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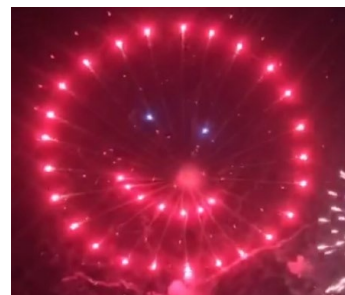
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## Boat Parade and Fireworks, Aug. 2nd

The CLWA Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake will be Saturday August 2. This is the August long-weekend and a Civic Holiday. The fireworks are supported by the generosity of the CLWA members and Bill Neill has planned another exciting show.

The Boat Parade will begin about 8:30 PM with a gathering of the boats at the Blairton Lighthouse. The parade will circle the lake and end up at Stoney Island for the fireworks show. Fireworks will start at dusk, about 10 PM, after all the boats have gathered following the Parade. The rain-date is Sunday August 3.



## Lake Bouys

Each year we place about 40 marker buoys on hazards in the waterway. We hope to have them in place in time for the long weekend in May.

Disclaimer: The Crowe Lake Waterway Association (CLWA) assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of these or other hazard markers. Their installation and maintenance are solely an assist to safe boating. Boaters are still required to exercise caution in respect to water depth and unforeseen hazards.

## Ontario Ice Storm Aftermath

Hydro One is calling it a "generational storm" that devastated parts of central and eastern Ontario, uprooting trees and downing power lines. One month later the restoration work continued in some areas. Click the link below for a thank you from Hydro One, and tips to be prepared before, during, and after storms.

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Crowe Lake Matters

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## President's Message - Terry Murphy

We experienced an old-fashioned winter on Crowe Lake this year. Lots of snow, and the thick ice on the lake was perfect for cross country skiing, outdoor rinks, skating and ice fishing. There were many sightings of amazing wildlife: bald eagles soaring over the lake, minks along the shore and red foxes crossing the ice.

Although winter was beautiful, I am sure everyone is looking forward to enjoying some warm spring weather and anticipating summer activities on the lake.

I want to thank you in advance, for renewing your 2025 Crowe Lake Waterways Association memberships and for your donations. Without your membership fees and donations, we would not be able to deliver our programs: the annual fireworks display, the water monitoring, the invasive species monitoring, the annual fishing derby, the photo contest and newsletters.

Also, I want to thank our numerous, dedicated volunteers that make our programs possible and a special thank you to our CLWA Board of Directors.

This past winter I have been in contact with other Lake Waterway Associations and have discussed our shared goals and concerns about maintaining a healthy waterway. In keeping with our education and advocacy mandate we plan to prepare educational material on how to be a responsible lake property owner. This material will provide helpful tips and information for all those who will experience the beauty of Crowe Lake: full time, seasonal residents and as short term rental visitors. At our spring Board of Directors meeting we discussed how best

### Membership Renewal and Recruitment

Renewal Forms for 2025 have been mailed. As part of a membership recruitment drive, we are doing a mass mailing to almost 1,000 residents on the waterway. If you receive one, you can use it to renew or you can share it with someone not a member of CLWA.

to share this information: print, social media, local advertising, etc. We will be reaching out to our membership via our newsletter and social media for suggestions on how to reach our many residents in our watershed.

Please help and protect our Crowe Lake, Crowe River and Beaver Creek by renewing your 2025 CLWA membership and to help us recruit new memberships.

Thanks for your support and have a safe and enjoyable season on the Crowe Lake Waterway.  
TJM

### Corrections to Last Issue

**Photo Contest:** Anita McIntyre is the photographer for 1st Place winner Jumping For Joy

**Photo Contest:** The correct title for Tim Maung's 3rd Place photo is Vibrance

**Fishing Derby:** Mystery Prize winners were David Smith, Sam Morton, and Molly Didonato

### Upcoming Events

Jul 01	Canada Day
July 12	CLWA 2025 AGM
Aug 02	CLWA Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks
Aug 04	Civic Holiday
Aug 29-01	CLWA Members Fishing Derby
Sep 01	Labour Day
Nov 01	CLWA 2025 Photo Contest Deadline

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Have You Renewed Yet?

