

THE GREEN WATCH

The Green Lake Area Ratepayers' Association Newsletter

Representing property owners and residents in the Watch and Green Lake Area

Bruce Gilmour, President	250-456-2140	Dunham Craig, Director	250-456-2133
Alan Boyd, Director	250-456-7651	Fred Kuyek, Water Testing	250-456-2230
Lorrie Fleming, Secretary	250-456-7566	Joanne Macaluso, Director	250-456-7320
Judy Cole, Director	250-456-7708	Marie Kuyek, Membership/Treasurer	250-456-2230
Dave Schwarz, Director	250-833-0074	Mark Tener, Director	250-456-6055
Roy Allan, Director	250-456-2438	Gordon Labinsky, OCP Advisor	250-456-2310
Jack Keough, Director	250-456-7725	Marie Kuyek, Editor	250-456-2230

WINTER 2011

President's Report

January 2012.



My land line connection to the Green and Watch Lakes area informs me this winter holiday brought unseasonably mild temperatures to the lakes area with little snow but cold enough for the lakes to freeze. Talk about ice rink conditions extraordinaire! Folks could literally skate for miles on Green Lake. The conditions reminded some of the longer standing residents to recall the days of ice boats on Green Lake! Lots of hockey games were enjoyed and ATV's sliding about the lake surface as snowmobiling was not as plentiful due to a lack of snow. Where ever your travels took you this holiday, I hope the times with those you shared, were enjoyable and looking forward into 2012, challenges will be manageable and promising opportunities are in the offing.

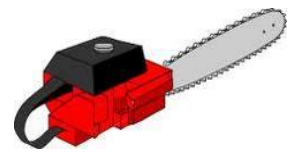
Things to look for as the GLARA executive continues to work on behalf of the interests of the membership, include: efforts towards a home page, maintaining the dialogue and benefits from all levels of government on land use planning that respects the abundance and quality of the most precious of our natural resources - water, and to continue with the planning coordination with our two Regional Districts in waste management and enhancements in capital planning for infrastructure improvements at the area day and overnight use parks.

I continue to be most grateful and appreciative of the attitude and commitment shown by lake residents in their individual efforts to contribute to the cultural, economic, ecological and social health of the lakes area. On behalf of the executive, thank you for showing your support through your active membership in the association. We are guided by the mandate to advocate and educate on behalf of the local features that are common to us all that live in the area. Your ideas, suggestion, and participation in GLARA is enthusiastically welcomed. The individual contributions of the executive members is most noteworthy - Jack, Mark, Marie, Dunham, Judy, Alan, Fred, David, Lorrie, Roy, and Joanne.

Best wishes for 2012! Bruce A. Gilmour



ATTENTION TRAIL USERS!



I am writing in the hope that all trail users, snowmobile, quads, and even horse riders will help with the ongoing trail maintenance. I would even go so far as to beg you all to not go out on the trails without a CHAINSAW.

Please do not go around the fallen trees but cut them off the trail, and please cut out enough to make a road that fire fighting vehicles can get through in the event of wildfires. Fire crews with the one-ton trucks have been able to quickly respond to fires caused by lightning strikes that could have resulted in major fires if the access had been blocked. If we all do some, then perhaps we can then go out and enjoy a ride that does not have a potential heart attack built into it from us retirees trying to do it all. So all you weekenders please get a chainsaw and help us out. Thank you.

Alan Boyd



2011 Green Lake Water testing

This summer the water testing was done on the lake temperature, water clarity and PH levels in Green Lake. We started testing on May 27. The water temperature at that time was 8.5 C at .5 meters. The PH levels were 9.0 which are what Green Lake has constantly read for many years. The clarity of the lake was to a depth of 13.2 meters. The warmest recorded temperature recorded on Green Lake this summer was 16.5 C at the end of July and the clearest was the first test done in May, 13.3 meters. As the summer wore on the worst clarity reading was 7 meters September 28. I would like to thank Brian and Jackie Stroud for taking over the testing of the lake for August and September when Fred and Marie Kuyek were away and unable to do it. We are hoping that someone from the North side of Green lake or Watch Lake would be able to start testing the water on Watch Lake again. It has been a few years since it has been tested. If you would like to do the testing on Watch Lake starting this June could you please contact Fred Kuyek at 250-456-2230 and we will get you the information and equipment needed to get going.

The water level measuring device that is installed at the Watch lake Green lake culvert has not given us any data as of yet. The water levels in Green Lake have been too low to record any water level activity. This Spring Alan Boyd will try to contact someone to possibly lower the device so that readings can be taken.

