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## THE CLWA BRINGS BIRDS OF PREY TO

*CELEBRATE MARMORA*

There were birds of prey in Marmora Memorial Park on Saturday July 30. The CLWA invited the Centre for the Conservation of Specialized Species to bring their birds to join in the Celebrate Marmora festivities. The CLWA believes that knowing more about the nature that surrounds us allows us to better appreciate our natural heritage.



The Lumber Falcon, at rest



Chris Ketola with the Great Horned Owl

Chris Ketola, from the centre, brought a Great Horned Owl, an Eurasian Eagle Owl and a Lumber Falcon to the park and spent the day telling children and adults about these fascinating birds. Folks had a chance to see the birds up close, talk to him about them, and to learn about the birds' lives and habitats and their role in the ecosystem.

Article submitted by Ritch Smith

# Fall

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# 2011

## OPEN MESSAGE FROM THE CLWA BOARD

The Crowe Lake Waterway Association has a long, strong, stable history of "protecting our natural heritage". Our CLWA membership is faithful, concerned about lake issues and well-informed. We have a dedicated group of directors who volunteer their time to continue to run programmes that benefit all of us who live and play on the Crowe. We are prepared to give our waterway a voice on issues that affect our way of life.

However, none of our directors are able at this time to take over the vacant positions of president, vice president, secretary or newsletter editor. All of our directors are keen to keep this CLWA legacy going.

It was decided at our August 27<sup>th</sup> directors' meeting that the president's role will be filled by a committee of the whole, with directors taking responsibility as chair on a rotating basis.

An organization such as ours thrives on fresh ideas and points of view to complement the established ones. Board members need to be the eyes and ears for our waterway and be willing to work with others to achieve our goals. There are usually 8 or 10 meetings a year. An out-of-town member can attend our meetings by Skype, if necessary.

Being a director is a good way of getting to know this community and its environment. If you are this person, or know someone who is, please consider joining our board. In spite of the board vacancies, feel confident that our committee of the whole will do its best to try to keep up the important work of protecting our waterway.

*Your CLWA directors*

### CLWA Board Meetings

The CLWA Executive Board will meet the third Saturday or Wednesday of each month except December, February and July. Meetings will be held in the Shannon Room in the Marmora Library at 9 AM, if Saturday, or 7 PM if Wednesday. CLWA members are always welcome.

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On July 16<sup>th</sup> 2011, the AGM was held in the William Shannon Room at the Marmora and Lake Public Library. Following the Meet and Greet time, President Gord Callan called the meeting to order. He welcomed Reeve Terry Clemens who provided details on the Marmora Pumped Storage project proposal. It is green and clean and totally supported by Marmora and Lake Council. The next step is getting a contract with the Ontario Power Authority.

CLWA members had the opportunity to ask Terry questions about this exciting project. Later in the meeting, it was moved that CLWA support this project by writing a letter of support which is reprinted in this newsletter. (See page 6)

The AGM continued with reports from the Treasurer, Elinor White, membership by Ritch Smith, upcoming photo contest by Tom Neal, and Rock and Shoal markers by Norma Crofts. Bill Neill reported on the boat parade, fireworks, water quality and GPS mapping as well as reading Robert Taylor's reports (as he was ill) of fishing, fishing derbies and Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

The biggest interest was in the improving water quality test results in the Crowe with descriptions of the part played by phosphorus and calcium.

## Your CLWA Board for 2010 - 2011

From left to right, back row:

*Ted McBride, Bill Neill, Tom Neal, Gord Callan, David Savournin.*

Front row:

*Norma Crofts, Elinor White, Ritch Smith.*

Missing When this picture was taken :

*Robert Taylor and Don Black.*



Gord Callan continued with the President's remarks, highlighting the activities that the CLWA is involved in and thanking people for their support and time. The CLWA has continued its involvement in community events such as the Canada Day Parade on July 1<sup>st</sup> and Celebrate Marmora on the Aug 1<sup>st</sup> weekend. In the past year, we said farewell to the late Bob Gapes last December and this spring to director Don Black.

