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Great Lakes Water Levels

A front page article in the Owen Sound Sun Times on Saturday July 23 advices of a public meeting to be held in Collingwood on August 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 490 Ontario Street. The meeting is being held by the International Great Lakes Study Group. The study group has issued a 187 page "exploratory" report on Great Lakes water levels and presumably the meeting will cover some of the information in that report. A second meeting is being held in Midland on August 4.

We know it is a long hike from Lion's Head to Collingwood but the IBPOA executive thought you should at least be aware of this meeting. If you have an interest in this issue and do attend please drop me a line so that we can publish more on this topic in the next issue of the Isthmus Bay News.

IBPOA Membership

Currently our paid up membership stands at just 45 properties with minimal representation from Whippoorwill. -- Whippoorwill where are you?

We think we see a dangerous trend developing here? In 2008 93 properties belonged to the association, in 2009 that dropped to 83 properties and in 2010 just 72 properties. In order to adequately represent the area we believe our minimum number needs to be at least 75.

Perhaps you no longer see the relevance of this organization but you need to know we are working hard behind the scenes seeking improvement in how the municipality communicates with all ratepayers. In fact Deputy Mayor John Bainbridge will be attending our next executive meeting and we plan to make certain he understands the processes used by the municipality to seek input, make changes and communicate those changes are inadequate for our members needs. And those of you who attended this year's AGM saw a different side of Mayor Milt Mclver. You saw a guy who was prepared to discuss issues instead of his usual banter on how good our municipal government is. That did not happen by accident!

It also appears the coalition of Northern Bruce property associations is being resurrected. The IBPOA has the potential to play a leadership role here because we could represent over 100 properties. A 45 member association simply will not pass muster.

All of the above can only continue if this organization has a strong voice and that comes from healthy membership levels. **So get your dues in to Bruce King as soon as possible.** We are also aware that a large number of properties have changed hands over the past year or two. Have you talked to your new neighbours and told them about the relevance of the IBPOA? Word of mouth is a great thing!

The future of the Isthmus Bay Property Owners Association Inc is in your hands.

Bob Cunningham