Celebrations could include awards and recognition programs to honour Canadians' accomplishments. They could involve new events, festivals, or parades. These could be one-time occasions or the start of an annual tradition. Canada's 150th could also take the shape of a monument, park or other lasting piece of community infrastructure. The possibilities are endless. As we brainstorm ideas for 2017, think of what would motivate, excite and inspire your organization, neighbourhood and family.

REPORT ON CLWA MEETING WITH M & L PLANNING COUNCIL

from Ritch Smith

On Tuesday, September 6th I represented CLWA on the Agenda of the Marmora and Lake (M&L) Planning Council to discuss a CLWA letter delivered to them on August 30th related to the Crowhill Estates development on Cook Road. Also attending the meeting was Mr. Paul Walsh from the Hastings County Planning and Development Department. He also received the CLWA letter. A copy of the letter is on page 3.

I reviewed background information on CLWA membership and then focused on paragraphs 4 and 5 in the CLWA letter. I emphasized the uncertainty surrounding the Crowhill Estates projects and the great number of rumors that are being discussed by our members and the general public. I presented our request for an update of the status of the project, for copies of reports and application, and our request for access to any reports submitted as part of the application process.

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- What should CLWA do to mark this anniversary?
- Are there local accomplishments and histories we want to commemorate in 2017?
- What can we give to Canada's celebrations?
- What role can different organizations play and can we partner with other organizations?
- How do we involve local youth so they have a chance to lead, contribute to and enjoy 2017?
- How can we be part of the Marmora and Lake celebrations?

Fall

Crowe Lake Matters

2016

Words from the President

I think this has been a pretty successful summer. The weather was great – yes it was hot but last year we complained about all the rain – and CLWA had a string of successful endeavors. The Committee Reports from the AGM present a lot of accomplishments. Lake Marker Buoys, Fishing Derby, Boat Parade, Fireworks – any one by itself would satisfy many organizations. Don't forget about our ongoing programs – the Newsletter, Public Relations, the Website, and the Facebook Page. Financially we are sound and we have made some wise long-term investments for the Fireworks program. Membership continues to be over 200 members, with about a 90% renewal rate, and we added 16 New Members. Sounds like a pretty good summer to me.

We continue to be watchful of the plans for development at 621 Cook Road, the Crowhill Estates, by FairTradeWorks (FTW). A report of a meeting held by FTW with members of the M&L Council had some comments that caused a lot of people some concern. Those comments and our response are in an article titled Errors in Reporting on FTW Meeting. I don't think the errors were deliberate or intentionally misleading. The article is to make sure that CLWA members have the facts about Lake Capacity. The status of the Crowhill Estates project was also the subject for a lot of questions during the AGM and the discussion convinced the Board that some proactive steps had to be taken.

We sent a letter to the Councils in Marmora and Lake and Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, to the Hastings County Planning and Development Committee, and to the Board of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority. The letter is on page 3.

To follow-up on the letter, I have represented CLWA before the four groups receiving the letter. I presented our concerns and our intention to be involved in the discussion and the decision-making. I also told them that CLWA has a Waterfront Development Policy stating our position on development in general. A report on the meeting with the M&L Council is on Page 1.

2017 Starts Now. That means it's time to start planning for the 150th Anniversary of Confederation. A Page 1 article has some ideas on how you can start brainstorming ideas for CLWA participation in this historic celebration. We can give all our programs a Confederation Anniversary theme. We need to hear your ideas and we want you to participate in the planning. More on that in the next newsletter.

On behalf of the Executive Board,
Happy Thanksgiving.

Ritch Smith



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REPORT...

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I also discussed the CLWA Waterfront Development Policy statement and the point that CLWA is not opposed to economic development provided it is done correctly and with respect to the quality of life on the lake.

Over the past three summers, I have had many discussions with the M&L Council members, M&L staff and with Mr. Walsh. I have found them to be open and straight forward about the project. During this meeting it was obvious that they share our uncertainty about the details of the project and share our frustrations with the rumors. While it looks like there is a disconnect between apparently complete plans shown on the FairTradeWorks (FTW) website and proposals submitted for approval, the reality is that the details of Crowhill Estates are still being developed. The project is still in the design stages and the FTW plans are being adjusted as results from the environment studies come in. FTW has not submitted a "Final Plan" for approval.