Gord announced his resignation, too, at this time. On behalf of all of us, Norma Crofts presented Gord Callan with a gift in appreciation of his dedicated work on our board.

Under new business, CLWA member John Marchment spoke of some concerns. He wants CLWA to be on a board of lake associations within Havelock- Belmont -Methuen, thinks that CLWA should have a web page and is concerned about the possibility of future development at the west end of Crowe Lake. Discussion followed. Bill Neill responded, assuring John that the CLWA is looking at all of these concerns.

In our elections, we had no nominations for the positions of president, vice president or secretary. Sandy Fraser accepted the position of director. The meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to those members who attended and added to our discussions.



**July 9, 2011 CLWA - Pike ONLY**  
**"Catch 'em and Keep 'em" Fishing Derby**

*By Robert and Norma Taylor*

Ninety-one (91) anglers, 12 of whom were 12 and under, from Bancroft to Wellington and Madoc to Brampton and most places in between, tried their best to catch the big one, spending long hours on Crowe Lake. Some anglers caught pike (34 to be exact with a total weight of only 58 pounds) and some caught a dandy sunburn!

Rob Mitchell, who managed to catch only 3 pike with a total weight of 6 pounds and 4 ounces, won the bonus prize, which was a Fish Finder.

The winners in the 12 and under category were as follows: Heaviest – Jessie Thompson, Longest – Robert Taylor, Mystery Weight – Tyler Ward and Mystery Length – Jack Oke. Jessie and Robert won a tackle kit donated by Chris's Live Bait and Tyler and Jack won a \$30 Gift Certificate.



*Tyler Ward*

*Steve Kerr with Director Robert Taylor*

The winners in the 13 and over category were as follows: Heaviest – Bernie Stewart, Longest – Steve Kerr, Mystery Weight – Dennis Watson and Mystery Length – Marie Kegyes. Bernie, Steve and Marie received a \$60 Gift Certificate and Dennis received a rod and reel donated by Chris's Live Bait.

Four people were also recipients of a \$15 Gift Certificate. Renzo Cacciotti, Ryan Little, Kirstie Taylor and Shelly Taylor received the 'door prizes'.

Registration fees were returned to the anglers in the form of Gift Certificates redeemable at Chris's Live Bait.



*Director Bill Neill presenting Gift Certificate*

*To Shelly Taylor*

Crowe Lake Waterway Association appreciates the partnership with the Vanattans at Chris's Live Bait as well as the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The anglers had a hot, sunny day and sometimes quite rough waters because of a blustery breeze out on the Crowe. They enjoyed the opportunity to pursue their sport and test their angling skills on those voracious pike, but by day's end it was concluded that the pike beat most of the anglers at their game this time. Many are already planning to reduce that pike population in the Crowe at the CLWA Ice Fishing Derby in February 2012.



*Marie Kegyes*

### **Did you Know?**

What day of the year is the most popular for ice Break Up on Crowe Lake? Bet you didn't even know there was such a thing! Check out your CLWA Winter Newsletter to learn all about it!



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Contest

Who? Anyone is eligible to submit entries.  
Each person can only win once. CLWA directors  
are not eligible to enter.

What? The best photos that you have of the Crowe  
Lake Waterway in these categories:

- "A". Beauty of our waterway
- "B". Recreation in and around our waterway
- "C". Wildlife in and around our waterway

How? Entries can be submitted by mail to Box 192,  
Marmora, ON K0K 2M0, dropped off in the mail box  
at Marmora Insurance or sent electronically to

[tneal@trebnet](mailto:tneal@trebnet)

Please include your contact information as well as  
the category of your photo.

When? Submit your photos any time before

**Nov.15TH, 2011**

Where? The 4 by 6 photo must be of the Crowe  
Lake Waterway, one photo per category.

