

# GRWA ShoreLines

The Gananoque River Waterways Association

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Because of the importance of this issue, GRWA is mailing it to every property owner along the Gananoque River Waterways, not just to those who have paid the membership dues.

**PLEASE CHECK THE ENVELOPE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER CAME IN TO FIND OUT WHETHER YOU ARE A FULLY PAID MEMBER OF GRWA.**

If your membership has NOW expired or is overdue, you might think of these advantages that come with membership:

Know what is happening on the Waterways. Sharing information is important to all of us. Read the two annual issues of *ShoreLines* to be informed. GRWA also keeps in touch by email and through our website [www.grwa.ca](http://www.grwa.ca).

GRWA responds to members questions, ideas and issues – not always as fast as we would like. Concerns about speeding boats and Eurasian watermilfoil are still being investigated .

GRWA is a member of The Frontenac Arch Biosphere Network and the Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust to further ensure that the Waterways are given the strongest possible protection. We also regularly connect with agencies such as the Township and the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority so that our collective voices give us strength to discuss ideas and communicate these to both members and to others who may help us make decisions.

Membership dues are still only \$15 a year, a real bargain that has not increased in five years.

This is a crucial issue of *ShoreLines*.

A survey, the first major step in our Watershed Study, is enclosed. GRWA asks that you take the time to carefully respond to the survey. It's your chance to have your opinions counted as we plan for the future as a community.

What does a Watershed Study do for us? First, it will tell us what the people living on the system value and what they want for the future. It will also tell us the state of the system, both the water quality and the status of the animals and plants that live in and close to the water. By knowing these, we will know what changes have occurred and whether they are beneficial or not. More important, it will give us some ideas about how to proceed, so that what we all treasure will be preserved and enhanced.

The enclosed envelope can be used to return the survey along with your membership and the cheque.

Profiles of the candidates for the election to the Township of Leeds and the 1000 Islands Council start on page 4. These profiles plus other information from meetings and the newspapers will help you know the platforms of the candidates before you mail in your vote or take it in person by November 13<sup>th</sup>. Members of Council are now elected for a 4-year term.

# A Tale of Two Lake -Trout Lakes Worth Saving

The consolidated Official Plan (OP) of March 2006 sets out the main guiding principles for the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands. In Section 5.9.3 there are some specific restrictions to protect the lake trout habitats in Red Horse and Charleston Lakes. These restrictions apply only in a severance process, when an application is made to create new lot.

Now the Township must develop a Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw (CZB) which will implement the objectives of that Official Plan. In the June draft of the CZB, Section 3.30 deals with "redevelopment" on existing lots already on Red Horse and Charleston Lakes. To implement the intent of the Official Plan to protect these lake trout habitats, a "holding" process is proposed to ensure that changes to existing buildings or any new building on an existing vacant lot would be designed to minimize the impact on the Lakes. For example, if a new sewage disposal system is required, if possible, it would be a minimum of 30 m from the water even though the old one may have been closer. The "holding" process would require the usual approvals plus one additional level of approval as the building permit could not be issued until Council votes to remove the "hold" on that particular property. Thus our elected representatives would have the final say in how redevelopment occurs on these Lakes.

You can read both the Official Plan and the draft CZB by visiting the Township offices or on the Township website: [www.townshipleeds.on.ca](http://www.townshipleeds.on.ca). The draft CZB is being worked on by the Citizens' Committee that did the same for the OP, with the second draft to be presented to Council in December.

GRWA, with the written support of several of our members, responded to the Township giving its support in principle to this "holding provision" process but asked for some rewriting to clarify a few details in Section 3.30. For example there is no mention of the fact that existing vacant land can be built on by going through the "holding provision" process.