Mr. Walsh stated that because CLWA had submitted this letter, i.e. a Letter of Interest, we would be notified of all meetings and decisions. He confirmed our right to participate in the process and our right to see studies and applications. He assured me, and the M&L Planning Council, that this information would be made available to both of us. Mayor Clemens assured me that CLWA would receive copies of anything that M&L received. Mr. Walsh reported that FTW does not have any official applications in place and that some preliminary studies have been submitted but none have been completed and submitted for review.

It was a very productive session. The members of the M&L Council and Mr. Walsh understand our concerns and our position as presented in the letter. They promised to communicate with us and to keep our issues in mind.

I made a similar presentation to the Council of Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen on September 19 and the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority on September 22. Both were receptive and understanding of our concerns and our positions.

The letter to council

Council of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Council of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen
County of Hastings Planning and Development Committee
Crowe Valley Conservation Authority

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing to you about the proposed FairTradeWorks (FTW) Crowhill Estates development projects at 621 Cook Road on Crowe Lake in Marmora.

As the sole association representing the home and cottage owners on Crowe Lake, The Crowe Lake Waterway Association, has the right to participate in the process you will undertake to review this proposal. Obviously the home and cottage owners will be significantly impacted by any development for Crowe Lake is literally our front yard. It is a resource we all share and that Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments are charged with protecting. As the owners of the land that abuts the lake and the holders of the right to use of the Lake, we are an important stakeholder in this project.

Our members are summer residents and full-time residents and many have been on Crowe Lake for many generations. Life on Crowe Lake has been, now is, and hopefully will always be a part of our lives. We are very concerned about the impact a development as described on the FTW website and presentations will have on the lake, its wetland and shoreline, and the many species of birds, fish and other wildlife that share the lake. A development with such potential for adverse impact on the quality of life demands an extra measure of transparency and public participation.

Our immediate concern is due to the uncertainty about the status of this project and the continued lack of specifics as to the nature of the project. That is compounded by the lack of any public meetings and the continued rumours of studies done and applications made without any public access to such studies or notification of such applications.

We request that you formally invite the CLWA to participate in your discussion about the proposed FTW Crowhill Estates. To that end, please provide us with a summary of any decisions made to date. Second, please notify us of any future meetings and hearings. Third, please provide us with copies of any studies that have been filed by FTW or their consultants. Finally, please provide us access to all documents and studies that may be filed by FTW and any studies and reports your agency may commission.

To ensure we have proper notification and flow of information, we have attached a list of contact points for you to use. We would appreciate your cooperation with this issue.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Signed by W R Smith, President CLWA for the Executive Board, Crowe Lake Waterway Association

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AGM Reports

The 2016 Crowe Lake Waterway Association Annual General Meeting was held at the Marmora Curling Club on July 16, 2016. Approximately 35 members attended. Board Members Attending: Ritch Smith, Norma Crofts, Bill Neill, Elinor White, Ted McBride, Paul Morton. Regrets: Sandy Koivusalo, Vesa Koivusalo, David Savournin, Brian Facey (Doug Theuerle resigned in May). Guest Attendees: Ron Gerow, Mayor of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (HBM), Jim Martin, Deputy Mayor HBM, Dave Gerow, Counselor, HBM; Sandy Fraser, Counselor, Marmora and Lake; Tim Pidduck, General Manager, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority. Comments and Committee Reports have been edited for space reasons. The complete minutes will be posted on the CLWA website.

COMMENTS FROM OUR GUESTS

Ron Gerow, Mayor, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (HBM).

- Recent court ruling has changed responsibility from MNR/Oceans & Fisheries to Municipality for ALL "In Water Structures" which includes docks. HBM is currently revising their bylaws. Existing "structures" are grandfathered and can only have minor changes. All other changes require a permit. New docks over 15 sq. meters (160 sq. ft.) will require permit that may trigger MPAC notice and an increase in taxes.
- Septic re-inspection program was deemed too expensive at \$270 each. HBM is discussing ways to move forward.
- A free water testing drop off at Municipal office is available during week.
- HBM is working with Marmora and Lake on various issues.

