

# GBA UPDATE

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## GBA rallies concerns about Georgian Bay pipeline ...Association praised for research on York Region water diversion proposal

by Anneliese Grieve

Since 1990, the Georgian Bay Association has been actively involved in reviewing proposals to divert water

from Georgian Bay to growing communities north and west of Toronto.

The GBA's latest action, supported by several Georgian Bay municipalities, helped stop a plan that would have

pipled billions of gallons of water from the Bay.

The GBA committee considering these proposals is made up of **John Birnbaum, Roy Schatz, Anneliese Grieve, Rod Northey and Dan Zabelishensky**, a law student at the University of Toronto who conducted legal research for this project.

Environmental research on the pipeline project was undertaken by the Greater Bay Area Foundation.

GBA has expressed its concerns about the health and sustainability of the Georgian Bay ecosystem to any communities and private companies proposing these pipelines.

The latest proposal came from York Region, north of Toronto. The regional government considered several options to bring water to service new development.

One option was for a pipeline – capable of moving 100 million imperial gallons per day – from Georgian Bay to Maple. Other options would have used water from Lake Ontario.

All options consider drawing more water from Lake Simcoe and the continued use of ground water.

GBA intervened in the planning process for this project.

The committee said the project should be reviewed under a more detailed approval process.

We are taking these concerns to the Ontario Minister of Environment and Energy.



Bill Saunderson, Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Georgian Bay Association.

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photo by Rex Glacer

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We also suggested Consumers Utilities, the company acting as a partner with York Region, failed to consider impacts from this diversion to Georgian Bay and the other lakes downstream. GBA also stated York and Consumers had not received all federal and international approvals and that the public had not been adequately consulted.

GBA successfully rallied community support for our demand that massive projects like these pipelines be subjected to an individual environmental assessment and not simply a cursory process as attempted by York.

We were supported in this request to Ontario's Minister of Energy and the Environment by the Town of Parry Sound and the Townships of Georgian Bay, Foley, McDougall, Carling and the Archipelago.

On Dec. 19, York Region Council announced its preferred long term water supply strategy, which involves the construction of a "Durham West" pipeline to bring water from Lake Ontario to York Region through Pickering.

This strategy also involves an unspecified amount of water from Lake Simcoe and continued use of the Metro Toronto water supply system.

Federal Environment Minister **Sergio Marchi** praised the GBA's involvement in the review process.

"The submission is very thorough and it is evident that considerable research has gone into its preparation," Marchi said in a letter to GBA President **Pat Northey**.

"It is gratifying to note that York Region council has subsequently adopted a plan that is largely dependent on Lake Ontario as the primary new source of water for the region. Quite likely, the concerns such as those expressed by your Association influenced the decision."

Although the selection of this alternative sets our minds to rest with

regard to the use of Georgian Bay as a water source, concerns still remain about the use of Lake Simcoe and possible impacts on Georgian Bay.

Given the uncertainty associated with withdrawals from Lake Simcoe and the possible effect of those withdrawals on Georgian Bay, it is prudent for the GBA to continue monitoring this project and reviewing information as it becomes available.

There are several other regional municipalities either already undertaking private sector partnerships for water/wastewater infrastructure, or ready to start. The York Region project is setting a precedent for those projects yet to come.

It is in our interest to fight these battles now and raise issue with a planning process that may be inadequate.

Therefore, GBA will continue to monitor this project, and others as they arise, and will continue to work in liaison with Great Lakes United, the federal government and the Canadian Environmental Law Association to ensure the integrity of the process being used to plan water

pipelines so they do not harm the environment.

The reason for the vigilance is obvious. A recent report by Great Lakes United bluntly stated how precious a resource our water is.

"In less than 40 years from now, the flow from the Great Lakes system into the St. Lawrence River will have been reduced to less than three-quarters of its current flow," said the report called *The Fate of the Great Lakes: Sustaining or Draining the Sweetwater Seas?*

"This is without taking into account the compounding impact that diversion out of the Great Lakes could have on the levels and flows of the Great Lakes."