GRWA is supporting this "holding provision" because of the following facts:

- 1) The Ministries of the Environment and Natural Resources declared in January 2006 that both Lakes are "at capacity" for nutrient loading because they do not meet the water quality objectives for dissolved oxygen and phosphorous. The Ministries also agree that:
  - Red Horse remains "highly sensitive" because of factors within it that affect a higher rate in its reaction to nutrient loading. Charleston remains "moderately sensitive".
  - both Lakes still have good trout habitat which is worth saving for economic, environmental and historical reasons.
  - shoreline development has a direct impact on water quality. Newer science shows that
  - nutrient loading does not travel downstream as much as previously thought.Furthermore preliminary testing in 2005 on Singleton and Red Horse Lakes show no significant differences in phosphorous levels; if the source of the nutrient loading were upstream, the levels would be higher in Singleton Lake.
- 2) The intent of the Official Plan, with its serious protective restrictions on new lots for both Lakes, must be reflected in the CZB for existing lots whether through a "holding provision" or some other means.
- 3) The GRWA survey of 61 Red Horse Lake property owners in December, 2003 revealed a 89% support for a possible one or two year moratorium on development to allow for an overall study but Council would not have voted for this.
- 4) Charleston Lake property owners and their Association are almost unanimous in their support of the "holding provisions" in Section 3.30. The greatest opposition is a core of about 10 property owners on Red Horse who are lobbying the Township to delete it.
- 5) These 2 Lakes and the trout in them are the proverbial canary. The Leeds Stewardship Council has discovered that there were trout in Beverley Lake in the late 1800s. If today's Township realizes the necessity to protect our waters, it will be providing leadership and stewardship for all the many miles of valuable waters throughout its jurisdiction.

## Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> voting member (18 years +) at the same address:

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Summer address: (# and road)

Tax Roll # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of lake or bay: \_\_\_\_\_

Area in which you might like to assist:

Forestry \_\_\_\_\_ Municipal Planning \_\_\_\_\_

Conservancy \_\_\_\_\_ Social Events \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_ Watershed Study \_\_\_\_\_

Frontenac Arch Paddling Trail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

GRWA respects the privacy  
of your information.

Membership fees are \$15 CA for a calendar year or \$25 CA for two years. GRWA also welcomes your donations for the Forestry, Watershed Study, Environment, or Conservancy committees.

Send cheques to: Treasurer

Gananoque River Waterways Association

Box 15, Lyndhurst ON K0E 1N0

Office: date \_\_\_\_\_; amount \_\_\_\_\_

## *On the Living Edge:*

*Your Handbook for Waterfront Living*

As a fundraising endeavour,  
GRWA is selling this book with \$5  
from the \$15 price (\$20 if mailed)  
going to our Watershed Study.

All taxes are included.

More details are on [www.grwa.ca](http://www.grwa.ca)

**Phone 387-9992** to arrange delivery  
in the Lyndhurst/Lansdowne area or to  
mail. It is a great stocking stuffer for  
timely winter reading.

## A LOGO CONTEST

The GRWA logo, with the sailboat, has been used on its letterhead paper and then on our newsletter for as long as can be remembered. (Maybe there is someone who can tell us where it originally came from.)

But now is the time to create a new logo for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to polish our image with something more representative of today's Waterways and what we value most.

GRWA invites all to set out your ideas and submit a drawing on paper or computer that will be judged by the Board with assistance from members who are artists.

Logo Contest Rules:

### 1) **Deadline is March 1, 2007.**

The winners will be announced in the April issue of *ShoreLines* with the prizes being awarded at the AGM.

2) Submissions can be on paper or computer, in black & white or colour.

3) It can be representational or abstract but should be simple so that it is easily reproduced in black and white.

4) It must have 3 elements: human, water landscape, plus floral or fauna.

5) A tag line should be included. This is a short set of words that tells what GRWA represents, almost like an advertising jingle. The first page of our Constitution posted on the website, [www.grwa.ca](http://www.grwa.ca) might help give some ideas.

6) All submissions can be emailed to [forbonnie@grwa.ca](mailto:forbonnie@grwa.ca) or mailed to Box 15, Lyndhurst K0E 1N0

## PRIZES

Winners will receive a membership for two years with GRWA plus:

First Prize: "Loon and Chicks", framed 25"x16" print by Brenda Carter; valued at \$150.

Second Prize: "Common Loon", wood carving by R. G Kerr; valued at \$100.

