

**CHRISTIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC. ("CLA")  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Saturday - July 25, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Tay River Tent and Trailer Park

**MINUTES OF MEETING**



**1. Welcome and Thanks**

The meeting was chaired by Larry Bowen, CLA's President. He stated that he has had the task of serving as President of the Association for the past year. As President, it has been his duty to serve as Chairman at meetings of members. Susan Bowen, CLA's Secretary, will serve as Secretary of the meeting and will record the minutes of the meeting.

The President welcomed members and guests to the 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Christie Lake Association Inc. ("the Association" or "CLA"). The President offered a special thank you to Hans and Brigitta Gretener for their continued and most valued support and for permitting the CLA to use their meeting facilities once again during the height of their busy season. It is an ideal location for us. Just recently they allowed us to use their facility for our annual Yard & Craft Sale which was a huge success and now our AGM. We sincerely appreciate their hospitality and thank them for their kindness. At the time of the Yard Sale we gave them two hanging baskets as an indication of our appreciation.

The President then invited Ms. Nault to thank Alan and Audrey Jordan from Jordan's Cottages. The Jordans were unable to attend so Ms. Nault read the thank you card which would accompany a large hanging flower arrangement which the CLA will be giving them in appreciation. Ms. Nault also reported that we had two movie tickets for Paul Jordan in appreciation for the assistance which he has provided us. It was noted that over the years the Jordan's have provided us with vital information about lake levels on a daily basis, so important to all of us.

The President then stated he had a special thank you for our volunteers - the behind the scenes people who you don't necessarily see - for your time, effort and expertise in helping make our lake such a great place to live. He then went on to provide some examples of their activities:

- organizing and implementing numerous social events;
- monitoring our water level;
- assisting organizations in taking water samples often during inclement weather;
- placing and retrieving shoal markers early spring and late fall as well as wintering and refurbishing them;
- time consuming work of looking for area activities and events and posting them to our website; and
- the production of our Newsletters, Spotlights plus the ongoing updating of our website.

The President then drew everyone's attention to the front entrance where the following handouts were available:

- Agenda ( please share);
- Minutes from the 2014 AGM (please share);
- Treasurer's statement of revenue and expenses (please share);
- CLA membership forms;
- Pamphlets on ticks which Dr. Riddick will be speaking about later;
- Free shoreline makeover & RVCA stewardship Assistance Programs;

- New this year CLA brochures & bookmarks - developed over the winter; and
- “Love Your Lake” Pamphlets from Watersheds Canada.

He also mentioned that there were free shoreline shrubs available just outside the entrance (Nine Bark, High Bush Cranberry & Red Osier Dogwood) - first come first serve.

## **2. Meeting Properly Constituted**

The President noted that the Association’s By-laws provide for a minimum of 14 days’ notice for meetings of members and that “Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of members” [Bylaw #1 Section 7.01]. Notice of tonight’s meeting was sent to members via the Spring 2015 Newsletter and on several occasions via Spotlight to comply with our regulations. As there are more than 10 members present the President declared that the meeting was properly constituted for the transaction of business.

The President referred to the Agenda (Attached as **Appendix A**). He stated that the agenda has been restructured from what it has been in previous years. The agenda has a different format this year as it was the intention of the board to initiate more of a dialogue between the community and board so that we can hear your questions and provide answers. Examples in changes to the format are:

- Tay Valley Township response to community questions (Ms. Noelle Reeve the TVT planner agreed to attend the meeting and he welcomed her);
- An Open Forum question period for members to all Community Chairs;
- coffee break; and
- the introduction of a guest speaker, Dr. Elaine Riddick (whom the President also welcomed).

## **3. Approval of AGM Minutes of 25 July 2014**

The President reported that the minutes of the AGM – 25 July 2014 were posted to the website November 2014 and copies were available at the front. He then opened the floor for discussion on the minutes.

### Discussion

There was no discussion so the President asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Jim Ayotte put forward the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Blake Farmer. The President asked for a vote.