*Annelise Grieve is a new GBA Director from Blackstone Lake and a member of GBA's Environment Committee.*

## Adventures in Amalgamation

by Scott White

When I left my cottage last fall, it was located in the quiet, self-sustaining community of McGregor Bay.

By the time I return this spring, my cottage will be part of the tongue-twisting municipality known as the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

The McGregor Bay Association, along with our neighbors in the Bay of Islands Cottagers Association, got a harsh lesson in municipal politics this winter.

It was hardly a Mega-City fight, but it was a hard-fought campaign by seasonal residents in northern Georgian Bay to stop a process that was steaming ahead without any consideration of the wishes of cottagers.

The Manitoulin Island municipalities of Little Current and Howland Township joined forces to annex our areas and other unclaimed islands around the Manitoulin.

The first word our associations got on the planned amalgamation was in October – about the time the last cottager closed up for the winter.

Because the majority of the seasonal residents in our area are from the United States, it was difficult to rally a united front against the local councils and the Municipal Affairs legislation which permits these takeovers.

The GBA was not directly involved in our fight against amalgamation, but Executive Director **John Birnbaum** and President **Patrick Northey** offered practical advice and useful resources.

GBA Vice-President **Hugh McLeland**, who represents Bay of Islands, led the way, as did a number of our dedicated members who live in the North.

While we couldn't stop amalgamation, our associations now have a loud voice in the process and will be a force to deal with on municipal issues.

*UPDATE Editor Scott White represents McGregor Bay on the GBA Board.*

# 1997: Change is the order of the day

While you are waiting anxiously for the ice to go out so that you can return to your cottage, I wonder how many of you have realized that for many Bay issues, the 1996 status quo is no longer an option.

The province has been moving quickly on many fronts. Unorganized areas are being taken over, organized townships are being given more responsibilities. In general, the province will be assuming the responsibility and cost of education and in return will download the costs of several services.

These changes have put pressure on GBA and we have been active on your behalf on many fronts. For example:

**1. The Littoral concept** has now been adopted by local political leaders, as we had hoped. Together with the Greater Bay Area Foundation, we organized two workshops in the Parry Sound area. An inspired presentation from **John Hodder**, Mayor of Little Current, at the second workshop showed what can be accomplished in the littoral zone. He outlined what his community had done to create a boater-friendly community and the benefits of marketing the whole of the North Channel as one entity. **John Hackett** (Blackstone Lake) showed what the tourism impact of developing a yachting venue at Parry Sound might be, and **Bill Davis** of Carling Township pointed out the problems of the fishing industry. As a result of these presentations, Mayor **Nancy Cunningham** of Parry Sound, with the support of **Mayor Mike Kennedy** (Township Of Georgian Bay), decided to take the lead. They organized a workshop on March 22 for the key federal, provincial and municipal politicians in the area.

**2. Fishing issues.** **John Birnbaum** again arranged for a group of GBA member associations to meet with the Ministry of Natural Resources (Lake Huron Unit). This year, apart from raising the usual community and regional concerns, we will probably be asked to form partnerships to support MNR's

by **Patrick Northey**  
GBA President

efforts to restore the stocks of various species. Fishing used to be a key tourism activity on the Bay. Now we will have to decide how to enhance and protect that resource for the benefit of all.

**3. Water diversions from the Bay.** **John Birnbaum, Roy Schatz, Anneliese Grieve** and **Rod Northey**, aided by Great Lakes United (GLU) and the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), have just finished a successful campaign to stop a major water diversion from the Bay to support new developments in the Greater Toronto Area. GLU and CELA have just published their Sustainable Water Task Force Report. Its message is that there's a potential 25 per cent reduction in the flow of the Great Lakes within 40 years if we don't control water diversions and practise conservation.



Pat Northey addresses the 80th GBA Annual Meeting last November.

**4. Crown Land Sales.** We have sent a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources requesting that we be part of the planning process if any Crown Lands on the Bay or inland lakes are to be sold off.

