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LONG POINT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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LONG POINT (NORFOLK) RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

1961 - 1991

by Lois Scott

Past Director

What is 30 years old, spends a lot of time arguing with governments, and love to dance? If you guessed the Long Point Ratepayers Association and its members, you win the prize.

Back in 1961 when the Letters Patent were received, we think Charlie Adams was the first President of the Board of Directors. Section 2 of Article 1 of the Constitution and By-laws states that "Long Point (Norfolk) Ratepayers Association is organized and incorporated for the purpose of promoting the general interest and welfare of Long Point community and community projects and to be the recognized body to consult at all government levels for the benefit of cottage and land owners generally of Long Point". Membership of the Association is composed of cottage and land owners at Long Point and membership dues are levied annually. Dues back in 1961 were \$1.00 per family and today have risen to \$10.00.

The Board of Directors consists of eight Directors - four of whom should be elected annually for a two-year term from the membership of the Association. Over the years, this has provided the continuity necessary for any organization to survive.

The officers are appointed from within the Board of Directors and consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Latterly, the position of Membership Chair was added, and in earlier days there was a Director appointed to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA). The Board meets at the call of the President and usually three or four meetings a year are sufficient to conduct the ongoing business for the Association. Board meetings take place in Directors' homes and in this atmosphere a good friendly working relationship develops quickly. Some of us actually miss the meetings once our term has elapsed.

Besides Charlie Adams, some of our earlier presidents were Red Anderson, Wes Scott, Archie Thompson, Bob Bosworth, Sharon Hazen, Bob Welsh and Dennis Parish. Ray McKay handed over the reins to Bud Calligan at the Annual Meeting in June 1990.

According to the Constitution, the Annual Meeting should be held on or before Labour Day each year. Labour Day was the favoured date for many years, usually in the morning, and the location was The Highlands on the Point or in the Port Rowan Community Centre. Some years ago the date was moved to June and the location to St. Peter's-by-the Lake Church on Long Point - possibly to enable members to make their concerns known early in the summer season,

and to encourage the attendance of fishermen prior to the season opening. Attendance had dwindled during the '80's and last year a Saturday evening meeting has held on June 16 in the Port Rowan Community Centre with an encouraging 140 members present. Last year the membership totalled 389 and there is a good chance it will be over 400 in 1991.

There was never a dearth of "issues" affecting the life of Association members. Over the years many representations, both formal and informal, have been made, to South Walsingham Council, to Norfolk Township Council, to the provincial Ministries of Lands and Forest, Natural Resources, Transportation, and possibly even to federal departments, although these are unknown to the writer. The common theme through most of the concerns of the members is that "we don't get much for our tax money". Back in the '70's the Association was instrumental in electing to Council one Councillor who looked favourably on Long Point, Ross Leedham, who was put into office on the strength of the Long Point vote, according to Archie Thompson. Another term, Gord Chapleau, one of the Association's Directors, was elected to Council. There's a move afoot to field another candidate in the 1991 election in the hopes of establishing a more productive relationship with Council, George Backus's long-time support and good offices notwithstanding!

On occasion, individual Directors have accomplished outstanding feats on behalf of the membership. Back in the '60's my father-in-law, Wesley Scott, a Director at the time, prepared a street map of the Point and initiated a numbering system on all the streets. This map has been most helpful over the years to residents, tourists and tradesmen. Pat Shand uses it today with her Neighbourhood Watch Committee. In the early '80's, Director Don Knight spent hours researching and preparing a list of cottage owners names and addresses, both summer and winter. This, together with the membership information gathered in 1987, formed the data base for our computerized membership list which is updated yearly. The OPP are provided with a copy of this list to enable them to contact Long Point cottage owners quickly in cases of emergency.

And now about the dancing. In the mid '70's, then President Bob Bosworth was instrumental in establishing what has become the institution of our Annual Dance on Civic Holiday weekend. Mix together in the Port Rowan Community Centre a good disc jockey, bus loads of Long Pointers and their dancing friends from Port Rowan. Add all kinds of door prizes donated by Port Rowan and Long Point establishments. Then open the bar, serve a late buffet supper and you have the recipe for a great night of fun. And the bus doesn't revert to a pumpkin until the last of the dancers is safely home from the ball.

Do you have a box full of old minutes of Association meetings under your bed? or a headfull of memorable events over the years since 1961 - like Archie Thompson does? or a scrap book of clippings about some of the issues affecting the Point over the years? or some pictures?? If so, they could be incorporated into a 30-year history of the Ratepayers Association and

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prepared for distribution during the 30th anniversary celebrations in 1991. Such a history needs time and lots of input, but it could provide a wealth of interesting tales. The research I've done so far has not been too fruitful as far as names, dates and events go in the 1960's. Is there any help out there? Please contact me at 586-2347. Perhaps Long Point Ratepayers Association's history will take shape for the future.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

from Bud Calligan

On behalf of the Long Point Ratepayers Association and its Directors we are pleased to offer you our 1991 Spring Bulletin. We hope that you will find it interesting and a good source of useful information regarding the Long Point-Port Rowan community.

