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# Summer 2013 Newsletter

## President's Message

As the new president of the South Muskoka Lakes Community Association, I would first like to thank John Shaw, who has just completed 5 years of service as president; this has been in addition to several years served in the 1970s as president of SMLCA and the years as president of MLA. His patience and perseverance in advocating for the care of Lake Muskoka have been most inspiring and much appreciated.

I continue to be impressed by the expertise and energy of the SMLCA officers and board members. I am hopeful that with the support of this excellent, experienced board of directors, SMLCA will continue the important task of ensuring that our collective voices are heard.

This has been a challenging spring with many of us suffering property damage from the flooding, adding insult to injury as the results of last summer's drought are still evident on many trees.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM on 27 July, 2013. Councillor Jeff Watson has also been invited. Please let one of us know in advance of the meeting if you have concerns that you would like addressed. This will help us use our time effectively, while speaking of the matters that are of concern to you.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

Catherine Guffey

**Membership Registration  
form enclosed.  
Please submit your renewal.**

## Taboo Docks 2013

Your Board remains concerned with the winter storage, timing and placement of the floating sections of docks at Taboo.

We remind the members that the agreement with the Town and Taboo signed in February 2003 called for the removal of the floating sections from the lake between November 1 and April 14 of any given year. The main purpose of this requirement is to allow the free flow of water for environmental reasons.

For the first several years the floating dock components were appropriately stored by Taboo's beach during the winter months. Recently however the floating sections have been left in the water close to their "summer" location next to the concrete breakwater.

This June Jeff Watson our Councillor, requested that Scott Lucas, Town Manager of Development Services, give our association a status report on the docks for this Newsletter as seen below.

"The Town is continuing to work with Taboo regarding commitments that were made on the timing of installation and removal of docking structures. While there appears to have been quite a bit of turnover within the management and staff at Taboo over the past couple years, the Town remains committed to meeting and working with those individuals regarding those commitments. From an enforcement standpoint, we will continue with the status quo, which is to say, if we are advised/aware of an issue, we will investigate and work with Taboo towards a resolution within our legislative capabilities."

We shall continue to support the Town on this issue and will ask our councillor to update the members at our AGM .