



SSCA Monthly Newsletter December 2019

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Greetings!

Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes to you and your families in 2020!

It's been a while since my last update so there is a lot here to catch you up on. In this issue we have news on:

- SSCA Property
- Amalgamation News
- SSCA Gift Memberships
- Water Levels
- 2020 Yearbook
- 2020 Dues Notice
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Happy Holidays!

Eric

Eric Armour - President, SSCA

SSCA News

Property Update

TOA Fire Rating Low

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This fall saw the demolition and removal of the condemned Dock House at the SSCA Community centre. As you can see in the photo above, the land surrounding where the Dock House was, is now cleared.

The existing footprint of the Dock House is safe and ready for next season. Land that was disturbed has been graded back to how it was and is ready for seeding in the spring. There is a small area of water where the building once was. This will be addressed in the spring for safety reasons.

We have also purchased and installed a recycled sea container placed on the back from the south side of the School House. This will be painted a forest green in the spring so that it will blend into the background. We will be storing all the items that are now stored in the schoolhouse in this container. Thus, allowing the space in the schoolhouse to return to its original configuration.

We are looking into staffing for next season. We are in talks with a possible caretaker and with summer student staff. Finally, in the new year, I am reconvening the property committee so that the next steps for the association property can be developed for the Board then membership to reflect on.

Michael Ugarenko - Chair, Property Committee

Amalgamation Discussion News

As has been mentioned in previous SSCA communications, the Province of Ontario publicly announced last January its interest in amalgamating certain municipalities in Ontario.

Although the Township of the Archipelago was *not* to be included in the initial round of amalgamation efforts, the Georgian Bay Township was.

This raised concerns among municipalities, cottagers, ratepayers, NGOs and others who are concerned about the future of the entire Georgian Bay coastline.

Due to public feedback, the Province's Ministry of Municipal

Affairs and Housing recently announced a **change of course in their Amalgamation strategy**. Thus, the issue of Amalgamation looks like it will be dormant for the time being, but your SSCA Board will continue to monitor it and react accordingly by continuing to stay in close communication with our Reeve and Councillors and look out for the best interests of our members and protection of our shared Georgian Bay biosphere.

Eric Armour - President

SSCA Gift Memberships



A Time For Giving

Looking for that last minute stocking stuffer? Give the gift of membership this holiday season!

Membership to the SSCA is a great and inexpensive gift for family, friends, neighbours and young adults.

Membership is an opportunity to become more knowledgeable in government and ratepayer issues and more involved in Association events, programs and youth activities.

Young adults may join in on special events and environmental events.

Dues for 2020

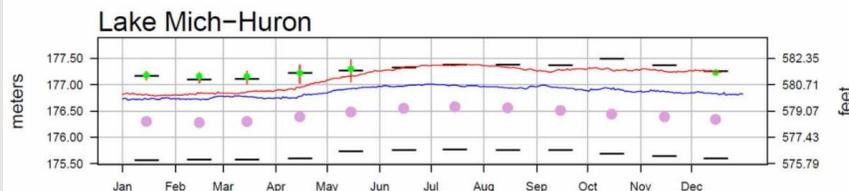
- Full Members \$165.00
- Associate Members (under 30) \$50.00

Don't delay, join the SSCA today!

For assistance with membership gifts please contact:

Gregg Scott - Membership Chair

Water Levels - Dec 22, 2019 - from the GBA



Water levels continue to be well above average and near record high levels. Lake Michigan - Huron is 16 inches above the levels for Dec 20, 2018.

[More Info](#)

2019 was a big transition year for communications within the SSCA. We launched a new website in 2019 with a simplified self serve portal for updates and online look up functionality. We saw a dramatic increase in the number of online payments through the combined membership directory and payment portal. This has contributed greatly to reducing administrative effort and expenses.

We also heard your feedback in 2019 over the replacement of the annual Yearbook with the online Telephone Directory. We heard that you would much rather have some form of a hard copy Directory to keep by the cottage phone.

So with that feedback, the Board has asked the Communications Committee chaired by Naomi Campbell to develop and deliver in Spring 2020 a simplified Yearbook/Directory.

It will still be important as ever to make sure you keep your membership info on the website up to date. 2020 Paid members will see their name and receive this new Directory in the May time frame.

With this return to a paper Directory, there is a great opportunity for a volunteer with publishing experience to lead up the production of this Directory in 2020. Interested people should reach out to either Eric Armour or Naomi Campbell for more information.

Naomi Campbell - Chair, Communications Committee
Eric Armour - President

2020 Dues Notice

Dec 31st is the SSCA Fiscal Year End. And with the end of another active year for your association, we will be sending out the 2020 Dues Notices in the first week of January. Payment instructions will be in the Dues Notice. As Gregg Scott has suggested, why not get the next generation more involved by starting them off with their own membership. Those under 30, get a special membership offer - \$50.00.

Eric Armour - President

SSCA Sailing Camp

If you are looking for a holiday gift with no screen and no batteries, consider a week at SSCA Sailing Camp for the young people in your life. The camp runs from 9am-4pm Monday through Friday. It is operated by Sail Parry Sound, which has a team of accredited instructors. It is targeted at both novice and experienced sailors, aged 7 through 15.