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## Glenn Caverly



Allan "Glenn" Caverly died on March 24th, 2025 at Pleasant Meadow Manor, Norwood. Husband and best friend of Dorothy of nearly 69 years, father of Gordon (Jan) and Allan (Joan) brother of Bob (Myrna), pre-deceased by sister Jean Barlow (John) and Norma Crofts (John). Glenn and Dorothy were part of the Crowe Lake community for many years.

Glenn was one of the earliest members of CLWA starting in the 1980s. He served several terms as President, was a Director for many years. For the last 5 or 6 years, he was a CLWA Sign Captain and he always came to the AGM. Glenn (second from left) with CLWA Past Presidents at 2015 AGM.



## Elinor White

We are sorry to report the passing of Elinor White on May 7, 2025. Elinor was the CLWA Treasurer for 10 years and President for 1 year. She was a very engaged part of management of CLWA for many years. She was instrumental in the efforts to update the financial system and the CLWA constitution, Elinor also volunteered at the Marmora Food Bank and the school breakfast programs. Elinor battled cancer for the last 4 or 5 years. A Living Celebration of Life was held earlier. She is survived by husband Wayne.



## Fred Stewart

Fred Stewart passed away, suddenly, at home on December 20th, 2024, in his 68th year. Admired, loving husband, or 'Pumpkin', of Suzanne Jones. Their cottage is on High Shore Road. The family requested that In lieu of flowers, donations in Fred's memory, be made to the Crowe Lake Waterway Association. Jim Nichol accepted a cheque from the family at the celebration of life. As per Fred's request, no suits and ties (ties belong in your desk drawer, until an auditor or the CEO arrives), and guests wore their favourite sports jersey in his honour.

Pictured are Dick Schoon, Jim Nichol, Suzanne Jones, and John Provost. You can still donate to CLWA in Fred's name using your membership renewal or by sending it to us. CLWA extends our sympathy to Fred's family.



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Is Your Neighbor A Member?

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## #7 Classic Cruiser Car Club - Anne MacNeill

Thursday night shows starting May 1st on Forsyth St.. The show starts at 5 pm and closes between 7:30 and 8:30pm. It's a great time to get out, meet your neighbours and see some fabulous classic cars. The shows run until Oct. 2nd.

## CLWA Dropbox Moved

The CLWA Dropbox has been relocated to Cook's Barbershop at 22 Forsyth Street. The Dropbox can be used for membership payments, photo contest entries, and more. For many years it was at the Whitley Newman / Economical Insurance office at 31 Forsyth Street.



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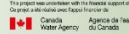


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## Short-term Accommodation Information For Hosts in Marmora and Lake



Short-term accommodations (Airbnb, Vrbo, cottage rentals, etc.) are not licensed within the Municipality of Marmora and Lake. Even so, guests are expected to abide by all Municipal bylaws while staying in Marmora and Lake, and property owners are ultimately responsible and liable for all activities and occupants at their property at all times.

### Related Bylaws

2022-09 Noise & Fireworks Bylaw  
2002-13 Parkingv Bylaw  
2001-33 Property Standards Bylaw  
2011-36 Control of Burning Bylaw  
2012-41 Trailer Bylaw

### Contact Information

OPP, Madoc Branch: 1-888-310-1122  
Marmora Fire Department: 613-472-2748  
Municipal Office: 613-472-2629  
Bylaw Officer: 613-472-2629 ext. 2231  
Crowe Valley Conservation: 613-472-3137

Airbnb provides Neighbourhood Support for problems arising with their rentals, at any time of day or night. You can report a party, noise complaint, or neighbourhood concern here. If there is a disturbance happening nearby, you can request a call or call the Neighbourhood Support Team at 855-635-7754.

Vrbo has a Stay Neighbourly program which provides a way for community members to let them know if they have a concern about a property. If you have a complaint about a Vrbo property, you can submit your concern online.

There are many benefits of short-term accommodations within communities like Marmora and Lake. These are most evident when hosts ensure that they are good neighbours. Please consider some tips on

how to be a good neighbour.

Let surrounding homes know that you own a short-term rental and give them a way to reach you in an emergency. Neighbours can be the best way to get an early warning if something goes wrong on your property.

Make sure you know the related bylaws (listed above) and understand that you, as the owner, are responsible for your property at all times. Guests are more likely to follow the rules if you make them clear from the start. Their behaviour is your responsibility - make sure they know what is expected of them by you and the community.

