

CLCA Spring 2022 Newsletter

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEFINITIONS AND LINKS

CLCA: Clear Lake Cabin Owners' Association (website: <http://clearlakecabinassociation.org>)

OC: Old Campground – slang for the more formal (and preferred) term “the Cabin Area”

RMNP: Riding Mountain National Park (website: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/mb/riding>)

BOARD MEMBERS

Current Executive:

- Christian Robin (President) – robin.t4c0@gmail.com
- Andrew Urbanowicz (Vice-President) – urbanowicz@winnipeg.ca
- Elvi Molsberry (Treasurer) – elvi@mymts.net
- Jacqueline Chapin-Downey (Secretary) – jacq-cd@hotmail.com
- Lyle Grobb (Past President) – lgrobb@hotmail.com

Members At Large:

- Gale Simpson (Webmaster) – galeas@shaw.ca
- Keith Vinthers
- Lindsay Dingwall
- Kevin Earl
- John George
- Devin Warren
- Melanie Sobering
- Tracy Raison

Friends of the Board

- Brad Collett (Keymaster) – joelleandbrad@gmail.com
 - Contact Brad for keys to the Shower Building

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given for the CLCA's General Meeting to be held Sunday July 3rd at 10am at the Jamboree Hall. The purpose of the General Meeting is to:

- Finalize CLCA membership for the calendar year (if you haven't signed up to be a CLCA member prior to this date, please come to the meeting and provide your information and pay your annual membership dues of \$10).
- Provide a formal update on the affairs of the CLCA (i.e., advocacy priorities, CLCA activities, long terms plans, etc.).
- Q&A (with the Board and Parks Canada representation).
- Meet and greet with the Board.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given for the CLCA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held Sunday September 4th at 10am at the Jamboree Hall. The purpose of the AGM is to:

- Provide the membership with a budget update.
- Provide a formal update on the affairs of the CLCA (i.e., advocacy priorities, CLCA activities, long terms plans, etc.).
- Q&A (with the Board and Parks Canada representation).
- Hold an election for expiring Board positions (if you're interested in putting your name forward for a Board position, please contact Lyle Grobb, Past President, at lgrobb@hotmail.com).

NEWS AND NOTES

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Your dedicated volunteer Board members will be going door-to-door to encourage you to sign-up for your CLCA membership. The cost is \$10 per cabin for 2022, and all dollars collected go towards supporting the best interests of the membership, including representation of, advocacy for, and enjoyment of the Cabin Area.

If you're not at the cabin when we come knocking, you can still join the CLCA by emailing us at info@clearlakecabinassociation.org with:

- Full name
- Cabin address
- Contact info (email, phone)
- Whether or not you're already on the email distribution list (i.e., to ensure you don't get signed up for the emails twice)

If you decide to join electronically by sending us an email, you can give your \$10 fee to any of our Board members at any time, or at the General Meeting on July 3rd.

COMMUNICATION

We'll continue to send email updates to our database of members, but if you're on Facebook we highly recommend you join the Clear Lake Cabin Owners' Association (CLCA) Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1023222571599885>) for regular posts on what's happening in and around the Cabin Area.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) PREVENTION PROGRAM

It's SUPER important that we keep Aquatic Invasive Species out of Riding Mountain National Park. Get informed, spread the word, and get your watercraft checked for AIS. Learn more at: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/mb/riding/nature/conserv/aqua>

WASHROOMS

In accordance with the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding between Parks Canada and the CLCA – and because over 82% of cabins are now connected to water – the intention is still to phase out the public washroom facilities in the Cabin Area over time. Status quo remains in 2022 (i.e., if a washroom was open last season, it will be open again this season).

WOOD FOR COOK SHACKS

A reminder that the wood that is supplied by the Park is ONLY for use in the cook shacks. Picking up wood to use elsewhere is a crime (theft). If you suspect someone is helping themselves for use outside the Park, please don't hesitate to contact Parks Canada and report the incident (with description and vehicle license number if applicable).