**All in Favor**

**Motion Carried**

## **4. Approval of Financial Report Jan-Dec 2014**

The President invited the assistant treasurer Ms. Susan Bowen to the floor to explain the financial report (attached as **Appendix B**) and to answer any questions. Ms. Bowen reported that there were three slides – Revenue, Expenses and Assets. She reported that the statement had been officially reviewed by Ms. Darlene Mitchell and that no errors were noted. It was then filed with the Canada Revenue Agency and she has since received a Notice of Assessment from them stating that there were no errors.

She addressed the first slide - Revenue - noting that there was a zero sum in the 2014 column under dance which was because we had not held a dance in 2014. A similar explanation existed for the Annual Yard & Craft sale as it was only initiated in 2014 therefore a zero balance shows in 2013.

In the second slide – Expenses - she noted that under membership everything was listed under expenses in 2013 however in 2014 everything was listed under drive packages. In the website programming line in 2013 all expenses were listed under maintenance whereas in 2014 the expenses were broken out into two lines - maintenance and programming. And lastly in the rentals line - the low sum of \$14 was because the P.O. Box rental cost for 2013 was actually paid in December 2012.

She then moved to the third slide – Assets. Ms. Bowen pointed out the first bank account and explained that it was the chequing account where most of the activity occurred. The next account was the savings account which was set up to receive membership payments from PayPal. She pointed out the PayPal account in which the CLA kept a running total of around \$100 and lastly the \$6000 GIC was earmarked for a contingency which generated interest. Ms. Bowen noted that our overall assets were down \$93 from 2013. She asked if there were any questions.

#### Discussion

Mr. Ed Borza stated the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) had provided the CLA in 2012 with a grant of \$200 for island signage - proposed but never implemented. The signage was meant to welcome campers to overnight but to please leave the islands in better condition than they had been found. The idea behind the signs was the result of having to clean up litter left behind by campers. Since these signs had never been created Mr. Borza assumed that the grant had been returned to the Ministry. Ms. Bowen deferred to the President and Ms. Nault (the previous assistant treasurer) as this had occurred prior to her becoming the assistant treasurer and therefore had no knowledge of the grant. The President stated that he would look into and get back to Mr. Borza. The President stated that they would be addressing the topic of signage later in the meeting.

If there were no further questions the President asked for a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Bob Vergette put forward the motion and Mr. Jim Rogers seconded it. The president asked for a vote.

**All in Favour**

**Motion Carried**

#### **5. Tay Valley Township (TVT) Response To Community Questions**

The President stated that this was one of the major changes in the agenda. In previous years the TVT had been asked to attend our meetings and to provide an update report. This year we asked our community via spotlight and if there were questions which the lake residents would like to have answered by the TVT. From the response three questions were chosen – representative of the major concerns of our community - and were presented to Ms. Noelle Reeve the TVT Planner a week prior to the AGM. The President then invited Ms. Reeve to the front. Ms. Reeve thanked the CLA for giving her the questions in advance.

The first question was displayed on the screen and everyone was given time to read it over. For ‘full’ questions see attached as **Appendix C**:

#### **Question #1**

***“When will TVT recognise that “seasonal residents” only consume township services on a seasonal basis and show respect to the “seasonal resident” taxpayer by reducing the mill rate on seasonal properties”***

#### **Response**

Ms. Reeve stated that she had to seek advice from the financial department as this was not her area of expertise. She was told that property taxes are based on your current property value assessment made by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) times the tax rate. There are seven categories for tax rates -

residential, multi residential, commercial, industrial, pipeline, farm land and managed forests. There is no seasonal residential tax category so it is legally impossible to have a seasonal tax rate. The question is asking the TVT to show respect for seasonal residents and she stated that there is no disrespect in the mill rate. So at present there is no seasonal residential tax rate.

The increase in the tax rate was caused in part by the province transference of the cost of the OPP new billing formula. This transference of costs caused the tax rate in towns to decrease by approximately 3% however unfortunately in rural areas there was an increase. The TVT had to pay an extra \$330,000 due directly to this transference which took up 3% of the tax rate last year. The only thing she would suggest at this time would be to lobby/write the MPP Randy Hillier and to the Premier Kathleen Wynn.