For 2020, sailing camp will run during the weeks of July 17 and August 20. Last summer, both weeks sold out early. Regular pricing is \$510 per sailor, including taxes and water taxi transportation to and from the SSCA Community Centre; early bird pricing (for the first 12 sailors to register for each week) is \$460.

To reserve a place (or if you have questions), please reach out to Glen Campbell (campbellglend@gmail.com), and do an e-transfer for the course fee to sscasailing@gmail.com.

Deerhorn Conference Report



The Township of The Archipelago invited representatives from the Georgian Bay community to participate in the Deerhorn Conference in Parry Sound in early October. This Conference was first developed to gather the Township councilors and representatives from the related associations together to discuss issues and concerns common in our coastal communities.

Eric Armour, Michael Ugarenko and Nancy Christie were your SSCA representatives.

TOA Strategic Principles - In the morning, presentations and breakout discussions focused on the Township's six strategic principles and offered opportunities for everyone to participate.

It was unanimously agreed that "Preserve and Protect" was the most important of the principles. For more information on the Township's Strategic Plan Review, go to [here](#)

While the ranking varied, support of the other five principles was strong:

- Operating as good neighbours (finding solutions in consideration of neighbouring municipalities),
- Cost effective service,
- Shared values (maintaining the municipality's right to plan based on its shared philosophy and values),
- Responsible waste removal, and
- Preventing and removing invasive species.

As to how to implement its strategic principles, the group was unanimous in suggesting that the Township act proactively to execute its agreed upon strategies.

Zoning By law Review - A lively interactive session took place in the afternoon. Participants were challenged to assess specific situations using current zoning bylaws which apply to building size, nearness to the water's edge, limitations on sleeping cabins, numbers of docks, etc. This exercise helped us all understand the challenges faced by Township staff interpreting and applying the bylaws.

Suggestions from the session will be considered as the new zoning bylaws are developed.

Amalgamation - Views and concerns about the possibility of amalgamation of the Township of the Archipelago with other possible partners located in the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve were addressed by the TOA. It is our understanding that neither the ToA nor its neighbours, with the exception of the Township of Georgian Bay, are part of the government review at this time. As it is located in Muskoka District, Georgian Bay Township is currently subject to the review.

TOA Council met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to highlight the uniqueness of our Township, its mission, vision and strategic principles. The complete presentation is on the Township website.

Those present at the Deerhorn Conference unanimously supported the view of Council that this was not a matter for active consideration at this time. For more information, Council's position is outlined in their Amalgamation Communication Brief – Councillors Ward 3, May 2019 available [here](#). Follow the links to Strategic/Amalgamation Documents. As the document states, this is an issue to be actively monitored. See the following news item for more information on this issue.

Nancy Christie - Advisory Board Member

SSCA Board Changes

Retiring Directors

Isabel and Paul Triechel (Frying Pan Is.) have made the decision to retire from the SSCA Board after more than 10 years of service.

In Isabel's role as Secretary, she has kept us all straight on process and record keeping. She has always been there to give excellent advice and well thought out comments on all board matters.

Paul was the tennis liaison for years and assisted Isabel with her duties as secretary. Although basically a quiet person Paul could always be counted on to assess situations correctly and interject when appropriate. Their contributions to the board over the years are greatly appreciated.

On behalf of all the SSCA Board, we wish them many more years of cottaging in their "retirement" at Sans Souci.

New Directors



We are excited to announce that Joanne Browne (Cockburn Is.) has joined the SSCA Board.

Joanne has been cottaging on Georgian Bay for more than 20 years and has been an active supporter of several past SSCA initiatives. These include the the sport court and in encouraging others to get involved in their association activities.

Joanne will join the Nominations Committee and will be involved in Dock House replacement fund raising.

We are also very glad to announce that Katherine Denune (Nice Is.) has accepted the role of SSCA Director on the Georgian Bay Association Board. Along with this new role, she will continue as Chair of the SSCA Environment Committee. Katherine's knowledge and very strong energy is a

welcome contribution to the GBA. The SSCA Board is thankful for you taking on this additional role.

Irene Chambers - Chair, Nominations Committee



Members Remembered

Midford Kitchen - October 19, 2019

With the passing of Mid Kitchen(1926-2019), the Bears Head community lost one of its last ties to the pioneer families of Parry Sound. The Moore/Kitchen fishing lodge-family cottage on Idletime Island stood as a symbol of an earlier time on the Bay. As did Mid. His engineering skills, honed from U of T, service in the war, and practiced over his long career in Northern Ontario, not only extended to the buildings on his own island but beyond in his role as local handyman in helping neighbours throughout his retirement years. Mid volunteered regularly to assist in the work days set up by Pete Conacher. In town, he became the overseer on P.S.'s first Habitat for Humanity project. His old tugboat, skills, tools and can-do spirit became synonymous with another era. "They don't make them like they used to any more".

**John Hamilton
SSCA Member & Friend**

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