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Hi Everyone, As promised, here is a joint update on things:

1. Kawartha Conservation Authority (KCA) - Four Mile Lake Stewardship Plan

As you are all aware, KCA has issued a second draft plan for Four Mile Lake, now called the Four Mile Lake Stewardship Plan. As a reminder, KCA was commissioned by the City (not FML residents) to develop Lake Management Plans for several lakes (including ours) to be completed in 2017. Originally, KCA set a deadline for comments by January 31, 2017, but recently extended the comment period to the Spring to allow more time for residents just becoming aware of the second revision to review and submit their own comments. The Four Mile Lake Cottagers Group has prepared a list of comments that will be submitted to KCA. We encourage you to also submit your comments. Here is a link to the latest draft:

http://kawarthaconservation.com/images/FourMileLakePlanDRAFT_V2_December2016.pdf

2. New FMLA Working Group

We have committed to and are in the process of developing a Working Group to prepare a Guiding Document that provides a balanced approach to maintaining our lake, both practically and aesthetically and will be a useful resource for all property owners who are contemplating improvements to their property or to simply ensure that what is in place is effective and efficient. It will cover such topics as:

- the betterment of shoreline structures (i.e. boathouses, shore-walls)
- guidance in dealing with various organizations such as MNR and the City to undertake improvements
- property repairs and maintenance including but not limited to shorelines and septic system work
- maintaining the desired aesthetic appeal for the shoreline, including initiatives to maintain the lake in its existing healthy condition

3. 2017 FMLA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Agenda

Given all that is going on with KCA and in the City of Kawartha Lakes in general, this year's AGM will be a particularly important one for members to attend. It will be held on Sunday, June 25th, 2017. Those who are currently non-members are encouraged to join the FMLA and become involved in how we manage the welfare of our lake for the benefit of all residents, now and in the future. Annual membership dues are \$45, payable at the AGM or in advance via the FMLA website:

www.fourmilelake.ca

As always, the 2017 FMLA AGM Agenda will include the election of a new executive. Nominations for new directors will be sought and a slate of candidates will be presented prior to the AGM for election by FMLA members in attendance. As per the FMLA current governing by-law, the Board of Directors includes up to nine (9) elected directors and automatically includes the past president for a total of ten (10) directors. Those who are interested in serving and are eligible to act as a director are encouraged to put their names forward in the interest of providing fresh faces and new ideas for the betterment of our lake community.

New from past practices, we ask that you submit your name and a brief history if you are interested in serving as a director to Rob Sylvester at rob.sylvester@hotmail.com by no later than May 1st. A ballot listing those names submitted will be handed out at the AGM for members to select their preferred nominations for the director positions.

There will be two additional areas of focus at this year's AGM:

- Updating and overhauling the FMLA governing by-laws which were last amended in 2005 and are in need of review to ensure they are compliant with upcoming provincial requirements governing non-profit corporations (such as the FMLA). In addition, the new Board will need to review these by-laws for their clarity, efficiency, relevance and application relative to the current operating practices of the FMLA.
- The make-up and mandate of the Working Group mentioned above will be finalized and presented at the AGM. We expect the group to begin work by early Summer and will be given a six to nine month period to prepare the Guiding Document for adoption by the FMLA at the 2018 AGM.

We will be providing more updates and clarity on the above topics in the coming weeks

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