Third Prize "Mourning Doves", framed 11"x8" print by Terrence Andrews; valued at \$50

## 2006 Township Council Elections

**The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands has mailed ballots to all persons on the voters list. If you have not received one by Oct. 25, phone the Lansdowne office, 613-659-2415 or 1-866-220-2327.**

**GRWA thanks the Township Taxpayers Association for these candidate profiles. GRWA and the TTA support all candidates without prejudice or favour to any particular candidate. (i) = incumbent)**

### MAYOR - vote for 1

#### Harold Grier (i)

I am a lifetime resident of the Township. I have served the past 18 years on municipal council, 15 of those has been as the county Representative. In 2002 I served as the Warden for the United Counties. As a small businessman involved in the Agricultural industry I understand the concerns of rural Ontario. If elected I'll continue to serve you in the future as I have in the past, with the townships best interest at heart.

#### Frank Kinsella

Father of 5 children, 4 boys and a girl.  
Frank began as a teacher in a one room rural school. He has been Reeve of a similar township in North4n Ontario with 310 miles of roads and four townships, a councillor in three different municipalities, Director of Education in three different systems, Fort Francis, Prince Edward County and Leeds and Grenville.  
He has been the Provincial Mediator with the Ministry of Labour.  
Currently, he is a member and Past Chair of local volunteer Health Services Committee – retention and recruitment of family doctors. President of the Rotary Club of Gananoque, Chairperson of: - Leeds and Grenville Economic Development Sub committee – Gananoque Secondary School Parent Council, director of Inter-City Midget Hockey.

#### My Promise to You

To represent all the voters of the Township by speaking and doing what we believe is right.  
To vote on issues so you know where I stand and how I am representing you .  
To make sure we get the best value for any tax dollars spent.  
To work efficiently by constantly asking:  
a) should we continue doing this?  
b) should we stop doing this?  
c) should we start something else?

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at: 613 387-1005 or e-mail: [frankkinsella@sympatico.ca](mailto:frankkinsella@sympatico.ca)

**J. M (Jack) Willoughby**  
(not received at press time)

## WARD 1 ( Front of L&L ) - vote for 3

#### Bud Adress

I wish to represent the entire Township's best interest over the next four years. I hope you consider this your opportunity to give a newcomer a chance to work hard for you.

I was born, raised and educated in Gananoque and later completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Geography at Queen's University.

Coming from a family with a history of living and working around the water, I share an almost indescribable love of the St. Lawrence River and the 1000 Islands. My wife, Bev, was raised on a farm where my in-laws continue today as milk producers. I believe our combined exposure to the farming way of life, also gives me a grounded understanding of life away from the river in our diverse Township.

I have worked in our local national park for 35 years, an experience that provides a solid base to work effectively with Council and the communities.

Also I have been a:

- member of numerous committees & working groups, at the local and national levels.
- protector of our environment as a peace officer.
- co-ordinator of initiatives to improve the status of significant wildlife species.
- emergency responder as a public safety specialist

#### As Your Ward 1 Councillor, I will:

- assess all issues with the utmost **FAIRNESS.**
- treat all people with **RESPECT.**
- work with the Council team in a **PROFESSIONAL MANNER.**

**We are proud people in this Township.**

**Let's be proud of our Township!**

#### Garnet Burns

(not received at press time)

#### Geraldine (Geri) Dickson

I have lived in the township my entire life, married and partner in farm business for over 40 years. I have served on past councils in this township for 14 years, and been an active member and supporter of the Township Library Boards, serving as recorder and chair of Finance committee. During my terms on Council, I served as township representative on the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, and was chair of that Board for one term.

I am employed at A&P, in Gananoque, and am the part time union steward and was recently elected to the negotiating committee for the Eastern Region.

As a councillor, I work hard and make informed, accountable decisions as part of Council. I understand the budget process and reviewing financial statements, to scrutinize costs. I want open communications with residents.

I respect the protocol of parliament and its procedures and accept democratic votes and respect the views of others, finding compromise without betraying principles. I will be positive, and work to move the township forward and make the municipality vibrant and growth oriented. I will represent the entire township at the council, and make decisions in the best interest of all the residents. I am experienced, positive, and have an open ear to the residents concerns.

