Membership & Funding

The Friends’ Board is planning some changes in its membership provisions and finances, to be proposed at our AGM on November 16.

First, we wish to simplify and amend our Constitution’s language on membership; essentially, we are proposing that membership be held by an individual person rather than a family or a group as it is currently. The proposed amendment is described in the notice to members on page 4 of this newsletter in preparation for voting at the AGM.

Separately from that, we are proposing two changes in the membership fee.

For some years now, the financing of our operational activities has been eating into the funds we had raised through our now-ended “sale” of the benches at Lemoine Point, even though those monies were intended to be used for future special projects. We therefore need to make some adjustments. Our revenues are roughly made up of 1/3 membership fees and 2/3 donations from members and elsewhere. That membership fee supports our expenditures for printing and mailing newsletters and similar matters where costs have increased since the current fee of $15 per annum was established in 1998. We therefore propose that it be increased to $20.

We are also proposing the creation of a special membership fee rate for one additional person within a household who wishes to be a member with voting rights. The proposed rate for such an additional member is $10.

The proposed fee changes will be put to a vote of attending members at the upcoming AGM.

And further to the above-mentioned monies raised through our bench installation program, we recently used them to establish our new Enhancement Fund to provide funding for special capital projects that meet our goals of conservation and related public education at Lemoine Point. Further information will be provided at the AGM.
A Gift to Appreciate

Trees are one of Mother Nature’s great gifts to us, one that we often take for granted … including the many benefits that they provide us.

For example - the sheer beauty that they bring to our surroundings, whether as individual specimen or forest glade; the habitat and food they provide the birds and wildlife that enhance our experience of nature; the oxygen they release into our environment (a large tree produces a day’s supply for several people); let alone the practical benefits to our lives such as shade and cooling, the prevention of soil erosion and runoff, a source of various materials, etc.

And then there’s the benefit that is now attracting more appreciation.

That is, trees help to fight global warming and climate change.

They do that by absorbing carbon dioxide, their photosynthesis converting it and storing the carbon in the trees and soil … thus reducing its greenhouse-like effect in the atmosphere of preventing excess heat at the Earth’s surface from escaping into outer space. And every bit helps to counteract the carbon from our burning of fossil fuels.

So appreciate and nurture the trees in your life.

You can even help to increase and conserve the trees at Lemoine Point by helping to grow saplings at the Friends’ Nursery … phone Verna at 613-549-1724 or check the “Volunteer” section of our website.

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Thanks for Your Support!

We greatly appreciate your membership and donations that make our programs and efforts possible.
Peck, Drum & Wuk?

One interesting way of experiencing Lemoine Point is by listening for and identifying the sounds of the Point’s forest creatures. One of the most distinctive of those is the Pileated Woodpecker.

The Pileated, much like its sounds, is striking and unmistakable in appearance, with both male and female having a large and distinctive red crest (“pileated” means crested) on the top of a large, crow-sized black body.

It lives in mature forests with plenty of large dead trees and downed logs, so that the Point is ideal. It feeds on ants, woodboring larvae, termites, and other insects hidden within the wood, chipping and digging with powerful strikes of its strong and sharply pointed bill, often creating large rectangular holes in pursuing carpenter ant tunnels. It’s that pecking and wacking that you hear, often as “thunks” heavier and louder than the pecking of other woodpeckers.

Also, in early spring, the male Pileated starts to chisel a large rectangular cavity for a nest in order to attract a female and raise their young. The Pileated pair, monogamous and non-migratory, stays together on its large territory throughout the year and defends it in all seasons. They usually do not use the same cavity again the following year, so that it often becomes home for other cavity nesters such as squirrels and owls.

You also can detect a Pileated by its loud and enthusiastic drumming, whereby it jackhammers its large beak against dead and often hollow trees in a deep, slow, rolling pattern for about three seconds, creating a powerful sound that carries a long distance throughout the woods. The male drums to establish and defend the territory, and both male and female drum to summon a mate from a distance or in response to an intruder.

The other Pileated sound heard while walking at the Point is its rather wild and laugh-like “wuk” call, a loud and clear series of piping calls lasting several seconds and carrying far in the forest, likely made to indicate territory or give an alarm. It’s more resonant and less evenly toned than the Northern Flicker’s similar call.

To hear the above Pileated sounds, google “Cornell Lab pileated sounds”.

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

The Friends is seeking a Board Member to join our team.

Contact John Diemer, Friends’ president,

613-389-9451 or diemer@sympatico.ca.
Notice of Special General Meeting

of

The Friends of Lemoine Point

The Board of Directors is calling a Special General Meeting of members to consider an amendment to our Constitution, to be held during our upcoming Annual General Meeting on November 16, 2016.

The intent is to simplify the Constitution’s current provisions regarding the definition of a Member.

The Constitution currently defines Member in its Article 3, shown below, and the Board proposes that the wording shown as underlined be deleted in order to simplify that definition.

Article 3   Members

Article 3.1   Anyone who agrees with the goal(s) and purpose of The Friends in Article 2 can become a member.

Article 3.2   Memberships shall be Family or Group. A Group would be a not for profit association or not for profit company.

Article 3.3   To become a member, a person or a representative of a group must sign an application form and pay the annual membership fee.

Article 3.4   At membership meetings, a member or group has one vote.

Friends of Lemoine Point

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 pm

Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Ave

Annual Business Meeting

&

Q & A with CRCA staff

on Current Lemoine Issues

Everyone Welcome!

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