There was some discussion during which it was noted that there had been a seasonal tax rate however approximately 15 to 20 years ago there was a change and your tax rate was based solely on the value of your property. It was the province that introduced this change and not the township. Ms. Reeve suggest that those who were keen on influencing tax issues to attend the TVT budget meeting in October and November and to air their questions to the treasurer - Ms. Angela Millar.

### **Question #2**

***“In light of the Parks Canada announcement to replace the Bolingbroke (Bob’s) dam in 2016, will TVT promulgate and support a motion that Park’s Canada also construct a spillway on the Tay river, east of Althorpe Road Bridge to regulate the outflow of water from Christie Lake to stabilize lake levels at a mutually acceptable “normal” lake level thereby respecting the property taxpayers of Christie Lake?”***

### **Response**

Ms. Reeve stated that she thought this was a terrific suggestion as the fluctuations in the Tay River are very bad for the fish habitat. The township will be holding a Committee of the Whole Meeting for Council on August 4<sup>th</sup> at which time they will be drafting a motion to present to council to write a letter to Parks Canada requesting that they construct a spillway on the Tay River. To date Parks Canada has been extremely unresponsive to the municipality and in fact they had heard of the reconstruction to the Bolingbroke Dam through The Ottawa Citizen even though the dam sits in this municipality. She stated that the Reeve is in support of the spillway and they would like to establish a working relationship with the Ministry of the Environment/Parks Canada.

Penny Nault asked if anything had been done about a Parks Canada water monitoring station on Christie Lake for reading the water levels. Ms. Reeve stated that she thought that this had been previously approved by council and that Ms. Amanda Mabo was doing the follow-up.

### **Question #3**

***What are the plans for upgrading (paving) of the North Shore road?”***

### **Response**

Ms. Reeve stated again that she appreciated receiving these questions prior to our AGM as in this case she needed to ask for advice from the Public Works Manager – Mr. Stephen Keeley. He had stated that at the moment there are no plans to pave the North shore Road beyond where it is already paved. They employ AECOM – an engineering firm to maintain the roads and to determine when a road surface goes from gravel to surface treatment and/or to paved. They have a schedule and in order to pave a road they would need traffic of over 400 cars a day. At present it is estimated that only 250 cars use the Christie Lake North Shore Road per day. She noted that the count is taken in the shoulder season. They have put black gravel on the North Shore Road which should keep down the dust. Mr. Keeley noted that there over 500 kms of roads in TVT and they

have to adhere to minimum standards imposed by the Province on all of those roads. It was noted that there is regular maintenance of the North Shore Road up to Brooke Valley Road but not on Patterson Road.

Ms. Reeve noted that next year four municipalities will be celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> year which includes Tay Valley. The Perth Military Settlement is older than Canada– 1816 to 2016. She displayed a calendar for 2016 which has all of the events listed and it does contain pictures of Christie Lake. The calendars are on sale for \$10 which goes towards a scholarship for a local high school student. You can pick them up in the Town Hall or she has some in the back. If you would like to volunteer to please let them know.

There was one final question for Ms. Reeve. ***“When they conduct the regular maintenance on the North Shore Road they go up to Brooke Valley and rarely continue down the North Shore Road towards Patterson Road. That portion of the road gets the maintenance and we don’t?”***

Ms. Reeve stated that she would look into this and would get back to us.

The President thanked Ms. Noelle Reeve for attending our AGM and for answering our questions.