Tim Pidduck, General Manager, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA)

- Climate change is the suspected reason for the Spring 2016 flood. In the last eight years there have been four floods higher than any in previous 25 years. While 2016 was not as high as the 2014 flood, it was one of the worst for damage.
- Permits are up at CVCA and volume is creating a three week turn-around time.
- Concerning 621 Cook Road, the developer application starts with Sharlene Richardson, the Regulations Officer. She has met with the local consultant hired by FreeTradeWorks. There are a number of issues and concerns about the size and scale of the development. There are also concerns with the shoreline activities. Once CVCA has been presented with plans, they can approve or deny with recommendations. FTW can appeal CVCA decisions.
- Questions were raised about cottage closing and the removal of any items that could potentially come down the Crowe River and damage the dam. Mr. Pidduck replied that clumps of bulrushes that come to the dam usually flow through without damage.



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Sandy Fraser, Marmora and Lake (M&L) Council and CLWA member.

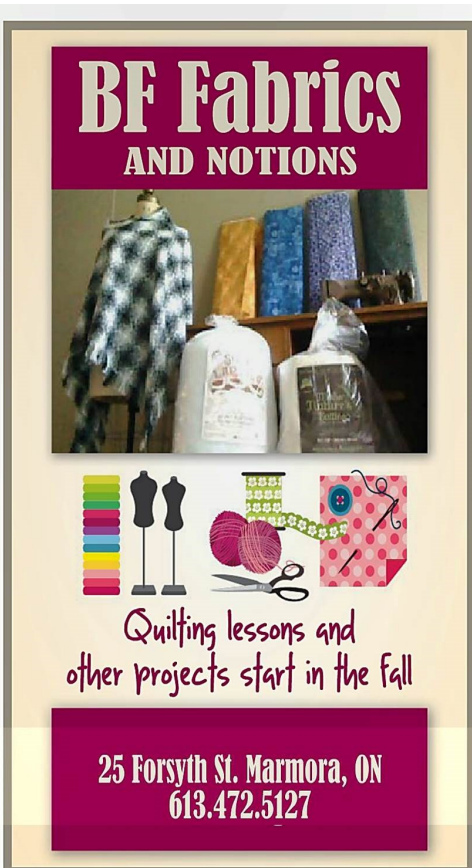
- Thanked CLWA for all it does on the lake and in the community.
- Hasting County is working on a plan re: In Water Structures.
- M&L only inspects septic tanks that affect the municipality water source. Any replacement cottages or homes require a new tank. No Mandatory Reinspection program is planned.
- 621 Cook Road Crowhill Estates development is currently in the hands of Hastings County and Province of Ontario. FairTradeWorks (FTW), the developers, has been asked to explain their marketing as the project may be too large for the lake. All environmental requirements are being reviewed. The Municipality is updated regularly but at this point not much is going forward.
- The FTW development at Highway 7 and Booster Park Road is at the pre-development stage and letters are with the architect. The hope is to start development soon. There are no permits yet as the number of units exceeds rural development allowable by-laws.
- The FTW Forsythe Street development has applied for a building permit. A fall start is expected with the current structure to be demolished. There will be retail on the ground floor with senior housing on 2 floors above.
- A By Invitation Only meeting will be held for members of the M&L Council and staff by FTW on July 27th for update on projects.
- There was discussion around CLWA having input to the Crowhill Estates approval process.
- The Northland Power Pumped Storage is still an optimistic project. Issue is lack of a contract between Ontario and Northland Power to buy the power produced.
- The M&L Tax Rate of 4.59 % is still the lowest rate in Hastings County. The budget for roads in M&L was increased as the roads repairs are falling behind. Booster Park and Lakeshore Roads are first to receive work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report: Elinor White

Thanks to a whole lot of members and businesses, we were able to deliver our programs and events successfully this past year. The Board decided in 2015 to invest in some areas to lessen our reliance on the fireworks suppliers and to provide more options for the fireworks program. This is a significant financial commitment over two years. CLWA member donations in 2016 were \$2,000 over 2015 with many new donors.