Why? Photos are great to share and become the  
property of CLWA. The cash prize for the best photo  
in each category is \$100.00

## CLWA Website

CLWA has a web address, a domain name and is now building a web page. If you are a regular computer user, you understood all that techno-talk. If not, it means CLWA is developing an internet site and the tools to electronically communicate with you and others who are interested in the CLWA and our activities and mission. We will be able to tell the CLWA story and keep you up to date on our programs. We will be able to connect to people and organizations that share the CLWA values and interests. If you are not a regular computer user, do not worry. We will continue to maintain our traditional communication links and you will not be left out of any of our activities.



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# CLWA Voices Support for Marmora Pumped Storage Project

The CLWA has sent a letter of support for the Marmora Pumped Storage Project to the Marmora and Lake Council. Reeve Terry Clemens reviewed the project during his discussion about Municipal activities during the CLWA Annual General Meeting on July 16, 2011. A motion was adopted endorsing the project and directing that a letter of support be sent to the Marmora and Lake Council. The letter was prepared and delivered on July 27. It was also sent to the EMC News and published as a Letter to the Editor. The letter follows.

Reeve Terry Clemens and Council

Municipality of Marmora and Lake

Marmora, ON

Re: CLWA Support for Proposed Marmora Pumped Storage Project

The Crowe Lake Waterway Association (CLWA) is a membership organization of approximately two hundred permanent and seasonal property owners on Crowe Lake, Crowe River, and associated waterways. The CLWA has a strong commitment to Crowe Lake and its waterways and to protecting this magnificent natural resource. The CLWA also has a strong commitment to the economic strength of the municipality of Marmora and Lake. The Marmora Pumped Storage Project will benefit the community and the region economically and from what we know of the Project, should not be detrimental to the lake and the waterways. Therefore, the Crowe Lake Waterway Association supports the proposed Marmora Pumped Storage Project. The CLWA urges the Council to continue efforts to gain approval by the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Power Authority. The CLWA also urges the Minister of Energy, Brad Duguid, and MPP Leona Dombrowsky to support the proposed Marmora Pumped Storage project.

The \$660 million-dollar construction project, with 400 to 1000 jobs during the 4-year construction and 35 to 45 permanent high-paying jobs, will provide short-term and long-term benefits to the community and the region. Marmora has a proud history and the mine operation was a critical part of the economy in the past. This project will restore many of those benefits to Marmora and Lake and Hastings County. It should also bring new elements into the economic and community life in Marmora and Lake.

The inclusion of Eco-Tourism features in the project plans could be a valuable asset to the community. The project should be a natural tourist attraction. The development of wetlands, trails, environmental attractions, and associated facilities could make Marmora an important tourist destination. The benefits to the businesses in the community and the region are obvious. The CLWA mission is built around the waterway and intelligent use of this natural resource. The positive approach to the environment and ecology contained in the project plan is an important factor in the CLWA endorsement.

The interest shown by local colleges and universities is encouraging. Efforts by these educational institutions to incorporate the facility into their curriculum could expand the uses of the facility in many ways. Studies of tourism, energy research, ecology, or business and economic development could be developed around the Pumped Storage Project to be part of the education of students from primary school to university level. Any efforts by these educational institutions in the life of the community will benefit everyone.

There are numerous benefits not mentioned above. Briefly, the use of the mine as a Pumped Storage Facility removes from any future consideration the much less desirable use of the mine as a waste disposal site. The interest and involvement in the community by Northland Power is a logical consequence of their long-term operation of this facility. Finally, the presence of a major source of power, coupled with the recently discussed high-speed internet project, would make the entire region an attractive place for many types of businesses.

The Crowe Lake Waterway Association supports the Marmora Pumped Storage Project because it promises many short-term and long-term benefits to the community and the region with no apparent negative consequences to the natural resource that CLWA holds so dear.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Board

Crowe Lake Waterway Association

# What is an ICSP

by Typhany Choinard

The Marmora and Lake Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) is a community driven process that addresses four pillars (economic, social, cultural and environmental) that are direct contributors to the quality of life in the community. It will provide a venue through public meetings where community members can voice their hopes and visions for the future. This project will give Marmora and Lake a strong vision for the future and a plan that is action-oriented. The community will begin to see action items implemented quickly and will be proud of the process.

Developing an ICSP is important for a variety of reasons. It provides a one-window approach to understanding the communities' vision for the future, and provides a roadmap for getting there. It also fulfills the spirit of the

Federal Gas Tax Agreement and secures the continuation of gas tax funding for Ontario's communities. This funding is available until at least 2014 for environmentally sustainable municipal objectives including the development of ICSP's.

Communities with ICSP's also have access to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities "Green Fund" to assist with identified projects. This project was also identified as a priority activity in the Marmora and Lake Economic Development Committees 2011 work-plan.

In June 2011 public consultations were held to gain public input into the Marmora and Lake ICSP. Over the summer of 2011 we have been working on the first draft of the ICSP. This will be available to be viewed by the public soon. If you are interested in viewing the draft visit [www.marmoraandlake.ca](http://www.marmoraandlake.ca) A second round of public consultations will be held in October. Please contact Typhany Choinard for more details 613-472-1515 or [t.choinard@marmoraandlake.ca](mailto:t.choinard@marmoraandlake.ca)

## CLWA Boat Parade and Fireworks

The weather played a role in the smaller number of boats participating in the boat parade this year. This picture of the lead boat is out of focus due to the wind and waves. Bill Neill and his family went all out to decorate the boat with lights extending out to the front and back with CLWA lighted up large! Thanks to all who joined the parade and to all who cheered from shore.



The reflection in the fireworks' picture shows that the weather improved as we drew closer to the blast-off time. Fireworks over the Crowe are awesome! Thanks to our Marmora and Lake firefighters, who are also on our pyrotechnics team, for doing another fine show.



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## Retiring Directors

Don Black has retired from our CLWA board. Don has been a long-standing volunteer with CLWA. It was his suggestion to create our membership brochure to help with our membership programmes and he worked on all aspects of its early production. Lately, he has run our Annual General Meetings with flare and confidence. Thanks, Don! Good luck with your future endeavours!

Gord Callan's cheerful enthusiasm has been appreciated. As vice president, and last year as president, he was tireless in each and every detail. Gord brought to our board his broad understanding and professional experience. Lately he had helped to revamp our newsletter format into the full colour beauty it is today. Our best wishes and thanks go with you!

Sandy Fraser, after further consideration, has decided to withdraw his offer of becoming a director of the CLWA. Thank you for continuing as a volunteer.

## Council Decision Could Impact CLWA Fireworks

The Marmora and Lake Council has decided to discontinue its annual financial support to the CLWA fireworks display. The CLWA request for \$500 for 2011 was approved but the discussion of the request led to a change in the donation policy. The new policy will not allow financial donations to organizations but will allow for in-kind donations such as use of building or land. This will affect all outside organizations, not just CLWA and was not targeted at CLWA. The CLWA Executive Board will work with Reeve Clemens and the Council to adjust to this new policy.

The impact on the fireworks display for 2012 is unknown at this time but the reduced funding will have to be recognized and budgeted. The Board will attempt to find funds to replace the donation from the Council and to take advantage of the in-kind support, if possible.



### CLWA Boat As A Float

Nancy and Bill Neill wait beside their decorated pontoon boat that went in the Canada Day parade in Marmora on July 1st.



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## Every Drop Counts

By Norma Crofts

Earlier this year, an interesting presentation on water conservation was held at the Marmora Town Hall, hosted by the Environmental Advisory Committee of Marmora and Lake (EAC).

Lucille Fragomeni, the Source Water Communications Manger with Quinte Conservation, was the first presenter. She spoke of water in the global sense, reminding the audience of water facts that we may have known but need to put it into the frame of the world's fresh water supply challenge.

\*All the world's water is here now in the atmosphere, on the land and beneath the land. \*The total amount of water is consistent, moving from one state to another in the hydrological cycle.

\*Seventy percent of the world is covered in water but only a small percent of that total is fresh water.

\*Canada has 7 % of the world's fresh water and a small population to service. The United States has about the same amount but has 10 times the population to which to supply fresh water.

\*Water is finite as the population of the world is growing. The questions arise about water being a human right, a public trust or a commodity. With climate change, water conflicts arise. [www.blueplanet.net](http://www.blueplanet.net).

\* Ironically it takes 7 litres of water to make one water bottle.

\* In the average bathroom, showers and toilet flushing represent 50% wasted water.

The second presenter was Vicki Woolfrey, the Source Water Protection Technician with The Crowe valley Conservation Association, who spoke of the local challenge.

She described the natural basin of the Crowe and outlined its boundaries from Potash Lake at the top at 342.4 metres above sea level to the Crowe at 182.5 metres above sea level. From the Crowe River dam, the water joins Lake Ontario at the Bay of Quinte. Thirteen percent of the Crowe Watershed is wetlands that best manage the water as home to plants and animals which clean the water as it passes by.

The list of changes in behaviours with water make a difference.

- Use native plants in your garden when possible
- Try lasagna gardening
- Sweep the driveway rather than washing it down with the hose
- Go to the carwash as it is a more efficient use of water
- Be aware of water use around your home
- Stop using the toilet as a garbage can
- Install low flow devices
- Fix a drip
- Consider using a rain barrel as a source of water for your garden
- Be an avid recycler
- Dispose of hazardous waste properly
- Keep motor boats properly maintained and gas up away from the water
- Maintain a natural border of vegetation along the waterfront

A lively question period followed the presentation and a free draw ended the evening.

Thanks was expressed to Drummond's BMR who donated low flow shower heads, the EAC for donating a rain barrel and to Quinte Conservation for rain water gauges and recyclable shopping bags.



If you want to get involved in the Crowe Lake Waterway Association activities, there are several jobs that might be of interest. Contact Norma Crofts at 613-472-2157 or njcrofts@hotmail.com or Ritch Smith at 613-472-3490 or ritch.smith.email@gmail.com.

#### Secretary

The Executive Board meets 8 to 10 times a year for approximately 2 hours per meeting. The secretary's duties would be to record the minutes and prepare them for the following meeting and to manage in-coming correspondence. Time required is approximately 2 to 4 hours per month, depending on meeting schedules.

#### Newsletter Editor

The CLWA publishes 4 newsletters during the year in September, January, March and April. The Newsletter Editor will manage the preparation, collection and publication of articles, pictures and advertising. The editor will work with the Newsletter Publisher to oversee the completion of each issue. The editor will also be responsible for the distribution of the newsletter either by postal mail or electronic mail. He or she may write some articles but most will be prepared and submitted by others. Time required for this position is approximately 20 hours per newsletter.

#### Membership Signs Team

This a team of CLWA members who put up the CLWA membership signs each year as members renew their membership. Several people are needed to join the team. Team members are assigned a geographical area, usually in their own neighbourhood, and are responsible for putting up the new signs. The team members work with the Director for Membership and other team members. Time required for this is approximately 5 hours per month in May, June, and July.

#### **Articles or Ideas Wanted**

Do you have an article for the Newsletter? Got a picture we could use? How about the story of your family in Marmora or on the lake or river? Got an issue for the membership? Let us know. Write to PO Box 192 in Marmora, telephone or email Norma Crofts at 613-472-2157 or njcrofts@hotmail.com, or drop a note in the CLWA box at Marmora Insurance (Bennett's) 31 Forsyth Street.

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