## **6. ‘Open Forum’ Question Period By Members to All Committee Chairs**

The President stated that the next item on our agenda is also new this year. The intent is to provide the lake residents an opportunity to ask the committee chairs questions rather than hearing committee updates. The President displayed on the screen some topics which may stimulate questions:

- Water levels – Christie Lake is a flow through lake with a mean ASL of 155M. Bob’s Lake is a reservoir lake with a mean ASL of 162M;
- PC construction of the Bolingbroke Dam in 2016 – Program Manager Mr. Mike McLay;
- Installation of a PC automated water level system in the vicinity of Jordan’s Bridge – Mr. Colin Clark;
- Submission to DFO for Fishsticks & Fish Bundles – gathering 16 August to assemble bundles;
- Social Activities - are we doing enough/too much;
- Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation – Ms. Nault can answer your questions if you have any;
- Spotlight & Website;
- Loon nest construction workshop this fall;
- Stewardship of our islands; and
- Boat speed near shorelines.

The President then opened up the floor for questions/announcements:

### **Announcement – Ms. Krystyna Williamson**

Ms. Williamson reported - on behalf of Ms. Tui Noonan regarding the Charity Golf Tournament which is in support of the Christie Lake Kids Camp. It is scheduled for Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Perth Golf Course (also known as Links O’Tay). Tee off time is 12 Noon and it is a “Best Ball” format which should level the playing field. The cost is \$100 for Golf and Dinner – for dinner only the cost is \$50. The evening will begin with cocktails at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. If you are planning on attending or wish more information please contact Ms. Tui Noonan by August 9<sup>th</sup> at [tnoonan@ashbury.ca](mailto:tnoonan@ashbury.ca) or call 267-3108. Tax receipts will be available upon request. Ms. Williamson noted that the Kids Camp is for inner city kids. It has been a camp for over 90 years. The Kids camp has been so successful that some campers have returned to be counsellors. She encouraged everyone to sign up.

**Question – Mr. Ed Borza**

Mr. Borza stated that in the past the residents of Christie Lake have gotten together and volunteered their services when a need unfulfilled became apparent. He recalled the first island fire that he and Mr. Jim Ayotte fought with pails of water. This led them to push for a boat mounted with a fire pump. The latter was purchased and then later sold to the Christie Lake Marina for the sum of \$1 with a contract signed for return of the pump should it no longer be required. A number were trained to work on this boat and when called upon would go out. They were however criticized by some cottagers who felt it was not their responsibility to put out fires and that the call should go to Perth Fire Department. Mr. Borza then talked about the islands on the lake that are a real treat to camp on - including overnight. So he was upset when he saw in the Spring Newsletter the new signage “Use of this island is prohibited from sunset to sunrise” and the notice “No dumping or littering”. He felt we should be educating the public in a positive manner by requesting them to clean up after themselves and to leave the islands as they would like to find them. If necessary the cottagers could go out and conduct some clean-up. He felt that the new signage was very unwelcoming. He further stated that the lake residents had created signs that were approved by the ministry but it appeared they had never been posted.

**Response**

The President responded by stating that we are not policing the islands and have no intention of such but that we strongly encourage “good stewardship” practice of their use. We have 31 islands on our lake. Thirteen are privately owned. The ownership of four remains unknown. One island belongs to the Rideau Conservation Authority. The MNRF has confirmed the following four islands as being crown land – Big, Hart, Pickerel and Snake. The latter three are deemed not suitable for camping due to size whereas camping is encouraged on Big Island. Nine other islands are suspected of being crown land yet remain unconfirmed by MNRF who are researching their ownership. The President stated that due to the increase of complaints on the misuse of public islands the CLA engaged the MNRF on how best to preserve these islands. The result was that the MNRF developed and paid for signage to be posted on the four confirmed crown islands. The MNRF positioned them early June along with members of the CLA. Notwithstanding that MNRF has a Free Use policy, meaning that public land can be used at will by the public, they have approved a pilot project with the CLA due to other cases of abuse on islands in their region. To respond to the objection of ‘strong language’ on the signs it should be noted that MNRF held many meetings with various internal sections including legal to determine the appropriate wording which would enable their enforcement officers to prosecute wrong doers. The signage is being monitored to see if it has the desired effect.