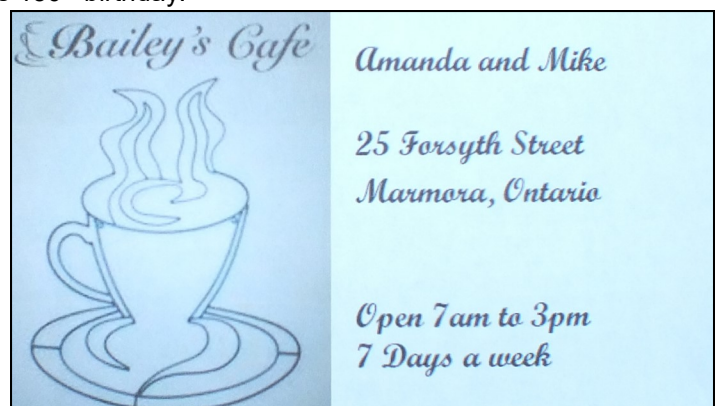
Bill Neill brought us a fantastic July 1st event and kept under budget. All other programs such as support to the fishing derbies, rocks and shoals, the photo contest and the CLWA web site are successfully funded. Our newsletter is underwritten by our advertisers, so please support and thank them. We have our operating capital in place for the coming year and the board will be meeting in September to set 2017 financial goals for celebrating Canada's 150th birthday.



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Membership Report: Ritch Smith

This year as of the AGM, there are 201 members versus 193 in 2015. We have a renewal rate of over 90% and we have fifteen new members, many from Bayview Trailer Park. We thank our Sign Captains who put up our membership signs.

Newsletter Report: Ritch Smith

We always like to hear comments on newsletter content and welcome articles from anyone. There are 19 advertisers on annual contracts making life easier for everyone. Advertising represents about one third of the newsletter copy. The majority of our newsletters are sent by email for a significant savings. A mailed newsletter costs about \$6 for printing and mailing but a newsletter sent by email is entirely electronic and costs nothing. Thanks to Judy O'Grady and David Savournin for their help.



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Lighted Boat Parade: Bill Neill

The Boat Parade and Fireworks was held July 2nd because of rain on Canada Day. The rainy weather and rough water may have diminished the number of participants in the parade. A decision had been made to try splitting the parade into two smaller processions to parade both north and south sides of the lake at the same time. But the low turnout of boats resulted in a rather sparse looking parade. All aspects of the boat parade are being reviewed including considering if the parade is losing its appeal. But, based solely on the shoreline crowd response, the parade remains an important and enjoyable segment of the July 1st celebration.

Fireworks Display: Bill Neill

Significant changes were made in the planning and execution of the 2016 fireworks. Funding from the Government of Canada requires us to celebrate on the July 1st date but it means we have problems with the availability of the firing mechanism and the mortar racks because of supply and demand and higher prices as a result of the Canada Day Holiday. This led to a decision in 2015 to acquire our own equipment. In 2016 your association purchased a complete firing mechanism and established a long-term relationship with a new fireworks supplier. Our new supplier loaned us the mortar racks necessary for the fireworks and we should be able to acquire them in the future at a good price.

The Association also trained four additional people to be Fireworks Detonators. They are Brynn Vilneff, David Savournin, Andrew White and Bill Neill. They will provide support and long term backup to our current team of fireworks detonators. Several were pressed into duty this year. Planning for a really big show for Canada's 150th Anniversary has begun.

Water Quality Report: Sandy Fraser

There is very little change in the lake quality. Testing was done this spring with the following results:

- Phosphorous: 9 micro grams/litre meaning algae will not happen,
- Water clarity is 4 to 4.5 which is the same since 2000,
- Calcium is moderate to high at 20 mg/litre. Fish need 1 mg to live so the lake is healthy.

Photo Contest: Ritch Smith

We had 23 entries – a decrease in number of entries from 2015. The same categories apply this year. Deadline date is November 1st, 2016. The photo contest is an important source of photos for our newsletters, membership brochure and our website.

AGM Reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fishing Report: Paul Morton

The Summer Fishing Derby was again run by Chris's Live Bait with prizes and financial assistance from CLWA. It had 105 entries this year and about half the entries were children. A total of 66 pike were taken out of the lake. The Winter Ice Fishing Derby in February was cancelled due to concerns about the safety of the ice.

Last fall CLWA assisted the MNR in putting 24,000 Walleye fingerlings in the lake. The MNR did netting on the lake last fall to assess fish. Request was made to report to MNR all walleye caught with the clipped fin.

Rocks and Shoals: Ritch Smith for Doug Theuerle

Rob Harding and Ken Parton had the marker buoys in place before the May long weekend and plan to pull them out by Thanksgiving. Request was made for brake rotors and white plastic bottles. A source is needed for the red reflective tape used. There are approximately 40 markers on the lake with 8 lost and replaced so far this year.