## WARD 1 (Continued)

### Harold Emmons (i)

Although this was my first term in office, I have been one of the more vocal councillors this past term, especially on such issues as the Township's ballooning budget, cost overruns, council protocol, the need to attract a better business tax base and the need for better roads maintenance.

I have never been shy about addressing controversial issues and in fact I was the strongest voice when it came to raising questions about the recent equipment purchase made by the township, the lack of transparency when it comes to most tendering processes, and I have always publicly addressed the issue of how Township Council demonstrates poor professionalism in the eyes of it's constituents at most public meetings. My biggest frustration has been how our budget has gone from just over 7 million dollars in 2004 to more than 12 million this current year.

Some of my successful accomplishments this past term include:

- Instrumental in having more public involvement in the drafting of the Township's Official Plan
- Instrumental in the adoption of proper hiring procedures for the Township's current Chief Administrative Officer
- Instrumental in the development and adoption of proper Township tendering procedures.

A strong supporter of the Township Taxpayer's Association, whom I believe act as an excellent link between Township council and the taxpayers of the community.

Given the opportunity to serve as one of your councillors for a second term, I make only one promise and that is to continue to work for all the taxpayers in our great community, the same way I have for the past 3 years.

### Jeffrey Lackie

(not received at press time)

### Tom Lawler

I was born and raised in Gananoque, my wife Joann, and 3 yr old son Jake, live on Hwy # 2 just east of Reynolds Rd. I am 37 yrs old and am employed as a Captain with the Gananoque Boat Line. Previous to that I was a Police Officer with the Town of Gananoque.

I was the Deputy Mayor for the Town of Gananoque during the 2000 - 2003 Term.

I hope, if elected, to work for the greater good of our township now and into the future.

### David Lindsay

I have lived in the township for the past 20 years, on Hiscocks Rd. I am married to Tina (McGinty) and have two children Dawson 4, and Owen 2. My father and mother have also been living in the township for the past 20 years on Hiscocks Rd. on my grandparents farm. I played minor baseball and both minor hockey and junior hockey here. I now run a local mechanical company, specializing in plumbing and heating. Being out in the field for the past four years with my business has let me see other townships become stronger communities. I

feel that we're behind with what tomorrow has to offer. If we start making the right decisions now, the future of our township will bring us opportunity, employment and together. I am offering a new look on things, new ideas but at the same time will listen to what people in the township have to say. I am not trying to change everything, but trying to make this a better township with more opportunities. In closing I urge voters not to just base your vote on experience, or personal agenda, but to think long and hard about the future of the township.

### Douglas Mackintosh (i)

Douglas has lived and worked in the area since 1958. He and his wife Blu have three sons, all married, and five grandchildren. He has a law degree from Queen's and worked in public service as a Crown Attorney for some 18 years.

Douglas has served for nine years on Council and on a number of committees. He cast the deciding vote leading to amalgamation, convinced that only large municipalities could efficiently manage the new complexities required of local government.

He has three main priorities: First, honesty and openness in all Township matters. At Council meetings, the public should be able to see and hear councillors' discussions. Council has complex and controversial issues to consider, requiring open examination and debate.

Second, Council should adopt and follow best business practices, including a clear policy for the Casino revenue and insistence on fiscal responsibility to bring escalating township spending under control.

Third, Council should develop a long-term economic development policy to permit the Township to grow in a well-planned manner.

He believes that the Township is in a perfect location to attract industry and business. Good planning and management of its considerable resources should enable us to balance economic development with our rural way of life.

### Douglas J Wood

VOTE CHANGE in order for LEEDS AND THE THOUSAND ISLANDS to move forward into the new year; we must vote for change and remove all previous members of council. WITHOUT A NEW COUNCIL THE PROBLEMS WILL ONLY CONTINUE. The council has lost touch with the people and no longer is acting in our best interests. We are one county that includes the islands!!!!. Budgets are blown, taxes are on the rise; our money is being wasted! Public meetings are being ignored and the people are asked to wait a year!