Ms. Williamson asked that if these signs are going on Crown Land then it is MNRF’s problem and not ours so they should be taking care of them not us. The President stated that at present we are the ones who receive complaints from our community about the misuse of islands. He reinforced his earlier statement that this was a joint pilot project and that the interest of the CLA remains one of education and information, not policing, in order to generate a better understanding of good stewardship throughout our community. The desired result would be for all who use our islands, which is encouraged, should do so in such a manner as to respect nature, wildlife and leave the island in better shape for others to enjoy.

**Question – Mr. Dale Ritchie**

Mr. Ritchie asked if the CLA has access to the fire boat.

**Response**

The President stated that the CLA does not own a fireboat. There is a fireboat at the marina – the pump was sold to be used on the fireboat specifically. If he closes down the Marina has to sell it back to us for \$1. We have returned on several occasions to initiate training on the fire boat. Mr. Ritchie stated the there was a fire 2 weeks ago on the CPR line. They did not get a response from the Perth Fire department. Mr. Peter Butler stated that

he had a firehose in his boathouse which could be used in the event of a fire. Ms. Walsh stated that the Maberly Fire Department has a fire boat for the lakes in our area. She suggested that in the event of a railway fire she suggested contacting CP Rail. Mr. Brian Wilcock stated that he is new to the lake and a permanent resident state that the Maberly Fire Department is who we should be contacting in the event of a fire. The President stated that this would be a good topic for “Spotlight”. He also noted that there has been some discussion about the boat speed near the shoreline. Should we be posting signs stating a 10km speed limit? We need to inform and educate our lake residents. Mr. Butler asked what we could do about this? The President stated that the best way and perhaps only way would be to educate the residents through “Spotlight” and our website.

#### **Question - Mr. Dave Barr**

Mr. Barr asked about the Fish Bundle/ Fishsticks program. The President asked Ms. Anne Bendig – who has recently retired from MNRF if she would answer the question as she was more knowledgeable on the subject.

#### **Response – Ms. Anne Bendick**

Ms. Bendig stated that Fish bundles/Fishsticks is the common term used for creating a near-shoreline ecosystem promoting fish spawning and nursery habitat for young fish as well as other life forms. The material used for Fishsticks is usually old mature trees whereas Fish bundles use brush. Fishsticks are usually centered on dead trees which have fallen into the lake along the shoreline. Fish bundles are created by tying brush together and attaching a cement anchor thereby submerging them. These are then positioned along the selected shoreline during the winter months when the ice is thick with little damage caused to the land. During the spring thaw they would sink in waters greater than 12 feet deep to provide fish habitat without impeding boat traffic. Most of the areas identified for these bundles is along the CP Railway shoreline and she assured everyone they would not be put in front of cottages. These in-water structures provide an excellent nursery habitat. She also has some old Christmas trees donated by Home Hardware. The intent would be to anchor them so that they would stand upright in the water. Ms. Bendig and a group of volunteers hope to get this project underway on August 16<sup>th</sup> in Station Bay. She would encourage anyone who was interested to join them in this project. The plan was to have approximately 14 brush bundles placed in Christie Lakes in the fall of 2015.

#### **Announcement – Ms. Apryle Patterson**

Ms. Patterson stated that information about the dance would be circulated via spotlight and on the website. She announced that this year’s Christie Lake Summer Dinner and Dance was taking place at a new location at the Scout Camp - Camp Opemikon. It is being held on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and the doors will open at 6PM. Tickets for the event, which includes a Roast Beef Dinner, are \$20pp but if you only plan to come to the dance the cost is \$10. Aviva Entertainment is providing the music for the evening and she assured us we are in for a very good time. Ms. Patterson asked that those interested in attending please order your tickets soon as the chef needs a head count by August 17th. Proceeds from the dance will go to the Scout Camp and the Christie Lake Kids Camp. One member stated that in previous years the music has been geared to the young folk and she would appreciate it if there could be some slow dances.

### **7. Nominations Of Directors**

The President reported that according to Bylaw #1 S.6.05 we are required to nominate our directors on a yearly basis. He stated that at present we have eight directors - 6 of whom are present at the meeting - and all 8 have agreed to stand for another year. However, we would like to see that number increase to ten or twelve. The CLA would benefit from new voices and ideas. He then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Ms. Bowen stated that Ms. Theresa Strickland – Warden of Camp Opemikon – had agreed to have her name put

forward. No other names were forthcoming. Ms. Patterson reminded everyone that we are also looking for new volunteers to sit on committees.