Doug Theuerle has retired from the board as he has moved out of the area. His service on the Board and on the Rocks and Shoals Committee is greatly appreciated. Vesa Koivusalo will take his place and will provide coordination with the Board, as well as continuing to serve as CLWA Secretary.

Website: Ritch Smith for David Savournin

Last year there were 1,117 views of the site – a 74% increase of previous years. Of that number 75 % were return viewers and 25% were new viewers. Site visitors look at an average of 3 pages per visit and spend 1 ½ minutes per web page for a total of 4,225 pages viewed. The busiest months are April, January and June (because of the July 1st events).

Our Facebook page is connected to various municipalities and organizations. We have 143 "likes". There were 544 unique visits to the June 27th reminder of the July 1st events and 514 for the rain delay post. We had 1,145 visits to see pictures after the July 2nd event. CLWA also has a Twitter account.

Public Relations: Ritch Smith for Sandra Koivusalo

Our advertisers this year again consist of 19 wonderful supporters of CLWA. Please support them. We continue to place our summer and winter events into local newspapers, newsletters in the Bancroft area, Comfort Country magazine, HBM community guide. Our events are posted on all associating web sites.

Elections: Past President Gord Callan officiated with election of the 2016-2017 Executive Board. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate of officers was elected.

Door Prizes and Adjourn: Door prizes were won by Dave Bedore, Judy O'Grady, Jim Nichols and Rob Harding. Ted McBride won the 50/50. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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to November 1, 2016

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Wildlife Around the Crowe

Recreation of the Crowe Lake Waterways

Photographs must be taken around Crowe Lake, Crowe River or Beaver Creek to be eligible.

Each photo requires your name, address, telephone number, *photo caption or title*, date and information on where the photograph was taken.

Photos must have been taken within two years of contest. By entering, you are acknowledging your permission for CLWA to use your photo(s).

Prizes in each category:

1st prize \$50; 2nd prize \$30; 3rd prize \$20; and Honorable Mention.

There is a limit of one entry per category for a total maximum of three submitted pictures per person. There will be a limit of one cash prize per person. There is no limit to the number of Honorable Mentions awards per person or per category.

Photos must be in a JPEG digital or printed 4"x6" format.

Printed photos are to be mailed to:

CLWA, Box 192, Marmora, ON, K0K 2M0 or dropped in the CLWA box at Marmora Insurance (Bennett's) on Forsythe Street in Marmora. On-line entries should be emailed to:

info@clwa.ca.

Entries must be received no later than Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

The past winners can be found on the CLWA website at:

www.clwa.ca.

2016 New Members

Brenda Flowers and David Downes, Silver Maple Lane
Dr Troy and Karin Fleming, Cook Road
Muriel Townshend, Lakeshore Road
Shaniko and Steve Bloor, Short Road
Doug Bilcox and Maureen Kelly, Fidler Court
Thea Aldrich and Patrick Hearn, Short Road
Marylou Shortall, High Shore Road
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A STORY ABOUT A BARGE, AS TOLD BY BILL NEILL

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About three weeks before the show, the flooring of the barge was checked and repaired and this year remodeled a bit to allow more room for the metal racks that hold the mortars for the fireworks shells. Two weeks before the show, the racks and mortars were installed on the barge. On Saturday, volunteers placed the fireworks in the mortars and connected the fireworks to the firing mechanism. They loaded the barge on a trailer and headed for Booster Park. Along the way, the trailer had a flat tire. The tire was changed and the barge continued on to Booster Park. The barge was launched and towed to the firing location on the lake. When the Boat Parade participants were in position and it was dark enough, the detonation team touched off the fireworks. Another successful fireworks show.

After the fireworks were done lighting up the sky, the barge was towed back to Booster Park, put back on trailer and returned to the Bonter Marine yard. On Thursday after the fireworks show, the racks and mortar tubes were taken off and the barge was cleaned and given back to Bonter Marine. The firing mechanism and mortar racks and tubes are in storage until 2017.