Monitor Your Property: Preventing loud parties is an essential part of keeping the community safe and peaceful for your neighbours. Do not alienate your neighbours, who can be helpful in looking out for your property, by being oblivious to the way your guests behave.



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Contact us at [info@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca)

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## CLWA 85 Years Old

From the Marmora Herald, the Marmora Historical Foundation and Anne MacNeill

### **CROW LAKE ASSOCIATION FORMED Aug. 22, 1940**

An enthusiastic meeting of the property owners on Crow Lake was held at Marble Point Lodge on Sunday, August 18 at 3 P.M. On the Saturday previous the notice had been circulated around the lake outlining the various aims and purposes of the organization. These were heartily endorsed and the following were elected to act for those present:

President - Mr. C. H. Buskard

Secretary- Mr. W. C. Dymond

Committee - Mr. C. H. Buskard, W. C.

Dymond, John Warren, L. Bonter and D.

Marett.

The committee has been instructed to meet the Township Council at an early date to discuss the points raised in the circular and other matters of interest. As those present were all from the north half of the east shore, the activities for the moment will be centered on this section. If the other section of the lake should show any interest in this organization, the privilege will be widened to take care of the whole lake.

### **2025 Photo Contest**

This is just a reminder about the Photo Contest. The rules are on the website and will be published in the Fall Newsletter in early August. We have already received our first entries, so feel free to send your pictures anytime to [info@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca).

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# Health Unit Merger



By Mary Milne, Marmora Community Circle  
Facebook 1/5/2025

Our local health unit just got a whole lot bigger.

As of January 1, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH) has officially merged with two other eastern Ontario health units to become part of the newly formed South East Health Unit. This comes after the boards of three separate health units voted unanimously to merge in early December.

On Wednesday, the recently merged Board of Health met for the first time, officially launching the new public health agency made up of Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH); Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health (KFLA); and the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark (LGL) District Health Unit. The new health unit will cover nearly 20,000 square kilometres, and serve more than 550,000 residents. The Ministry of Health says they will provide funding for the first three years of the transition process.

"A merger of our three agencies will strengthen capacity and local public health programs and services, resulting in overall healthier communities across the southeast region," said HPEPH Board Chair Jan O'Neill, after the merger vote in December. O'Neil is the mayor of Marmora and Lakes Township. This week she was also voted in as board chair for the newly merged South East Health Unit.

In a news release, the health unit noted that the new governance structure will "ensure that the entire southeast region has the benefit of four experts guiding public health issues locally, while still ensuring that each geographic area retains local leadership during the transition to a larger agency."

They added that collaboration with local partners will continue as each office works with their communities to "ensure a smooth transition

to a merged entity and to maintain appropriate services and supports across the southeast region."

Office addresses, phone numbers, websites and social media accounts have not changed at this time. The public is asked to continue to interact with their local public health office as they usually would until otherwise directed. For more information residents of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties should contact

[www.hpePublicHealth.ca](http://www.hpePublicHealth.ca) or call 1-800-267-2803.

## Safety Tips For Lightning - The Weather Network

You often hear the phrase, 'when thunder roars, go indoors' when outside prior to a thunderstorm passing through. That is a safe way to ensure you don't get struck by lightning. If you can't get indoors right away, then avoid high ground, water, tall, isolated trees and metal objects such as fences or bleachers.

Even indoors, you have to take safety precautions in order to prevent receiving a electric shock from a lightning bolt.

- Stay away from windows.
- Unplug appliances.
- Do not use the telephone.
- Avoid running tap water.
- Get off the lake and out of the boat

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## 5 Most Common Fines While Boating

BY ANDY ADAMS OUTDOORS,  
JUNE 5, 2024

You are out on your boat when you see another boat approaching. Suddenly the flashing lights go on and you realize you are being stopped by the police. We often see the police on the roads, but it is less common to be stopped in your boat. Still, if you're not following the boating safety regulations and don't have all your gear in line, the fines can add up fast.

So what do boaters most commonly get fined for? And, more importantly, how can you avoid getting ticketed? We contacted the Ontario Provincial Police and Sgt. Byron Newell of the East Region S.A.V.E. Team in Snowmobile, ATV, and Vessel Enforcement to find out.