I would like to start off by thanking the directors and their families for the hard work and support they have given over the past year. The directors have done a fine job in organizing and running such events as the Annual Meeting, our Annual Dance, and compiling this Spring Bulletin.

The directors have also been busy addressing concerns of the ratepayers with the different government bodies over such issues as removal of broken trees and branches after the February 1990 ice storm, and clearing sand from public beach accesses. Both of these issues got the response of no action from the Norfolk Township Council.

Long Point residents form a substantial part of the local assessment and pay a substantial portion of the municipal taxes collected without benefit of real representation on Council. Many feel they receive few services and benefits for their tax dollars. I would therefore like to urge all property owners of Long Point to become members of the Ratepayers Association, for a large membership means a louder political voice.

Norfolk Township Council will be having elections in November 1991, and if any member is interested in running for Council, we would like them to contact the Ratepayers so we can consider promoting them through our membership for town council.

I would like to close by urging the members to support the Ratepayers Association and state that it was an honor to serve as your president for the past year. On behalf of the Directors, I wish you a safe, enjoyable, summer season.

LONG POINT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

OUR PURPOSE:

Constitutionally, "the Association is incorporated to promote the general interest and welfare of Long Point community and communitiy projects, and to be the recognized body to consult at all government levels for the benefit of cottage and land owners". We do not handle individual complaints, unless they have broad implications for all members.

The purpose of our Association is to protect the interests of property owners on Long Point by insuring that the various levels of government are aware of our concerns. We make contact with federal, provincial, regional and municipal governments and numerous other official agencies.

In 1990 the Association enjoyed the support of approximately 390 member families, an increase of 20 families over 1989. We hope to further increase our membership base, to strengthen our voice. A Membership Form is enclosed with this mailing. Please complete the form with all information clearly marked, and use the postage-paid return envelope to forward your Membership Application and your cheque for \$10.00. Your best interests will be served by ensuring that you and your neighbours are active members.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR LONG POINT STREET ADDRESS IS?

A situation that repeatedly occurs in the Long Point Community is difficulty in locating a particular residence. This happens numerous times a year when a cottager has arranged for service men to do work on their cottage (ie. install telephone) or when a neighbour has noticed damaged and attempts to let the property owner know. People cannot locate residences because they haven't got a street number posted on the cottage. Do you know what your Long Point street address is? If so, please post it on your cottage, and be sure to accurately fill out your membership application, indicating the cottage number. If you don't know the proper number, check with your neighbours. Someday it may be your property that someone is trying to locate, and a posted number can save alot of time.

THE SUMMER OF 1990: A REVIEW

THE TURTLE SIGNS

After over a year of correspondence, the Ministry of Natural Resources erected six "turtle crossing signs" along the Causeway in May 1990. Unfortunately they did not stand long before their uniqueness appealed to visitors to our area, and they disappeared. The Ministry erected another group of signs, and these have also disappeared.

A theft of signs falls under the Theft Under \$1000.00 Section of the Criminal Code of Canada, that being Section 334(b) which allows the Crown to proceed two ways; by Indictment or by Summary Conviction. For a theft involving a sign the Crown would most likely proceed by Summary Convictions, and according to the Public Information Officer for the Norfolk Attachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, "His Honour Judge K. Lenz, who presides over the Ontario Court, (Provincial Division), Simcoe, Ontario would likely levy a fine in the area of \$100.00 - \$250.00 and possibly place the accused on Probation for 6-12 months. Should the stolen property be damaged or not recovered, restitution would likely be requested by the Crown Attorney. Should the Theft of the sign not be observed, but someone is later found with it in his or her possession, a charge of Possession of Stolen Property could be laid. The penalty is the same as that for theft."

THE 1990 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held at the Port Rowan Community Centre on the evening of Saturday June 16, 1990. There were 140 members in attendance. A new format was followed which included a short business session, a segment for a Council Representative and our guest speaker, followed by a social hour and an opportunity to peruse the interest tables set up around the hall.

David Reid, the District Biologist for the Ministry of Natural Resources in this area provided an interesting and informative audio-visual presentation related to our use of Long Point Bay, for both boating and fishing. Sharon Hazen, retired President of the International Great Lakes Coalition stressed two points in her brief comments: that she believes that we will have management of water levels in the Great Lakes, and that she would appreciate hearing from those of us who are shore dwellers about our concerns. George Backus, a Norfolk Township Councillor addressed the meeting in the absence of Mayor Abbott. George brought greetings from the Council and offered their rationale for refusing to act on our complaints.