The President recommended that we vote on the directors who are presently serving on the board and have agreed to remain for another year and to include the new director by voting as a group rather than being voted on individually. He then asked the secretary to name the proposed directors:

Apryle Patterson, Austin Sweezey, Brooke Briggs, Diane Briggs, Donna Walsh, Larry Bowen, Penny Nault, Theresa Strickland and herself - Susan Bowen.

He then asked for a motion to accept the directors as named. Mr. Doug McKeen put forward the motion as stated and it was seconded by Ms. Debbie Walter. The President asked for a vote.

**All in favor**

**Motion Carried**

The President stated that this was the end of the official part of the meeting. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Allan Statham put forward the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Lionel Enright. The President asked for a vote.

**All in favor**

**Motion Carried**

The meeting ended at 11:20AM.

## **11. Coffee Break**

The president announced that there would be short coffee break to be followed by a presentation given by our guest speaker Dr. Elaine Riddick.

## **12. Guest Speaker – Dr. Elaine Riddick**

The President stated that it was his pleasure to welcome Dr. Elaine Riddick to our meeting. He noted that we are very fortunate to have Dr. Riddick with us today taking time from her busy schedule. After studying at the University of Liverpool's School of Medicine, Dr. Riddick immigrated to Canada in 1982. She continued her studies at the University of Ottawa where she completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Riddick has had a family practice in Westport since 2009.

Her patient reviews characterize her as helpful, holistic, wise, kind, and genuinely interested in her patients. Luckily for us - he went on – she also believes that outdoor activities should be safe and fun. As such she is convinced that there is much which can be done to prevent the growth of Ticks and spread of Lyme disease in our area. He asked everyone to join him in welcoming Dr. Elaine Riddick.

## **20. Termination of Meeting**

The President asked if there were any other questions or comments. None were forthcoming. He thanked everyone for their time, attention, questions and comments and he then declared the meeting to be terminated. The second portion of the meeting ended at 12:20PM



## Agenda



- Welcome introduction
- Meeting properly constituted
- Approval of AGM minutes of 25 July 2014
- Approval of financial report Jan-Dec 2014
- Tay Valley Township response to community questions
- Open question period by members to all Committee Chairs
- Nominations of Directors

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COFFEE BREAK 15 minutes

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- Guest speaker Dr. Elaine Riddick
- Termination of meeting

## Statement of Revenue Expenses 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2014

Christie Lake Association Inc.  
 Statement of Revenue & Expenses  
 For period 1 January – 31 December 2014  
 With Comparative Amounts for December 2013  
 (prepared using Cash Basis of Accounting)



| <u>Revenue</u>                                | <u>2014</u>        | <u>2013</u>        |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Membership Fees Paid                          | \$3,363            | \$3,981            |
| Interest                                      | \$90               | \$76               |
| Golf Tournament                               | \$2,137            | \$1,468            |
| <i>2014 Funds raised - \$4865.00</i>          |                    |                    |
| <i>2014 Costs - \$2728.14</i>                 |                    |                    |
| Yard & Craft Sale                             | \$120              | \$0                |
| Website Advertising                           | \$100              | \$50               |
| Donations                                     | \$160              | \$177              |
| Summer Dance                                  | \$0                | \$853              |
| <i>2013 Funds raised - \$4094.00</i>          |                    |                    |
| <i>2013 Costs - \$3241.00</i>                 |                    |                    |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                          | <b>\$5,970</b>     | <b>\$6,605</b>     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                               | <b><u>2014</u></b> | <b><u>2013</u></b> |
| Newsletters                                   | \$341              | \$266              |
| Membership expenses                           | \$0                | \$200              |
| Membership Drive packages                     | \$360              | \$0                |
| Directory Printing & Postage                  | \$0                | \$0                |
| Website Maintenance                           | \$357              | \$483              |
| Programming                                   | \$164              | \$0                |
| Cade Associates Insurance                     | \$1,669            | \$1,536            |
| Rentals - PO Box, Bank acct fees              | \$191              | \$14               |
| Donations & Gifts - OPE \$500, Kids \$2144.74 | \$2,645            | \$3,283            |
| Other   | \$202              | \$0                |
| Marker Buoys & Signage                        | \$0                | \$49               |
| Social Committee                              | \$0                | \$0                |
| Wine & Cheese                                 | \$60               | \$102              |
| Miscellaneous Printing & Postage              | \$74               | \$0                |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                         | <b>\$6,063</b>     | <b>\$5,933</b>     |
| <b>Net Gain/Loss</b>                          | <b>-\$93</b>       | <b>\$672</b>       |