**Personal flotation devices (PFDs)** and life jackets are the first thing that police officers are looking for. There needs to be a PFD for every person on board, they have to fit properly, show no wear or be missing fasteners. They have to be readily accessible (if you're not actually wearing yours) and if it's an inflatable life vest, users must be age 16 or older and you must be wearing it. The fine applies to every person on board who is not in compliance. Typically, the fine for not having the right life jacket is \$240 in Ontario.

**Having open liquor or cannabis** on board will attract another fine. You are allowed to transport these items, but they have to be sealed, stowed, and out of sight. An open container of either liquor or cannabis is not allowed on board a boat. (The only times when you can "consume" on your boat is when you are moored or anchored and you have a permanent washroom, cooking and sleeping accommodations onboard.) Also, remember,

people in kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and other watercraft are covered under this regulation. The operator can be fined \$215 and everyone else onboard can also be charged \$125 per person.

**Not having valid Pleasure Craft Operator's Card (PCOC)** with them in the boat. The fine is \$305 for not having the card onboard (even if you have one at home). It's also best to have your other ID with you too. The PCOC card does not have a photo and the other ID can help establish that you are the person who holds that PCOC card. Fine: \$305.

**No Spotter**, A spotter is required when using your boat for "towed sports" (water skiing, wake boarding, wake surfing, tubing, etc.) and that spotter must be considered reliable or competent. The fine is \$305.

**Powered vessels require a Pleasure Craft License and the Transport Canada vessel license numbers are to be properly displayed on the bow of the vessel.** You are also required to have the registration—on board—and the vessel's ownership (or copies) too. Not having the license registration earns you a fine of \$305.

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- Garden using only non-invasive plants
- Dispose of bait properly
- Buy firewood locally
- Inspect and clean your boat & motor when changing water bodies (it's the law)

Learn more on FOCA's Invasive Species web page at [foca.on.ca/invasive-species](http://foca.on.ca/invasive-species)

## Rebus

A picture representation of a name, work, or phrase. The "rebus" puzzle box below portrays a common word or phrase. Can you guess what it is?



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Life on the lake is good. Sharing fun times with family and friends or relaxing on the deck on a summer's day. It's comforting to know Campbellford Memorial Hospital is just a short distance from the lake when something unexpected happens.



## Cottagers Care Program

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## Did You Know?

### To Manipulate Humans, Dogs Developed Puppy Eyes



A comprehensive 2019 study featured in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences elucidated that domesticated dogs have undergone an evolutionary transformation, acquiring facial muscles around their eyes absent in their wild counterparts, the wolves.

## ZUCCHINI MARMALADE

### Ingredients

- 5 cups shredded Zucchini
- 2 oranges, finely chopped
- 2 TBSP lemon juice
- 5 cups sugar

### Directions

- In a large saucepan combine all ingredients mixing thoroughly.
- Bring to boil and boil rapidly, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and jelly stage is reached, about 20 minutes.
- Remove from heat. Stir and skim off foam. Pour into hot sterilized jars.

Recipe from Diane Stevens printed in The Best of Bobs Cookbook produced by the Greater Bobs & Crowe Lake Associations.

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## CLWA Fishing Derby Aug 30

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## M&L 2025 Tax Rate + 8.30%



The 2025 Budget was approved by Council at the Special Budget Meeting on March 25th, 2025. Council approved an overall blended rate increase of 8.30%. Rate increase in 2024 was 14.51% and 12.93% in 2023.

Tax impact for a Current Value Assessment property of \$168,000 is + \$199.10.

Tax impact for a Current Value Assessment property of \$336,000 is + \$398.20.

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## Astronomical Events 2025

### Perseid meteor shower

(July 17 - Aug. 23, 2025) **(Peak - August 11,12)**

At its peak, you may see an average of 100 meteors per hour! The Perseids are "best viewed in the Northern Hemisphere during the pre-dawn hours, though at times it is possible to view meteors from this shower as early as 10 p.m.

### Orionid Meteor Shower

**(October 21-22)**

Another meteor shower tied to Halley's Comet, the Orionids will light up the sky with about 20 meteors per hour. The moon will be minimal, making this a great event for those seeking a crisp fall night under the stars.