FIREWORKS DETONATION TEAM AND VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to following for all their help, contributions and hard work:

- The detonation team of Randy Vilnef, Brynn Vilnef, and Andrew White.
- David Savournin, Wayne White, Jim Nichol, Ritch Smith, Jim Rose and Bill Neill for day-long planning and pre-wiring of the fireworks shells,
- Jim Nichol, Wayne White, Andrew White for modifications to the Bonter barge for additional shell capacity and for installing mortar racks on the barge and the dismantling of the barge,
- Jeff and Andrew Bonter of Bonter Marine for the loan of the barge, the moving of the barge to the fire hall for loading, transferring the barge to Booster Park, and returning the barge to the Bonter Marine after the fireworks
- David Savournin, Ritch Smith, Jim Rose and Sean Read for the full day to set up detonators,
- Sandy Fraser for the loan of the work boat,
- Norma Crofts, David Savournin and Elinor White for fund raising, the Neill family for their sign making skills and hard work
- To the Marmora Fire Department for use of their facilities
- To the collection team at Booster Park that includes Doug Nobes and his posse Bailey McDonald, Ryan Barnes, Amanda Nobes, Zoë Barrons and Zachary McDonald.



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CANADA 150 WHAT DOES THE LOGO REPRESENT?



The logo is composed of a series of diamonds, or “celebratory gems”, arranged in the shape of the iconic maple leaf. The four diamonds at the base represent the four original provinces that formed Confederation in 1867: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Additional diamonds extend out from the base to create nine more points—in total representing the 13 provinces and territories.

The Canada 150 logo will become an evocative symbol and an enduring reminder of one of Canada’s proudest moments. The maple leaf motif is recognized at home and abroad as distinctively Canadian, and it fosters feelings of pride, unity and celebration. This unique and colourful design is simple enough to be drawn by children, and versatile enough to appear in colour variations. The possible uses of the symbol are as unlimited as the spirit and imagination of the Canadian public.

Created by Ariana Cuvin from Toronto, Ontario, the logo was the winning design in a nation-wide competition. Canadian students were invited to create the official Government of Canada’s logo for the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017 through a design contest that was held from December 5, 2014 until January 23, 2015. Ariana was chosen from a field of over 300 eligible entries.

SUMMER FISHING DERBY JULY 9TH

In spite of fog and threat of rain, the Crowe Lake Pike Only Fishing Derby was a great success. Sponsored by Chris’s Live Bait, there were 105 anglers in the Derby and about half were in the Kids Category.

The biggest pike at 5 lb 7 oz. was caught by Pat Comeau of Belleville and he took home a \$200 Gift Certificate. He said he caught it in Blairton Bay at the west end of the lake.

The Kids heaviest pike came in at 3 lb 3 oz. and was caught by Landon Dafoe. There were 66 pike caught and kept and total weight was 154 pounds. The CLWA Gift Certificates were won by Bryan Ward and Chris Battle.



Preston and Mikayla Barnim with their fish

The event is part of the Ontario Family Fishing Week. Chris’s Live Bait manages it, rounds up the prizes, signs up the anglers, does the weigh-in and gives out the prizes.

All the registration fees are put back into prizes. Everyone in the Kids Category gets a prize. CLWA provides financial support including two Gift Certificates at \$100 each. Sandra Vanattan and her staff do a great job.



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WHAT CAN SUMMER 2016 TELL US ABOUT FALL AND WINTER?

(The Weather Network)

Unfortunately, one cannot make generalizations about the next season simply based on the current season. History shows us that for every hot summer that was followed by a mild winter, there was also a hot summer that was followed by a cold winter. However, the hot summer in the Great Lakes has left us with lake water temperatures that are well above what we typically see this time of year. While, that did not significantly influence our forecast for the season as a whole, the warm water will influence individual weather events (such as the timing of the first frost and early season lake effect snow events).

One of the key considerations in developing our seasonal forecasts is ocean weather temperature patterns around the world. One region of particular interest is the region near the Equator in the Pacific Ocean. When ocean water temperatures in this region are significantly warmer or colder than normal, this can become the dominant driver of the weather patterns across North America. This time last year, ocean water temperatures were steadily becoming warmer than normal as we progressed towards one of the strongest El Nino events on record. This was a key to the mild winter last year for most of Canada. However, the pattern this year is rather different as ocean water temperatures in this region are now running cooler than normal.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT

...leaves change colour as daylight decreases. Shorter days trigger a mechanism in the tree to close the veins in the leaf, shutting off the supply of chlorophyll. Chlorophyll gives the leaves their green colour. Autumn leaf color depends on the tree species: red maples turn scarlet, sugar maples turn orange, and oaks turn brown or red or a mixture of the two.