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO CALLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Long Point Ratepayers last year were proud to be one of the sponsors of a new event at the Port Rowan Tomato Fest. The event was the Southwestern

Ontario Calling Championships. The categories were goose, duck, and wild turkey calling. The event was well received and attracted some of the best callers in the province. The winners were Ed Kortash for duck, Lindsay Shannon for goose, and Kevin Townsend for wild turkey. The winners from this competition went on to capture Ontario, Canadian and World titles at the championships in Toronto.

The Association hoped that by becoming active in Tomato Fest would serve to promote better relations between Port Rowan and the Long Point community. The Ratepayers will be sponsoring this event again in 1991.

THE ANNUAL DANCE

The 1990 Annual Dance was held on Saturday August 4 in the Port Rowan Community Centre. We had an excellent turn out. The first bus load arrived at approximately 8:30 pm, and dancing began at 9:00 pm. Throughout the evening, door prizes were distributed and a cold buffet was set up. Tickets were sold for a raffle that was held on three exceptionally generous door prize donations. From this raffle \$268.00 was raised and donated to the Port Rowan Community Centre for its continuing renovations. We are grateful to the following local friends of the Long Point Ratepayer's Association who offered their support in a variety of ways:

DON KNIGHT	FLYING GOOSE GIFT SHOP
COUNTRY NOOK	LOUIS KOCIUCK
COUNTRY STITCHES	HOWEY HARDWARE
PENNY EVERINGHAM	PORT ROWAN DRUG MART
HANORAH MORGAN	KNECHTEL'S FOOD MARKET
LONG POINT TRADING POST	SKIPPER'S PIZZA
MEG-DICKERS VARIETY	DOWN BY THE BAY SPORTSWEAR
SANDBOY MARINA	THE PAINTER'S HELPER
HARBOR LUNCH	C US 2 NITE VIDEO
BAYSIDE RESORT	OLD CUT BOAT LIVERY
MARINA SHORES	CAUSEWAY RESTAURANT
NORM'S BAYVIEW MARINA	WINGROVES VARIETY
PORT ROWAN GOOD NEWS	LONG POINT VARIETY
HUGH CRONK'S CLOTHING	

WOOD CHIPPER USE DENIED AGAIN

At the Annual Meeting, Sharon Hazen suggested that Council arrange for a wood chipper to spend an advertised Saturday on the Point to remove the brush that was not picked up by township workers after the February 1990 ice storm. George Backus presented this request to Township Council, but again it was denied.

PRIVATIZATION OF THE OLD CUT BOAT LAUNCH?

This past summer rumours abounded regarding the possibility of privatizing the Old Cut Boat Launch, and of closing this operation completely. John Marchington, Superintendent of Long Point Provincial Park supplied us with the following, regarding these possibilities: "As of today's date (Nov.19,1990) there has been no commitment to "privatize" the operation of the Old Cut Boat Launch. During this past summer a number of local residents indicated they had a few concerns regarding the ramp's operation. In order that an equitable solution may be achieved, which satisfies all those affected, we must consider all of the options available. We will advise your organization of any changes which may effect the local residents use of the Old Cut Boat Launch in the future."

MEMBERSHIP LIST AIDS O.P.P.

Our membership drive continued through the spring and summer, resulting in 390 paid-up Association members. A computer listing is generated, which supplies home addresses and telephone numbers of summer-only residents. The only outside organization to receive a copy of this membership list is the local Ontario Provincial Police. It is a ready reference for them in reporting any damage or loss to your property. Another advantage of joining our Association!

GARBAGE COLLECTION COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Numerous members have complained about the garbage collection service they have received since Burnett Sanitation received this contract over a year ago. Your Association sent a letter to Mayor Verhoeve addressing your complaints. We received a letter of response from Burnett Sanitation directly, but no response was received from the Township Council. The problems we addressed in our letter were: the collector is very rude when spoken to, the collector throws the cans after emptying them rather than placing them upside down causing them damage and to roll around in the wind, and when garbage is ripped open, no attempt is made to clean it up. Mr. Burnett's replies to these concerns were: the collector's reply was taken out of context, that Environment Canada would not approve of placing garbage cans upside down since it drains the cans out and pollutes the ground where they stand, and that when garbage is ripped open they will gather up what they can without raking the loose garbage up.

However, Mr. Burnett did indicate in his reply that when you are late in putting your garbage out, if they see you, they will pick it up. Also if you ask, they will help carry garbage out for you. According to Mr. Burnett, his company has been carrying out one person's garbage for forty years-going right into the house and carrying the garbage out and then returning the garbage can. They have also been carrying the garbage for many older and

blind residents. This is the first time in forty years that he has received a letter of complaint, and is willing to meet with our Association if we wish to discuss these problems further. So, let us know how you wish us to proceed.