### Geminids Meteor Shower

**(December 14)**

While not as famous as its Persied cousin in August, the Geminids are a great sky show which astronomers estimate will have meteors fall at the rate of up to 120 per hour overnight on 13th to 14th, making this one of the most intense meteor showers of the year.

### "Smiley Face" Triple Conjunction

A rare celestial event where Venus, Saturn, and the crescent moon align, resembling a triangular pattern on **April 25**.

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- Purchase only the necessary amount needed. Avoid mixing and storage
- Look for more natural product options and strategies
- Never discard pesticides down the drain, toilet or septic system
- Check municipal hazardous waste and landfill regulations and options
- Do not burn or reuse pesticide container

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## Rain for 1 Million Years?

From [hello@historyfacts.com](mailto:hello@historyfacts.com)

If you think it's rainy now, try living through the Carnian Pluvial Episode. Taking place some 232 million years ago, during the Triassic Period, it was a time of intense rainfall that lasted between 1 million and 2 million years. The prolonged, world-altering event was first discovered by geologists in the 1970s and '80s. While studying ancient carbonate rocks in such far-flung locations as the Eastern Alps and the United Kingdom, they came across evidence of a deposit known as siliciclastic sedimentation that suggested unusually wet conditions. When it rains, it pours.

This period was preceded by an era of arid weather and coincided with the rise of the dinosaurs; the lush conditions that resulted helped the dinos thrive for another 150 million years or so. The Carnian Pluvial Episode wasn't without its downsides, however. It appears to have been triggered by a series of massive volcanic eruptions that led to acid rain and an influx in greenhouse gases, which eventually brought about rapid climate change and mass extinctions.

## Fish For Free!

Four times a year, Canadian residents can fish in Ontario for free. This means you do not need to buy a fishing license if you want to fish during:



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# How to Quiet a Noisy Boat Engine



BY FIONA MCGLYNN,  
PUBLISHED: JUNE 25, 2024

The guttural thrum of a boat engine may be a prelude to a thrill-packed day on the water, but it's not music to everyone's ears. Excessive boat noise is such an issue that Transport Canada is looking into the best ways to curtail it.

## How do I know if my boat is too noisy?

If people have to raise their voices to be heard when your boat drives by at speed, it's probably too loud, according to Muskoka-based organization Safe Quiet Lakes. They recommend testing your boat's sound level by using a decibel meter—you can buy one online or download an app, such as NIOSH Sound Level Meter (iOS) or Decibel X Pro Sound Meter (iOS, Android). Make sure the decibel scale is set to A and the speed to slow.

Start by taking a reading from three feet behind the transom with the boat idling. The proposed limit for this stationary measurement is 88 dB (AS) (SAE J2005). Next, take a reading from shore. As the boat passes by (at any

distance), it should create less than 75 dB (AS) to meet the proposed standard (SAE J1970).

## How can I make my boat quieter?

If you have an exhaust diverter system, keep it permanently disengaged and on quiet mode. If you have thru-hull exhaust, look into installing a muffler (\$500–\$1,500 per engine, not including installation). Gibson Performance makes an easy-to-install muffler (\$980), which the company claims will make your boat compliant with the 88 dB (AS) standard without compromising power. A third option is to redirect the engine exhaust through the propeller or below the waterline. Costs will vary depending on your existing engine and exhaust configuration.

Last year, Transport Canada launched a survey to determine what Canadians think the best option is to manage noise from pleasure craft engines. The most popular option was introducing performance standards with decibel limits for both operators and manufacturers. Among other reasons, it's the only plan that realistically addresses excessive engine noise emissions from both new and existing vessels.



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Time To Renew

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## Things to See, Places to Go

From the 2024 Tri-County Discovery Guide

### **The National Air Force Museum of Canada.**

A must-see attraction in the Quinte area. With over 75,000 square feet of display space in a sprawling 16-acre air park. Established in 1984, the NAFMC is dedicated to preserving and telling the history of Canadian military aviation. Located at 220 RCAF Road, Trenton.



### **The Hastings/Prince Edward Regiment Museum.**

The Museum is located in the Belleville Armoury. The museum preserves the history of the militia, through the collection and preservation of military artifacts and documents of historical significance to the Regiment and its antecedent units. The museum displays and illustrates the dress, weapons, military equipment and customs of the Regiment's heritage. Located at 187 Pinnacle Street, Belleville.



