

1. Water levels:

- CVCA has done a good job of managing water levels in the systems this summer
 - Short term actions taken in 2015 to reduce the leakage of the Belmont dam have been very successful in maintaining stable water levels in Belmont so far this summer.
 - CVCA enhanced their ability to manage logs at the Belmont dam, reducing the risk of CVCA staff and enabling logs to be jacked down more tightly in 2015. That work has contributed to improved management of water levels this year
 - In my communications with Tim Piddock, manager of CVCA, he is cautiously optimistic that they will be able to keep these levels through July. The month of August will be determined by the amount of rain we have in the system through the rest of the summer

We are very appreciative of Mayor Gerow's support on the CVCA board and the work of CVCA staff to implement these important improvements

2. The HBM Lakes Association were involved in several areas over the year.
- Continued to work with township council in a number of areas – rapport with council remains very productive.
 - We provided feedback on the township budget and were pleased when tax levy increases were 6.2%, the majority of which arose from a dramatic increase in OPP charges as a result of a change in how their costs are allocated across the province
 - HBMLA has been working with council and the Peterborough County Health Unit to define a program for septic inspections for our township. We have not been able to complete the definition of such a program, but we will continue these efforts.
 - HBMLA had a delegation at a special council meeting in September to discuss possible changes to the electoral system for council seats. Currently everyone in the township votes for the mayor, deputy mayor and councilor at large (Hart Webb). Only those in the village vote for the village councilor, currently held by Barry Pomeroy. Only those not in the village vote for the township councilor, currently held by David Gerow. HBMLA's position is that the councilor at large position should be eliminated, and that there should be two township ward councilors to better represent lake property owners who make up approximately 75% of the tax base.
 - We have also been providing feedback to a proposed by-law change to regulate docks. There were two meetings held on July 11
 - The first meeting at 2:30 to 4:30 was for representatives from the various lake associations in the township
 - The second meeting at 6:00 was for all tax payers in the township.
 - All comments & concerns which were shared at the meetings were recorded by Mike Keene from Fotenn, the planning & design consultants, and will be shared with Council in their report. They may also include some of the suggestions in the final draft of the by-law to be shared with the Council.
 - I will let Mayor Gerow provide more details on this one

3. BLCA runs on volunteers. Our agenda today covers most of the key areas that contribute to our enjoyment of the lake.
 - Larry Pick will review our solid financial position
 - Evan Meyers will give us a summary of road representative successes, along with an update on calendars, the draw for members who renewed their membership early and the parade of lights
 - Donna Peeling and Wendy Vuyk will update you on our new program for water testing
 - Brian Deas will highlight our progress on social media, the outstanding fireworks display, the golf tournament and the signs we use to communicate our upcoming events
 - Greg Alexander will provide a summary of the regatta and changes to our marker buoy system
4. I would like to thank the members of the board and all our volunteers for their hard work and significant achievements over the year. In addition to hard work, we have a lot of fun and we get to meet some very interesting and lively cottagers along the way.
5. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these activities, let any board member know.