DO WE SUPPORT C.A.R.D.?

In Port Rowan there is an organization known as CARD, Coalition Advocating Responsible Development. An Association member approached a Ratepayer Director, concerned that we wholeheartedly supported this organization, and that they were using our Association's name as one of their supporters. To clarify this, a letter was sent to CARD stressing that "if an issue arises which maybe of concern to our Membership, your group may request time to make a presentation at one of our Board of Director's meetings, afterwhich our position on the issue would be determined". Hopefully this has cleared up any questions regarding our connections to this organization.

THE LONG POINT BIOSPHERE RESERVE

What's it all about?

by Arthur N. Langford
Secretary, Executive Committee

Although it is over four years since UNESCO designated the Long Point Biosphere Reserve, the population of the Long Point area has heard very little about this Biosphere Reserve and even less, one may suppose, regarding Biosphere Reserves in general.

"Biosphere" is not a common word. It refers, collectively, to all the different parts of the planet which living things can exist. That includes not only our fields, streams and lakes but the ocean depths and the lower part of the atmosphere.

Scientists associated with UNESCO, concerned with the long-term productivity and health of our natural environment and its ability to support an ever-growing number of humans, drew up a map of what they call the "biogeographical provinces" of the world, each of them distinct. They concluded that if a "reserve" was established in each and every ecologically distinct area it would be possible to determine, through appropriate studies, how best to provide for worldwide sustainable development.

UNESCO's 20 year old plan to advance this idea operates under its Man and the

Biosphere Program, embraced now by 105 nations, each with its own committee. Canada's committee is usually referred to as MAB(Canada). It has established six Reserves in Canada: Charlevoix (Near Quebec's Saguenay River), Mont. St. Hilaire (owned by McGill University), Niagara Escarpment and Long Point. The Canadian Wildlife Service properties on either side of the Long Point Company are considered the core of the reserve. The remainder of the Point, including all of the Long Point Company's marshes, together with the inner bay and the shoreline and adjacent marshes from Turkey Point to the Hahn Marsh west of Port Rowan, is referred to as a "buffer zone" or sometimes as a "zone of co-operation".

Long Point is unquestionably the most complicated of the six reserves if you consider both diversity and administrative arrangements. (The Niagara Escarpment Reserve fell easily into the administrative system of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.) All the others have an assured income. Long Point, something of an "orphan", is not under anyone's administrative wing. It has no funds of any significance and depends entirely on volunteer participation.

An Executive of 16, chaired by Mr. Randy Wilson of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority, has been meeting monthly since February of last year, trying to plot its course of action in an uncertain political climate to which very divergent interest groups will be contributing ideas. It has a Constitution ready for consideration by the membership as a whole at a membership meeting scheduled for March. The members recognized at the moment would be all those of the "working group" of about 40 citizens, a technical group and, presumably, its advisory group. It is expected that local persons who are not on any of these originally constituted groups but are nonetheless interested in Biosphere affairs, will be welcome at the March meeting.

The term "Reserve" is perhaps not the most appropriate for an area embraced by this UNESCO plan. The core area is a true reserve, in which development will not take place. Development is expected to continue in the buffer area but the hope is that those who are able to influence the course of development will help to guide it in such a way as not to degrade the features of the core, without which the entire area would not be recognized.

Wise development of this area will ensure that the features that have made it so attractive for more than 100 years will not be degraded by inappropriate development. Those on the committee need and look forward to receiving help and advice from any who are in a position to offer it.

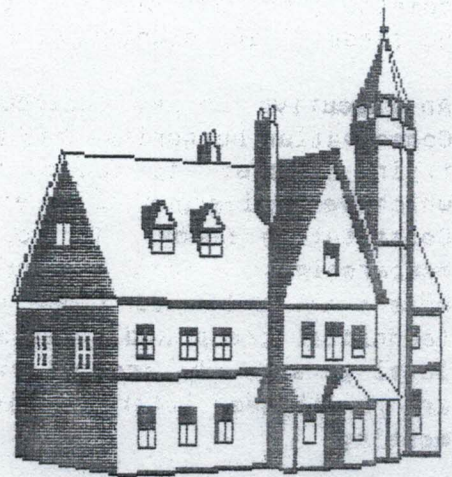
As to where we fit in in the international picture, there are now 286 Biosphere Reserves throughout the world, located in approximately half of the biogeographical provinces listed by international headquarters at Paris, France. It is an honour to the region to have been selected as a Biosphere site, a challenge to face the associated difficulties, an opportunity to develop the attractiveness of Long Point to the visiting public.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