**ASSETS (bank statement 9Jan2015)**

**Cash & Bank Accounts**

|                     | <b><u>31 Dec 2014</u></b> | <b><u>31 Dec 2013</u></b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bank acct 8069-505  | \$7,584                   | \$8,407                   |
| Bank acct 8987-867  | \$1,085                   | \$305                     |
| PayPal balance      | \$95                      | \$146                     |
| GIC's               | \$6,000                   | \$6,000                   |
| <b>Total Assets</b> | <b><u>\$14,765</u></b>    | <b><u>\$14,858</u></b>    |

**\$14,858**

**-\$93**

**Net equity 31 Dec 2014** **\$14,765**

## Tay Valley Township Question 1 'Taxes'



**1.** - Christie Lake taxpayers pay vast sums of after tax dollars in the form of property taxes to Tay Valley Township (TVT). In fact our TVT taxes are considerably higher (22%) than at our city home where we pay to enjoy; full time fire and police departments; paved and winter plowed residential roads; curbside garbage pickup; water and sewer; fire hydrants and a host of other services including; pools, sports facilities, arenas, libraries and so on. By comparison, at TVT we receive; contract policing, a volunteer fire service, a garbage transfer station where we can deliver our own garbage, private roads that we pay extra to maintain, hard top or gravel roads, no water, sewer or fire hydrants. To say it another way; we pay large property taxes but receive very little for our money. ***When will TVT recognize that "seasonal residents" only consume township services on a seasonal basis and show respect to the "seasonal resident" taxpayer by reducing the mill rate on seasonal properties?***

## Tay Valley Township Question 2 'Water levels'



**2.** – Christie Lake is not treated by the authorities any better than a wide river; an aqueduct or pipeline between the source water of Bob's & Crow Lakes and the navigational demands of the Rideau Canal. As we have witnessed over the past decade, water levels are allowed to fluctuate between flood and near drought. This constant diet of feast and famine is very disrespectful to TVT taxpayers as it; damages property; creates ideal conditions for shoreline erosion; floods out nests of loons and other shoreline water fowl and has serious repercussions to our walleye and bass spawning. A provincial study of Christie Lake has determined that while the inflow of water is controlled by the Bolingbroke (Bob's) dam, the outflow is controlled only by, "the hydraulic capacity of the Tay River"; meaning that the lake will drain out as fast and as much as the Tay River allows. ***My question is: in light of the Parks Canada announcement to replace the Bolingbroke (Bob's) dam in 2016, will TVT promulgate and support a motion that Park's Canada also construct a spillway on the Tay River, east of the Althorpe Rd bridge to regulate the outflow of water from Christie Lake to stabilize lake levels at a mutually acceptable "normal" lake level thereby respecting the property taxpayers of Christie Lake?***

**Tay Valley Township Question 3**  
**'Plans for Upgrading the Christie Lake North**  
**Shore Road'**



**3.** –The core issue is safety with regard to school busses, children playing and general road safety. Regardless a regular maintenance schedule is required. It is plowed when it needs to be plowed in the winter BUT come spring it appears that maintenance is pretty ad-hock. **Question - *What are the plans for upgrading (paving) of the North Shore road?***