FIRE TABLES

Propane-fueled fire tables and pits are strongly discouraged. Any appliances must be CSA approved and used in accordance with the instructions provided and follow [FireSmart® principles](#). For greater clarity, this includes monitoring and maintaining flame height, and never leaving the device unsupervised. Parks Canada continues to monitor and assess the permissibility of these types of appliances.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBULATOR (AED)

The Cabin Area has an AED located at the Shower Building. Please report any use of this unit to Parks Canada so we can ensure it is always ready for use.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION GUIDE

Parks Canada has developed an Emergency Evacuation Guide for the community of Wasagaming, which includes the Cabin Area. See the Guide and other important emergency information at: <http://clearlakecabinassociation.org/cabin-information/emergency-contacts/>

LEASE COMPLIANCE

Parks Canada, the CLCA, and many lessees have identified concerns regarding land and cabin use compliance in the cabin area. These include sheds and gazebos located on Parks land (i.e., off lot development), unauthorized mowing, use of weedkiller, tree removal, adding of gravel to parking areas in the front of rear of cabins, etc. (i.e., off lot and non-approved on lot landscaping), and renting of cabins, just to name a few. The CLCA is encouraging all cabin owners to be proactive and take the necessary steps to ensure lease compliance to avoid formal processes by Parks Canada, which can include fines and even the termination of your lease. If you're not sure about whether or not your property or activities are compliant, please contact Parks Canada as they do want to work with cabin owners early as new compliance enforcement methods come to into force.

PARKING

A reminder that each cabin owner has the use of the 8 feet immediately in front of their lot (between the cabin and the street) as an allotted parking space for 1 vehicle. All other land – including the space immediately behind our cabins – belongs to Parks Canada and can be used for parking on a first come, first served basis. For greater clarity, there's no such thing as a cabin with "2 or 3 parking spaces". However, the CLCA strongly encourages neighbourliness when it comes to parking our vehicles in the Cabin Area, and this would include yielding any space directly behind a cabin to the owner of the cabin, or making the best use of that shared space through an open and cordial dialogue.

ONGOING CONVERSATIONS WITH PARKS CANADA

Your CLCA continues to have a strong relationship with Parks Canada. Discussions are ongoing on a number of topics of importance to the membership, including Cabin Area compliance, vegetation management in the Cabin Area, the Shower Building and public washrooms in the Cabin Area, and the lakeshore park area including the docks along the waterfront, vehicle traffic and pathways, and kayak and canoe storage. For more on these and other issues, please come to our General Meeting and Annual General Meeting.

MESSAGES FROM PARKS CANADA

CONSULTATION ON THE RMNP MANAGEMENT PLAN

This summer Parks Canada will be actively seeking input into our next management plan. We want to hear what is important to people, and how we can work toward achieving our collective goals and priorities. This plan will bring us closer to cooperative management of the Park with the member nations of the Coalition of First Nations with interests in Riding Mountain National Park. We'll have more information about how you can make your voice heard in the coming weeks.

PROGRESS OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING PERMIT PROCESS

Parks Canada is proposing a new way of managing land use and construction permits in National Parks and other Parks Canada places. The new proposed process is aimed at creating a modernized decision-making process that will be consistent, flexible, transparent and will continue to ensure that permit applications receive the highest level of scrutiny. The Parks Canada mandate is not changing and will remain central to land use and the review of construction projects.

As part of this exercise, new Land Use Planning Regulations are being drafted to replace many of the regulations that currently apply to land use and construction. Interpretive Guidelines to accompany the new regulations are being drafted concurrently.

Parks Canada undertook public consultation on the National Planning Permit Process and associated draft documents during the winter of 2022. A *What We Heard Report* is anticipated to be released this spring, outlining the results of the consultations. The *What We Heard Report* will also outline the anticipated next steps of the project.

Additional information can be found at: <https://www.parkscanadaplanningpermits.ca>

VISITORS CENTRE NEWS

The Visitor Centre (VC) Venue Rentals program is fully operational. Check out their brochure available at the VC. There are 4 spaces available to be rented, including the Theatre and meeting room, patio, server and the community room. The spaces are designed to be used independently or in combination to cater to the needs of various functions.

GARDEN NEWS

While the garden crew has a cold and snowy start, they are hard at work to produce spectacular beds and spaces!

As you may be aware, 2022 is the year of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, marking an incredible 70 years as our reigning monarch! You may have seen the stamps that Canada Post recently issued commemorating this, and various celebrations are being planned throughout the Commonwealth. In our gardens, we have the Queen's official cypher which is a stylized version of her initials with a crown above it. (This is the giant E and R you see in front of the Visitor Centre, representing Elizabeth Regina as Queen.) Many people are unaware of the significance of having this royal symbol right here in our park. She gave her royal assent to the use of her cypher in which very few public gardens in Canada that have the privilege of doing so. The placement of this royal emblem recognizes our British heritage, but it is also an acknowledgment of the relationship between Indigenous peoples in Canada and the Crown. The official colours chosen for the Platinum Jubilee are silver and royal purple, so those are the colours we will be using there this spring!