by Patricia A. Shand

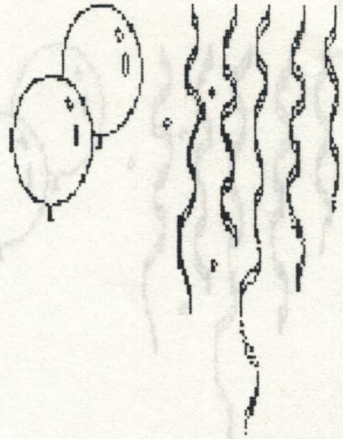
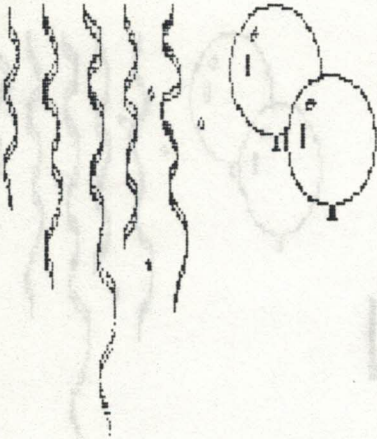
Yes, more people are needed to be part of the Long Point Neighbourhood Watch. Long Point is as its name suggests, a long and narrow finger of land, its many areas hidden from view of the main highway, and many of its cottages hidden again by dense bush. Although there are over 500 cottages on the Point, the place is heavily populated only during the peak summer months, and during the rest of the year those cottages remain locked and shuttered. Our O.P.P. does its best but it cannot hope to patrol our many twisting roads the way a resident can.

Old habits die hard on Long Point. We have never bothered much with the proper numbering of our cottages and we rather like our privacy. But these are two of the many things that hamper our O.P.P. when they do discover a cottage break-in. They do not know who owns that cottage, or, if they do, where that owner lives when he isn't at his cottage. This is where Neighbourhood Watch comes in-neighbours who daily walk, cycle or drive around their area, keeping an eye out for a smashed window, a door ajar, a light on, or a strange vehicle in the driveway.



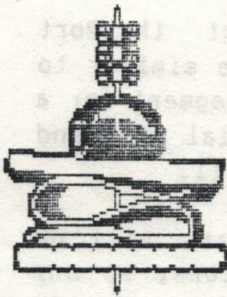
What we ask of the general cottage owner is complete co-operation with us as your watchful neighbours. It is necessary for us to know your "other" address, and telephone number, the make, colour and licence plate of your car and of your children's cars if they are in the habit of frequenting your cottage during any time you are not there. It's as simple as that.

As more and more people reside permanently on Long Point, vandalism on a large scale should disappear. Right now, though, the few permanent cottagers are sprinkled around and cannot hope to cover all that needs to be covered. Therefore we ask any interested cottager to come and join the Long Point Neighbourhood Watch. You may telephone any of the present members (see list at end of Bulletin), or write me at #35-200 Lakeshore Road West, Oakville, Ontario, L6K 1E8, (416)844-0791. When on the Point, I can be found at 102 Woodstock Avenue, telephone number 586-7313.

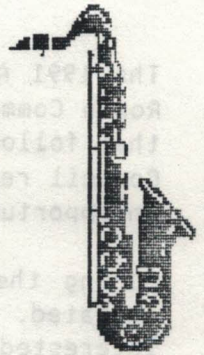


30 YEAR CELEBRATION

THE ANNUAL DANCE-SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 1991

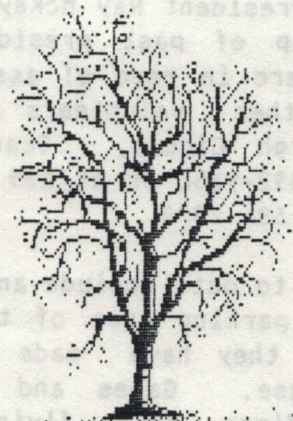


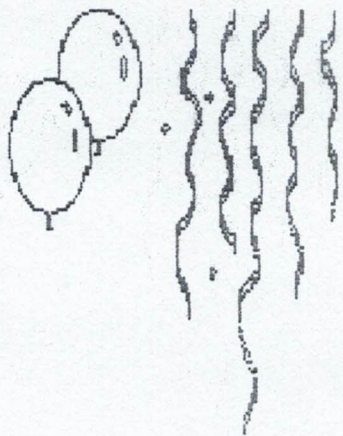
In celebration of the Ratepayer's 30th Anniversary, a very special Annual Dance is being planned. Once again it will be held at the Port Rowan Community Centre, which hopefully will be air-conditioned before August. As always, the bus will tour the Point and pick up eager dancers. Music will be provided by the "Johnny T Orchestra", a 7 piece band out of Hamilton. Ticket sales will be limited, and seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be sure to mark this date on your Long Point calendar.



