



Communication to Member Lake Associations – October 2009

1. Advisory Committee Update

Effective September 1, 2009 the Advisory Committee of the Coalition will have Chris Riddle of Kennisis Lake, and Martin Rist of Drag Lake as co-chairs. Roger Cunningham of White Lake is the Secretary/Treasurer. The Advisory Committee also includes Ted Spence of Catchacoma Lake, Roger Young of Little Glamour Lake, Stephen Foster of Loon Lake, Bill Cornfield of Horseshoe Lake, Carole Russell of Halls/Hawk Lakes, and our Founding Chair, Bonnie Fleischaker.

As Bonnie previously advised, she has stepped aside as the Chair of the Coalition for personal reasons. Her love for the Haliburton area, and her desire to see more equitable treatment of the TSW Haliburton watershed, led her to drive for the establishment of the Coalition and its successes from its very beginning in 2006. Fortunately her continued involvement means that we all will continue to benefit from her vast accumulated knowledge on the subject. Thank you Bonnie.

2. Financial Plan and Budget for 2010

The Advisory Committee recently adopted a more formal and updated Financial Plan. In establishing this new Plan, the Committee recognizes the prior generous and varied level of financial contributions from many of the lakes in the Haliburton Watershed Sector of the TSW. Participation in the Coalition is voluntary and the fact that a large majority of the reservoir and flow-through (RAFT) lakes have participated is gratefully acknowledged.

The CEWF has adopted a fiscal year of November 1st to October 31st. Hence, the next fiscal year to be known more informally as the year 2010, starts November 1, 2009.

Although a preliminary communication was sent out this past summer indicating a lake association membership of a flat dollar amount, the Advisory Committee believes that recognition of the different size of lake populations and members of their associations is required in the approved 2010 annual fee. The fee for 2010 is set at a low level of \$0.50 per lake association member, with a maximum of \$500 per lake association. Given this modest level of fees being requested, if an unanticipated expense is required to fight for our position for the implementation of the recommendations of the Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway, then an additional special assessment may be required. We think it best to only ask for funds as we know they are needed.

You are requested to forward your lake's contribution for 2010 to Roger Cunningham, the CEWF Secretary/Treasurer at:

75 Lascelles Blvd. Toronto, ON, M5P 2E3. You may also contact him at roger.cunningham@sympatico.ca.

Contributions may be made at any time during the fiscal year but we would urge you to make your contribution by June 2010 if at all possible.

3. CEWF Website – www.cewf.ca

The CEWF website has been very active since we started posting the weekly water level forecasts provided by the TSW. We hope you are finding this information and other communications posted on the site to be valuable. We encourage you to sign up for automatic emails when there is an update. In this way, you will be kept better informed even during the winter season when your Advisory Committee is still active.

4. Bookmarks

The bookmarks have proven to be a very positive communication tool for the Coalition. Another supply has been printed incorporating a couple of very minor modifications. The Committee's plan is to make these available next spring for lake associations and their meetings in 2010. However, if some of these are wanted earlier, please let us know. You can email the co-chairs at cewfchair@yahoo.ca.

5. Lake Representatives

This communication has been sent to all of those associated with lake associations for whom we have an email addresses and are reported to be the current lake contacts. If we have not kept up with changes that you have advised, please accept our apology. If this has not reached the proper person(s) of your lake, please forward this on to them (if known) or to your Lake Association President. In addition, please advise Roger Cunningham our Secretary/Treasurer of any changes in contact information for future and continuing communications.

6. What can we expect in the future?

The federal government's response to the Panel's report was released on Friday, September 25th. It can be viewed on the CEWF website www.cewf.ca

The Advisory Committee is reviewing carefully this release and background materials provided by the Federal government, and determining our game plan for the immediate future. Our first reaction is one of disappointment with the continuing emphasis on the waterway and the apparent lack of increased recognition of the interests of the reservoir lakes, and the non-acceptance of the Panel's recommendation for an independent water management agency. However, there are some positives action plans that have been assigned to Parks Canada.

Further details on the CEWF plans and possible needs for assistance will be communicated as soon as possible.

7. Summary Action Items

- Please confirm your lake's membership and contact person.
- Calculate the fees due for your lake based upon your membership
- Please send your fees, or confirm your intent to do so, to the Secretary/Treasurer