SOCIAL EVENTS

CLCA SUMMER FUN CONCERT

Join your neighbours on Saturday July 23rd from 8 to 10pm at the Jamboree Hall for a live show by the OC's very own, the Jakeleg Blues band! These guys will belt out the blues from past to present – it's a Cabin Area event you won't want to miss.

CABIN AREA TALENT COMPETITION

Join us for the Clear Lake Cabin Area Talent Show on Sunday July 31st (7pm to 8:30pm) at the Jamboree Hall. Show us your talents and compete with your neighbours to win awesome prizes! Open to all Cabin Owners and their families (little kids, big kids and adults!). Register by July 15. Spaces are limited – only 20 acts (first to sign up).

Register by emailing Janelle Robin at jr.t4c0@gmail.com and include details on your act, names of participants in your act along with age, cabin address and phone number. Maximum 5 minutes per act. No sound system provided (110V power available). Must supply your own props and/or equipment.

CLCA GOLF NIGHTS

Wednesday nights at the Clear Lake Golf Course: 20 golfers, 9 holes, countless good times!

Prizes for long drive, closest to the hole, longest putt, mystery score, etc.! Note that the focus is on FUN so the lowest score will not win week after week.

Tee times are between 6:30pm and 7:15pm. Sign-up with Devin Warren at no. 14, First Street North, on the weekend prior to the Wednesday you'd like to join (i.e., for Wednesday July 13th, sign-up between Friday July 8 and Tuesday July 12). First come, first served. CLCA members only. Spaces are limited.

CABIN AREA BLOCK PARTIES

Saturday Happy Hour in the Cabin Area – let's get to know the neighbourhoods in the OC.

IF YOUR BLOCK IS IDENTIFIED: Talk to your neighbours on your block and prepare to host others from around the OC. Pull out the yard games, fire up the Cook Shack(s), pass out snacks, plan a bingo or cribbage tournament, play some music, give tours of your cabins... get creative!

ALL OTHERS IN THE CABIN AREA: Bring your lawn chair and cooler and head towards the identified block. Meet new people and enjoy different surroundings for a few hours.

- Block Party 1 of 10: Saturday July 2 (7pm to 9pm),
 - FIRST STREET, NORTH SECTION (from no. 30 First Street North to no. 29 First Street South).

- Block Party 2 of 10: Saturday July 9 (7pm to 9pm),
 - FIFTH STREET, SOUTH SECTION (from no. 34 Fifth Street South to no. 63 Fifth Street South).

- Block Party 3 of 10: Saturday July 16 (7pm to 9pm),
 - FIFTH STREET, NORTH SECTION (from no. 35 Fifth Street North to no. 27 Fifth Street South).

- Block Party 4 of 10: Saturday July 23 (7pm to 9pm),
 - THIRD STREET, NORTH SECTION (from no. 37 Third Street North to no. 27 Third Street South).

- Block Party 5 of 10: Saturday July 30 (7pm to 9pm),
 - FIRST STREET, SOUTH SECTION (from no. 25 First Street South to no. 116 First Street South).

- Block Party 6 of 10: Saturday August 6 (7pm to 9pm),
 - THIRD STREET, SOUTH SECTION (from no. 37 Third Street South to no. 118 Third Street South).

- Block Party 7 of 10: Saturday August 13 (7pm to 9pm),
 - FOURTH STREET, NORTH SECTION (from no. 35 Fourth Street North to no. 25 Fourth Street South).

- Block Party 8 of 10: Saturday August 20 (7pm to 9pm),
 - SECOND STREET, SOUTH SECTION (from no. 33 Second Street South to no. 112 Second Street South).

- Block Party 9 of 10: Saturday August 27 (7pm to 9pm),
 - FOURTH STREET, SOUTH SECTION (from no. 31 Fourth Street South to no. 115 Fourth Street South).

- Block Party 10 of 10: Saturday September 3 (7pm to 9pm),
 - SECOND STREET, NORTH SECTION (from no. 36 Second Street North to no. 24 Second Street South).