NO TREES FOR THE CAUSEWAY

The Past-Presidents Committee attempted to arrange tree planting along the Causeway to replace the deterioration, and to be held in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary Celebrations. But after a lengthy bureaucratic runaround, the idea has been dropped. Through numerous conversations with the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Long Point Conservation Authority, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Highways, we were finally told that trees could not be planted along the Causeway because of a regulation insisting that trees must now be 30 feet from the pavement edge. The only solution would be if Ducks Unlimited and Wildlife Canada would be willing to allow us to plant the new trees on their land tracts along the Causeway, which would be 30 feet away from the pavement edge, thus in keeping with the Department of Highways regulation. However, to date those two groups will not co-operate. Hopefully, at some time an agreement will be reached so that new tree planting will be possible.





30 YEAR CELEBRATION

THE ANNUAL MEETING-SATURDAY JUNE 15, 1991

The 1991 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday June 15, 1991 at the Port Rowan Community Centre beginning at 7:00 pm. The format will be similar to that followed at the 1990 Meeting: a short business session, a segment for a Council representative and our guest speaker, followed by a social hour and an opportunity to peruse the interest tables set up around the hall.

During the business session, the Directors for the upcoming year will be instated. A number of Directors will be retiring their positions, so any interested persons should contact a Board member before the meeting. We are always looking for new, fresh faces and ideas.

30TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC-SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 1991

Plans for a picnic to be held in celebration of the Long Point Ratepayers Association 30th Anniversary are well underway. The committee is headed by Past-President Ray McKay. This planning committee is made-up of past presidents of the Association, and they are in need of assistance. Past-presidents, and any other volunteers may contact Ray at: 1406-275 Bamburgh Circle, Scarborough, Ontario, M1W 3X4, (416)492-9452 or at 139 Woodstock Avenue, Long Point, (519) 586-2378.

Plans to date include an afternoon picnic to be held in the parking area of the Provincial Park Campground, where they have made their facilities available for our use. Games and competitions will be held, including: kite flying, frog jumping, casting competition, moon rock hunt, adult putting contest. There will be prizes for everyone. Barbequed hot dogs and soft drinks will be served. Plan to attend!



NORFOLK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHANGES

There have been a few changes in Norfolk Township Council in the past year. Our Mayor is now Hector D. Verhoeve, Area Councillors are George Backus, Carole Manary, Gary Mussel, Gordon Pickersgill, Keith Woolley, Roger Geysens, and the Regional Councillors are Jack Boughner and Walter VanLaeken. John Lang is the By-Law Enforcement Officer, and may be contacted through the Township of Norfolk offices at: P.O. Box 128

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CONCERNS EXPRESSED FOR SWIMMERS

This past summer the Long Point Ratepayers Association received a letter from a cottager expressing concern for the safety of swimmers, sailing vessels and wind surfers. The area between the "old" and "new" provincial park lands, or the Beach Ave shoreline was the area of concern.

The letter read: "We were horrified and angered to observe on many occasions, erratic and irresponsible high speed operation of these motor boats among swimmers, and around wind surfers. Some operators of these boats would race close to shore pulling skiers with a total disregard or concern for the safety of children in and around the water or close to the shoreline. Considering the popularity of the beach area in the provincial parks, and adjacent private lands, it will only be a matter of time when a serious, if not fatal accident will occur between a high speed boater, and a child swimmer."

We took these concerns to the Ontario Provincial Police to determine what could be done. Mr. I. Cooper, the Public Information Officer replied: "In reporting any type of incident to the police the person reporting should obtain as much description of the vehicle or vessel and the person operating the vehicle or vessel. Should the vehicle or vessel have any numbers on it, they should be written down and given to the officer that attends to investigate. The vehicle or vessels last known direction of travel would also assist. The person reporting may be required to attend court. The telephone number to use for requesting police assistance is 1-800-263-4242."

LYME DISEASE UPDATE



The Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Health Department has no accurate statistics for Lyme Disease cases from Long Point reported in 1990. Since a large proportion of the cottagers live outside of the Region, not all of the cases would be reported in Haldimand-Norfolk. However, the Health Department is sure that Lyme Disease is present in the wild life on the Point, and that the deer tick responsible for the disease transmission is also present on the Point.

As a reminder, Lyme Disease is an illness which, if not promptly diagnosed and treated, can cause serious problems involving the heart, joints and nervous system. The disease is spread by the bite of a deer tick that can be no bigger than a pinhead. The ticks cling to vegetation and are most numerous in a brushy, wooded or grassy habitat. They are not found on open sandy beaches. It is important to remember that not all ticks carry Lyme Disease, thus a tick bite does not necessarily mean that disease will follow. Transmission of the bacteria which causes Lyme Disease requires at least 18 hours of attachment of the tick to a human, so prompt removal of a tick will lessen any chance of disease transmission. To remove a tick, use tweezers to grip the tick body firmly and pull it straight outward, afterwards apply an antiseptic to the bitten area. The tick may then be destroyed by immersing in alcohol or kerosene.