Lakes are frozen!! Green Lake froze over 98 percent on December 1st with a portion in front of the flying U and by the Watch Lake Green Lake culvert being left open for a couple more weeks. Watch Lake froze over on November 13. Thanks to Norm Rastad for recording Watch Lake's Ice-on Ice-off Data for the "British Columbia Lake Stewardship Society", (BCLSS).

Fred Kuyek,
Green Lake Water Steward

Marge Sydney MOE
Fred Kuyek, GLARA



Message from Sally Watson



Thank you to everyone who got out to vote and thanks to all who helped to re-elect me, I will do my best to make you happy with that choice. Now it's back to work and I look forward to working with the new Clinton Mayor and Council; there are many projects that we should be working on together such as the Clinton Community Forest. At the Clinton and District Economic Development Annual General Meeting the need for a committee to work on seniors housing was brought forward and I look forward to working on that project even though it isn't part of the TNRD mandate. Communication was one of the issues brought forward during the campaign and I encourage interested residents to check out www.bonaparteplateau.com or Facebook: **Director Sally Watson TNRD Area E Bonaparte Plateau**. Any group wishing to have me speak to their meetings can call 250-456-2423 and arrange that. There are a few things that have been on the back burner like the Crown Land to the east of 70 Mile House that the Ministry of Forest and Range has agreed to arrange a graze lease for a non-profit association in order to keep the grass down and reduce the fire hazard to the area. This is an exception to the rule and was agreed upon at the Union of BC Municipalities Conference in September. I will be approaching the Clinton and District Agriculture Association to see if they would be interested in this project. Happy New Year to all, drive carefully and stay warm.



Sally Watson, Director Area "E", Bonaparte Plateau, Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

Message from Bruce Rattray



When I was elected in 2008, a major focus was to improve the way the Regional District informs and consults with residents. I am pleased with the progress over the past term and will look for additional opportunities to inform and engage residents. I am also pleased with the work done by staff and residents on the Green Lake and Area Official Community Plan. This multi-jurisdictional, watershed-based OCP is a first of its kind. It will serve the community well for years to come. I continue to be concerned that climate change is the greatest threat to our lifestyle and our economy. The mountain pine beetle infestation is a demonstration of how devastating the impact can be. Changing weather patterns are likely to affect the health of our watersheds which in turn will affect agriculture and forestry activities. The Regional District will be working over the next term to finalize and implement its Greenhouse Gas reduction plan and seek ways to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of climate change. The wildfire emergencies in 70 Mile in 2009 and in the Central Cariboo in 2010 have highlighted the need for emergency planning and preparedness. Engaging community groups and residents in these planning activities will be a priority over the next term. I would like to thank all of you who have put your confidence in me for a second time. I look forward to working with you over the next three years.



Bruce Rattray, Director Area "L", Cariboo Regional District

BC Hydro News



Smart Meters - BC Hydro advises that: "Meter exchanges in your community will commence in January 2012 and are scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2012. BC Hydro customers in your community will receive a letter a few weeks prior to their meter upgrade. The letter will notify customers when their meters will be exchanged and what they can expect during the process:

- Customers do not need to be home so long as there is safe, clear access to their meters.
- In most cases the meter exchange will take less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Most customers will experience a short power interruption, lasting no longer than 60 seconds.
- Installers will be identified with BC Hydro and Corix logos on their trucks and uniforms, and will have photo identification badges.
- Installers will leave written notification for customers to let them know the work has been completed.

For more information on the Smart Metering Program, please read the straight facts on smart meters, or download the Business Case from our website at:

http://www.bchydro.com/energy_in_bc/projects/smart_metering_infrastructure_program.html"

If you have questions or concerns regarding the installation of these meters BC Hydro requests you call them at **1-800-BCHYDRO (1-800-224-9376)**. Hydro advises that the staff answering this line can answer questions with regard to the meters and explain to you the steps required if you wish to delay the installation of a new meter at your home.



We are pleased to receive the expressions of interest of three area residents to sit on the executive. Two residents from Green lake North and one resident from South would like to bring their time and energies to benefit the work of the Association. As we currently have vacancies to fill, the Association By-laws will be reviewed and an announcement will hopefully be forthcoming in the next news-letter update regarding new additions to the executive. Anyone else that would like to get involved please call an executive member or drop us an email at greenwatchlake@gmail.com

GLARA has a new mailing address!!

#99 Green Lake South Rd, 70 Mile House, BC, V0K 2K2

Printed by

TOP-LINE PRINTERS

QUALITY COMMERCIAL PRINTING & DIGITAL COPY CENTRE

245 CEDAR AVENUE, BOX 392, 100 MILE HOUSE, B.C. V0K2E0

TEL: (250) 395.2799 FAX: (250) 395.1987

E-MAIL: info@toplineprinters.com