We need to put the people first and be accountable; communicate and make sound judgements. We need clean industry for employment and reduce the taxes 15%. We need programs for the young and old alike through our casino funds. The official plan needs to be reworked and By-laws changed!

I worked 16 years in the military with local and government contracts. I know how to work as a team and protect your rights at the same time. Your interests are my interests; we are both are tax payers!!

## WARD 2 (Rear) - Vote for 2

### **Kenneth Dobing (i)**

I feel that I have represented ward 2 in a very good manner. The township is in very good financial condition.

I have been in politics for 15 years and have the experience needed to help the Municipality move forward.

It has been a tough 3 years for council to get things done. Maybe some changes on council would be a good thing.

There are still many things to be done for a new council. The most important item is the zoning by-law. It has to be fair to all residents. This is where experience comes in. I would like to see more road work done in this ward as well as brushing of roads. We need more face to face meetings with the many different ratepayers groups.

Much more needs to be done and I will work for the changes needed.

### **Charlie Kellington**

Charlie Kellington brings to the table 30 years of corporate management experience, coupled with 12 years of senior management positions in the Not For Profit Sector and Management Consulting.

A resident of the township for 7 years, Charlie has honed his knowledge of the area by being President of the Lyndhurst-Seeley's Bay Chamber of Commerce, Chair for 7 years of Seeley's Bay FrostFest winter celebrations, Chair of the Township Economic Development Committee and Joint Chair of the Gananoque-Leeds and 1000 Islands Economic Development Committee.

Charlie believes that good management starts with respect of all stakeholders, a sound knowledge of business planning, zero based budgeting with measurable and accountable results and fixing problems not fixing blame.

As an experienced Project Manager, Charlie believes that decisions by Council should be based on good solid research, gleaned from paid staff, volunteer committees or organizations who have done independent studies. The best solution to a problem may be a combination of all input.

In his years of business, Charlie has learned a sound knowledge of parliamentary procedures which must be followed by any effective Council.

Charlie has been married 43 years has 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren

### **Velma Kelsey (i)**

Allan and I have raised 6 children and now have 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

I have lived in the municipality for 50 years and have done extensive volunteer work in my community.

I have served as your councillor for 5 terms.

I care deeply for this community and for its future progress and development.

If elected to represent you I will promise to continue to treat everyone fairly and equally, be open minded and to make fair decisions.

**Daryl Wade** (not originally received by press time)

- 52 years old; we have been residents in Leeds & 1000 Islands for fifteen years

- married 30 years; my wife Dorothy, works in a legal office in Brockville; our oldest son Ryan, (24) graduated Royal Military College in May; our youngest son Trevor (22), completed Police Foundations at St. Lawrence College Brockville, working at Procter & Gamble in Brockville

- ran in last election, came third out of six (almost 500 votes)

- former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; last ten years as a pneumatic specialist for a global company

## WARD 3 (Escott) - Vote for 1

### **Andrew Hodge**

My family has been here for many generations. I was born, raised, and have lived here my whole life, now with my wife, Trina and my son, Kyle. I work at Ed Huck Marine, have a background in accounting, and deal with finances on a daily basis.

I want to make sure we are all fairly heard and represented in the new council, and am ready to make an energetic commitment to this. I believe in a balance between our community interests that will allow the local economy to thrive, and also respect the environment. We live in an incredible community and I am interested in seeing it continue to be so now and into the future.

### **Carol Ann Wagner**

A resident this area since 1976.

Retired after 22 years with the Leeds Grenville and Upper Canada School Boards. Well versed in administrative and budget processes.

Served on the:

Board of Directors (GDACL) Gananoque and District Association for Community Living  
Committee of Adjustments of former townships of Front of Land L and Escott. and presently serving on the committee for Leeds and the Thousand Islands.

Member of Beta Sigma Phi International Women's Organization for 25 years.

Former Red Cross First Aid Instructor

Married for 37 years, husband Clyde, 2 sons Clyde Jr and Chris and an Old English Sheepdog named Max. Living in Rockport for past 10 years. Prior to that lived on Cunningham Rd. in the old Front of L and L.