Cottagers and visitors to the Long Point area should be aware of these simple preventative measures: -If you walk in tall grass, woods or dunes where the tick may be found, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, high socks with pants tucked under the socks, and shoes. Light colours will help the recognition of the tick on clothing. -Conduct daily "tick checks". Look for new freckles, found most often on the thigh, flank, arms, underarms, and legs.

More information on Lyme Disease maybe obtained from the Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Health Department or your local Board of Health.

GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES

Garbage pick-up day on Long Point is every Monday, and if Monday is a holiday, then pick-up will be on Tuesday. Beginning after the May 24th long weekend and continuing until the week after Labour Day, garbage pick-up will also be on Thursday. Roy Burnett of Burnett Sanitation Limited, R.R.#2 Langton is our garbage collector.

A few reminders pertaining to garbage pick-up:

-they are not required to pick up broken plaster, lumber or other waste

RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

resulting from construction, alteration, repairs, demolition or removal of a building or structure.

- they are not required to pick up any branches over 2 inches in diameter.
- they will pick up brush, tree, garden and lawn cuttings when placed in plastic bags or cardboard cartons securely tied, or compacted and tied in bundles weighing not more than 40 pounds and being not more than 3 feet long.
- they will collect upto 15 containers or bundles from a residence on each collection day.
- no bag or container may weigh over 40 pounds.
- they will not collect large pieces of furniture or appliances.

Should you experience any problems concerning this collection service or have any questions, you may contact Roy Burnett at (519)875-2541.

HALDIMAND-NORFOLK BLUE BOX TIPS

1. Blue box only takes cans, glass bottles and jars, newspapers and hard container plastics, including shampoo bottles, mouthwash bottles, milk and fruit juice jugs, 2-litre pop bottles, margarine tubs and antifreeze jugs.
2. Put you blue box out only when full.
3. Get box out at roadside by 7:00 am on your regular collection day.
4. Rinse out all food containers.
5. Remove caps and lids from containers. Labels do not have to be removed.
6. Newspapers should be bundled or placed in plastic or paper bags and then set in or beside blue box.
7. Ensure the box is visible at the roadside and not hidden in long grass or behind garbage bags.
8. Put your address on the blue box or, if you live in a rural area, your name and address.
9. If you vacate your house or apartment, please leave blue box behind for the next residents.

TO THE DUMP, TO THE DUMP, TO THE DUMP, DUMP, DUMP ...

There are two landfill sites available for the use of Norfolk residents, to receive those items which will not be picked up on the weekly collection:

1. North Walsingham Landfill Site at Lot 13, Concession 10 is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, except holidays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
2. South Walsingham Landfill Site at Lot 15, Concession 2 is open Monday to Saturday inclusive, except holidays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL THEATRE

Port Dover's Lighthouse Festival Theatre has a summer line-up of comedy, music, mystery and romance. Tickets are available through reservations and may be picked up the night of the performance at the box office. To reserve tickets call (519)583- 2221. The 1991 season line-up consists of:



DEAD SERIOUS-a mystery/thriller running June 18 - July 6

DAVE BROADFOOT'S COMEDY CRUSADE-a comedy revue running July 9 -July 20

SEDUCED BY MOONLIGHT-a romantic comedy running July 23 - August 10

A FAIRY'S TALE-the world premiere musical running August 13 - August 31

LONG POINT PROVINCIAL PARK

The total number of visitors to the park last summer was 107,885. This is a slight increase over 1989 figures. The park is attempting to "recycle" storm damage debris and incorporate it into their sand dune rehabilitation program. The past winter will determine how successful this will be. Last summer they held a beverage can recycling program in co-operation with Port Rowan Girl Guides, which had a positive response from park visitors. The park is hoping to expand their recycling in 1991. There was a notable decline in alcohol related problems last summer, and rowdyism and vandalism occurrences in the park were half in number compared to 1989. Campsite reservations for 1991 began on April 2.

Programs being offered this summer are outlined in the Park Tabloid. It is available at local restaurants and retail outlets. Admission to both parks is free for those on foot or riding bicycles. There are now excellent launching and docking facilities, a fish cleaning station, a washroom and plenty of parking.

PORT ROWAN'S TOMATO FEST

Held annually, the Port Rowan Tomato Fest continues to be a major crowd attraction. The event is held over Labour Day Weekend. Events include spaghetti eating contests, frog jumping contests, turtle races, magic shows, a parade, fireworks display, decorated boat contest, and many, many more. Soon a flyer listing all events and times will be posted in Port Rowan and Long Point businesses. Once again, the Long Point Ratepayers Association will be one of the sponsors of the Calling Contest.