...a group of chipmunks is called a scurry. They are part of the ground squirrel family and are omnivores with a diet of nuts, berries, plant seeds like sunflower seeds, corn, small mammals, plant roots and bulbs. Not Cheerios.

...the emerald ash borer is killing trees and causing major problems. The borers, small green beetles, have infected 130 million ash trees in about 6 million acres of New York forests. Beyond the ecological devastation, the insects could have a significant effect in the world of sport. About a quarter of major league baseball bats are made out of white ash.

...Hydro One has more power poles (1.6 million) than customer (1.3 million) in Ontario.

6.2 MILLION DEAD BUTTERFLIES

Storms in Mexico earlier this year brought unusual rain, cold and wind, destroying 133 acres of forest and killing 6.2 million monarch butterflies that were wintering there. That's over 7 percent of the 84 million butterflies that winter in the area. Last December, they covered some 10 acres. That's up from their record-low 1.7 acres in 2013, but down from the 44 acres they covered 20 years ago. [The Weather Channel]

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Coming Events

2016

- Oct ? CVCA starts Crowe Lake draw-down, watch CLWA website or CVCA website
- Oct 21 Concert for Hospice - 7pm St-Andrews Church
- Nov 1 Deadline for entries for CLWA Photo Contest
- Nov 4,5,6 & 11,12,13 Heart of Hastings Christmas Tour
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas

2017

- Jan 1 Happy New Year
- Feb Snow Fest, watch M&L website for details
- Feb Pike Only Catch 'N Keep Ice Fishing Derby, watch CLWA website for details
- July 1 Canada Day
- July 1 CLWA World Famous Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake



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- Crowe Lake Waterway Association
- ★ Gold Star Members ★
- Heritage Canada, Division of The Government of Canada,
- Northland Power, Toronto,
- Marmora and Lake for the new signage approaching town and for newspaper ads,
- BMR and BMR Inspirations, Marmora
- Royal LePage, Marmora
- Century 21, Marmora
- Bayview Trailer Park, Havelock
- Booster Park, Marmora, and the Nobes Family
- McKeown Motors, Stirling
- Iron Grille, Marmora
- Special Thank You to Jeff and Andy Bonter of Bonter Marine

SIGNS CAPTAINS

We want to thank our Sign Captains for 2016 for all their efforts. Tom O'Neill, Jerry Pascoe, Rosemary Pascoe, Glenn Caverly, Lionel Bennett, Dave Green, Bill Neill, and Ritch Smith. They started putting up 2016 membership signs in April with a push to get as many as possible in place for the long weekend at the start of May. They continued putting up signs all summer as membership renewals and new members came in. Over 200 signs were put up. In addition to placing the signs, they recruited new members and spread the CLWA message.

ERRORS IN REPORTING ON FTW MEETING

from Ritch Smith

A report in the July 29 issue of *News on 7* about a meeting held by FairTradeWorks with Marmora Council members and others had several statements about the Crowhill Estates project that need correction and/or explanation. The article reported a response to a question asked by Mayor Terry Clemens about lake capacity studies and the lake's ability to handle new development on Crowe Lake. This response has generated a lot of questions and so this is an attempt to correct the record and answer those questions. A copy of the 2011 Lake Capacity Study can be found on the CLWA website www.clwa.ca under 621 Cook Road or on the M&L website www.marmoraandlake.ca under Council/Admin/Documents and Forms.

From the *News on 7* article: "In answer to Mayor Clemens inquiry regarding past studies on Crowe Lake capacity, Christa Lemelin of Oakridge Environmental advised that current public concerns regarding the lake capacity

are based on an older MOE/Greer Galloway study stating that Crowe Lake was at capacity." [This is correct. The study was done in 2011 by Oakridge Environmental for Greer Galloway and it concludes that Crowe Lake was at capacity for development, Preliminary Lake Capacity Study Update dated September 2011, page 44.] "This has been superseded by a study dated 2012-2013, with more up to date numbers and modelling." [Ms Lemelin could not provide me with a copy of a 2012-2013 study. No New Lake Capacity study has been submitted to Hastings County or to Marmora & Lake officials.] "The conclusion is that Crowe Lake will be able to easily handle the increased potential use presented by the planned Crowhill Resort and Living Community". [Ms Lemelin told me that the conclusion is based on Oakridge Environmental opinions about the data in the 2011 Lake Capacity Study and FTW opinions about new technology to handle problems associated with large housing developments.]

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