### **Art Gallery of Bancroft.**

A thriving, not-for-profit organization, the collection of over 100 pieces includes work from many local artists and artisans, with over 10 exhibitions each year. The gallery gift shop well unique creations made by talented local and regional artists. Collection includes pottery, paintings, textiles and wood, leather, jewelry, art books, art cards, stained glass, and more. Located at 10 Flint Ave, Bancroft.



### **Bancroft Mineral and Mining Museum.**

The museum is housed in a fully restored heritage train station and is owned and operated by the Bancroft Gem and Mineral Club. Discover the history of mining in the area, learn about mineral collecting, explore over 400 specimens on display in the 1,200 square-foot showroom. The museum also has mineral guidebooks for sale. Located at 8 Hastings Heritage Way, Bancroft.



## Be Wake Aware

- Be aware of the size of your wake during displacement, transition & planing speeds
- Position your passengers through-out the boat to reduce time spent in transition speed
- Look behind you to minimize the impact of your wake on shorelines, docks or structures
- Reduce your speed to less than 10 km/h 30m from shore, boats, docks and swimmers
- Water-ski, tube, surf & wake-board 200 meters away from all shorelines
- Consider the size of the wake produced when purchasing a new boat

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## The Grand Canal of China



You've heard of the Great Wall of China but there is also a Grand Canal of China.

The Grand Canal is a vast waterway system in the north-eastern and central-eastern plains of China, running from Beijing in the north to Zhejiang province in the south. Constructed in sections from the 5th century BC onwards, it was conceived as a unified means of communication for the Empire for the first time in the 7th century AD (Sui dynasty). This led to a series of gigantic construction sites, creating the world's largest and most extensive civil engineering project prior to the Industrial Revolution. It formed the backbone of the Empire's inland communication system, transporting grain and strategic raw materials, and supplying rice to feed the population. By the 13th century it consisted of more than 2,000 km of artificial waterways, linking five of China's main river basins.

It has played an important role in ensuring the country's economic prosperity and stability and is still in use today as a major means of communication.

The Grand Canal represents the greatest masterpiece of hydraulic engineering in the history of mankind, because of its very ancient origins and its vast scale, along with its continuous development and its adaptation to circumstances down the ages. It provides tangible proof of human wisdom, determination and courage. It is an outstanding example of human creativity, demonstrating technical capabilities and a mastery of hydrology in a vast agricultural empire that stems directly from Ancient China.

The Grand Canal is the longest and oldest canal in the world.



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## Welcome Back from all of us at CLWA

As the ice recedes and the spring sun starts to warm the granite and pine, a familiar magic stirs along the shores of Crowe Lake. It's that time again—the unofficial opening of cottage season. Welcome back.

For cottagers, the return to Crowe Lake is more than a change in scenery. It's a return to rhythm: to coffee on the dock as the mist rises over the water, to the call of loons echoing across the bay, to friendly waves exchanged with neighbours who feel more like extended family.

This corner of Ontario is special. Nestled between Marmora and Havelock, with its clear waters, winding bays, and rocky outcrops, Crowe Lake offers the kind of peace city folks spend all winter dreaming about. And now, it's here again—the season of paddles hitting the water, tackle boxes being dusted off, and that first refreshing (and slightly chilly) jump off the dock.

There's work to be done, of course—docks to reinstall, leaves to rake, maybe even a roof to patch—but around here, even chores feel different. They're done at cottage pace, often with a neighbour lending a hand and a cooler nearby. Spring at the lake is a time of reconnecting—not just with nature, but with each other.

So here's to Crowe Lake, to new memories and old routines, to unplugging, unwinding, and embracing everything this beautiful spot has to offer. Whether you've been coming here for decades or just discovered it, we're glad to have you back.



### July AGMs

- **July 12:** CLWA – At the Curling Club from 8:30 am to 12am
- **July 26:** Cook Road's Maintenance Association, 10 AM at 951 Cook Rd. Potluck lunch.

### Fishing Derby News

The CLWA Members Labour Day Fishing Derby is Friday August 29 through Monday September 1. Changes are planned and there will be more prizes and more fun. More details will be in the next newsletter and on the CLWA Website and Facebook page in August.

### Did You Know

Wombat poop is cube-shaped! This helps keep it from rolling away, which wombats use to mark their territory. Nature's little bricklayers!



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