NORTH SHORE COALITION

The Long Point Ratepayers Association again wishes to encourage you to support the North Shore Coalition in their efforts to regulate water levels in the Great Lakes. Efforts must continue to ensure that the International Joint Commission and the Canadian and American Federal Governments do not slow down in the course of regulating the levels of the Great Lakes. Last year Sharon Hazen was appointed to the Citizen's Advisory Council of the International Joint Commission, and she would appreciate hearing from those of us who are shore dwellers about our concerns. We are the constituency she has been asked to represent.

BIG CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA

Big Creek National Wildlife Area is located on the Causeway on the west side of Highway 59, south of the Big Creek bridge. All of us have driven by this area many times, but few have stopped to explore the nature trail, and get a closer look at the wildlife that call this area their home.

BACKUS HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA

This Conservation area is located north of Port Rowan. This again is an area that we have all driven by, but rarely stop to enjoy. Throughout the year numerous "special" weekends are held at Backus, with programs for adults and children. In the past year a swimming pool has been constructed and an education centre is presently under construction. Be sure to contact Backus to see what they have planned for this summer season.

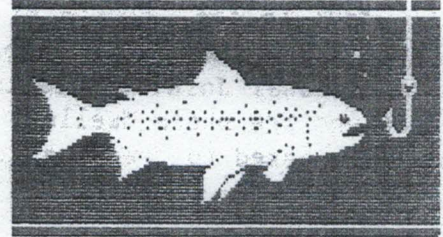
LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

The Bird Observatory is located on the east side of Old Cut Boulevard, just before the boat launch area. This facility has undergone a major face-lift over the past couple of years. Visitors are always welcome to tour the facility and observe a bird banding demonstration.



OPENING OF BASS FISHING SEASON

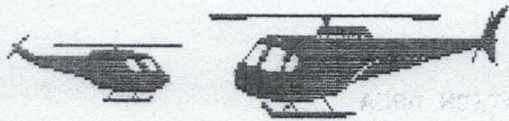
The bass fishing season, which always opens the last Saturday of June, will begin Saturday June 29, 1991. Until then the mandatory fish sanctuary continues in the Inner Bay from May 15 to June 29 at 12:01 am. Still, the Ministry of Natural Resources is reserving judgement for a few more years on the value of the sanctuary. Anyone caught poaching in the sanctuary area will be prosecuted, with fines beginning at \$100.00.



Remember the law requires all those 18 and over to purchase and carry a fishing licence when fishing. The cost of the licence this year is \$12.31 (11.50 plus .81 GST), and they are available at local marinas. The Ministry of Natural Resources is continually patrolling and checking for compliance.

RESCUE STATIONS

The base for Rescue Station Long Point is at Booth's Harbour in St. Williams. The phone number is 586-2305. This number is again listed with Emergency Service phone numbers at the end of this bulletin. The Rescue Station monitors channel 16 on VHF, which boaters should use for emergencies and calling only. All those living on or near the



water should be familiar with these services. Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting in June and meet employees from this Rescue Station.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Long Point-Port Rowan area are at this time not connected to a "911" emergency calling system. So, if emergency services are required, do not call 911, you will not receive a response and will further delay the assistance you require.

Emergency Services telephone numbers are listed below and again on the telephone list at the end of the bulletin. Please keep these in an easily accessible location in your cottage, so you will know where they are if needed.

Ontario Provincial Police	586-3526 or 1-800-263-4242
Fire Department	586-3521
Ambulance	586-7400
Rescue Station	586-2305

Please keep this page for future reference

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE 586-3526 or 1-800-263-4242

FIRE DEPARTMENT 586-3521

AMBULANCE 586-7400

RESCUE STATION 586-2305

Dr. K.L. Fong 586-3143

Dr. A.E. Francisco 586-3993

Norfolk General Hosp. 426-0750

Long Point Prov. Park 586-2133

Township of Norfolk 875-4485

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90 Old Cut Blvd

Please complete the following questionnaire and return it with your membership application:

1. Neighbourhood Watch is always in need of more volunteers. Are you willing to participate in Neighbourhood Watch?

YES

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NO

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2. We have received numerous requests regarding the possibility of installing lights at some intersections on the Point. Do you wish us to attempt to have these lights installed?

YES

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NO

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At what intersections do you feel these lights should be installed?

3. Our Association will be in need of quite a few new Directors for 1991-1992. Would you like to serve as a Director or know of anyone who may like to:

4. In November of 1991 Norfolk Township Council elections will be held. Do you feel that it is important to have representation from Long Point on Council?

YES

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NO

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Do you know of anyone who would like to hold this position or who you feel would be qualified to hold such a position?

5. Long Point Ratepayers Association's purpose is to protect the interests of property owners on Long Point by insuring that the various levels of government are aware of our concerns. Is there anything that you would like our Association to pursue?

6. General Comments:
