

Good morning everyone. Thank you for showing your interest in our community by attending this meeting.

First of all I'd like to thank everyone who assisted the WCOA this year by volunteering to help with our ongoing monthly events, our spring and summer events, our community cleanup bees and special projects we have undertaken this year. It's a big commitment and without your assistance and support we would not be able to continue to host our successful events and fundraisers or make improvements to our community's grounds and infrastructure. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the contributions you have made and continue to make to keep this community and our Cottage Owners Association moving forward.

I'd like you to welcome Steve Wawryk and Greg Melvin to our executive. They volunteered to serve for two years following our AGM in May and I'd like to thank them for their commitment. Your executive has been very busy this year and I'd like to thank all of them now for their support and assistance with events, projects and community activities.

I'd also like to thank retiring block captains, Helen Thompson and Mary Hanna for their past service when needed and I'd like to welcome Wendy Mills who has volunteered to look after Fisher Place and part of Otter Crescent. We have also adjusted some of the areas for other Block Captains to cover Fox Place and the rest of Otter Crescent. Special thanks to our Block Captains for distributing some information and contact forms to new property owners here. We appreciate that you are always there when we ask for your help.

Three hundred and eight individuals signed the cellular coverage sheets over the summer and we have sent a letter and the signatures to the Minister responsible for SaskTel asking that they resolve the wireless service inefficiencies in our area that are especially prevalent on weekends and during the busy summer months. We will relay the response when we receive one back.

There have been some concerns raised about the high level of dust on Beaver and Otter Crescents on busy weekends and during the summer when streets have higher volumes of traffic. The two products currently used by highways are magnesium or calcium chloride. Another option is used vegetable oil; however this option is significantly more expensive and has a French fry odour that lingers for some time following application. Having unwanted wildlife enter the subdivision is another concern with using this product because of the smell. We will consult with NMS over the winter to determine which product could be used for dust control next year on these connector crescents.

The air handing unit to convert the hall heat from electric to natural gas will be installed within the next few weeks to ensure it is operational for the upcoming winter season. Most of the wiring, construction and duct work preparation have been completed. Sincere

thanks to everyone who has helped with this project to date. We will ask for volunteers again when the unit is installed and afterwards to do some gyproc work and painting. You can be sure I'll let you know when we need your help!!

At our AGM in May, a suggestion was made to survey all property owners to determine people's thoughts on what community projects they would like to see completed here. Those would be projects funded through our property tax trust account administered by NMS in LaRonge.

The WCOA would also like to know what projects our members would like us to explore and complete in the next few years from our Association funds. At our May AGM another suggestion was made that a committee be formed from our membership to prioritize WCOA funded projects.

I will be asking for your input and directions on these suggestions later in the meeting.

The provincial Department of Parks, Culture and Sport altered its service areas and we are now administered by Blue Heron Provincial Park Manager, Gordon Locke, out of the Christopher Lake office. Gordon Locke visited Ramsey Bay this summer with the intent to get all docks here into their records so annual permit fees can be charged and paid for each dock and additional structure (lift, etc). A Minister's Order signed in February 1993, gave the existing Cottage Owners Association authorization to assess a one time fee of \$5 and the right to administer the docks here. We have indicated to Mr. Locke that until such time as we are shown that the Minister's Order has been rescinded, Parks should honour the one time fee set up in that document for existing docks registered by July 31, 1993 and new docks placed after the bylaw came into force, as stated in that Minister's order.

Our 2016 fundraiser, The Second Helping cookbook is selling well. Books are available for \$20 each and are available by contacting any of our executive, our website or by email. Thanks to everyone who submitted recipes in support of this fund raising project.

We plan to continue to update the names of property owners on our data base and subdivision map throughout the winter. If you know the names of any new cottage owners here, please let me know so the updated records and map will be as accurate as possible. We would like to have the updates completed before our AGM held in May, so a map can be delivered by the Block Captains to each property.

In closing, I'd like to encourage you to continue sharing your ideas and opinions on issues that concern you. Please be assured your executive appreciates your input.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Rowan, President