No other single issue has as great potential to affect property values in our communities.

**5. Mail-in/Phone-in ballots for Municipal Elections.** **John Birnbaum** has taken the lead, as a voluntary resource expert to FOCA, to determine what has to be done for each municipal council to implement the new mail-in/phone-in ballot system before the next election. This should be a major benefit for voters who live several hundred kilometres from the polls. John can outline the details of the process, but local leadership will be required to persuade each council to enact the necessary by-laws.

**6. An innovative Insurance Plan.** **GBA Vice-President Hugh McLelland** proposed the original "blanket insurance plan" and there are enough associations committed to joining it that we can implement it beginning April 1. Each participating Association, including GBA, will realize as much as a 50 per cent reduction in premiums for general liability and Directors and Officers insurance.

**7. Massasauga Park Operations Review.** Thanks to GBA director **Nancy Christie's** continuing efforts, a group of Ryerson students led by **Anneliese Grieve** did a comprehensive analysis of the Park's first year of operations. This study and its recommendations for improvements have been given to the MNR. I would like to thank Anneliese, the students and the Massasauga Park Sub-Committee for an excellent job.

Finally, I would like to welcome to the GBA's Board of Directors, **Randy Borron** (Twelve Mile Bay), **Doug Cooper** (Cognashene), **Anneliese Grieve** (Blackstone Lake), **Hayes Jackson** (Honey Harbour), **Bob Shelley** (West Carling) and **David Stager** (Sandy & Martyr Islands).

Change is the order of the day. The Board and our Executive Director **John Birnbaum** has provided valuable support in the face of the onslaught. With your support, we will continue to provide leadership.

# Georgian Bay family and friends celebrate 80 years of service

by **John Birnbaum**  
**GBA Executive Director**

Seventy-two executives from GBA's 25 member associations and guests gathered in late November to hear guest speaker and Georgian Bay cottager, the **Hon. Bill Saunderson**, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism.

Saunderson told the 80th Annual General Meeting that tourism was the world's fastest growing industry – ranking fourth in Ontario. He identified the majority of visitors to Ontario as Japanese, Germans or Americans. The current tourism promotional theme is "Market Ontario – The Future is Here" and is echoed by the current Littoral eco-tourism initiative of the Greater Bay Area Foundation being discussed and championed by municipalities on the eastern and northern shores of Georgian Bay.

GBA President **Patrick Northey** reviewed the 1996 activities of the GBA Board and identified the growing list of future opportunities for progress on behalf of our members and communities. Recent projects include:

- Water Testing.

- Alliance of Boaters and Cottagers.
- Marine Patrols.
- Outside Boating Channels.
- Hydro Cottage Council.
- GBA UPDATE.
- Organizing Annual Conferences.
- Watching briefs on provincial and federal ministries and legislative committee presentations.
- Massasauga Provincial Park.
- Liability and directors and officers insurance.
- The Littoral.
- Coast Guard Regional Committee.
- Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Past President and Chair of GBA Nominating Committee, **Roy Schatz**, acknowledged and thanked retiring GBA Directors **Anthony Burt** (Manitou), **Karen McMaster** (Madawaska Club), **John Wilson** (Sandy & Martyr Islands), **Don Wheeler** (South Channel), **Tom Latimer** (West Carling) and **Peter Kelk** (Twelve Mile Bay).

The Georgian Bay Association was especially thankful to the many guests who travelled great distances to join us for this special evening:

- **Bill Grimmatt** – MPP Muskoka-Georgian Bay and Parliamentary Assistant to Bill Saunderson.

- Mayor **Mike Kennedy** and Councillors **Lorna Keall**, **Berta Howe** and **Guy Crombie** of the Township of Georgian Bay.

- Reeve **Ian Stewart** and Councillors **Huntly Christie**, **Peter Stewart** and **Grant Walker** of the Township of The Archipelago.

- GBA Honourary Life Members – **Wally King**, **Christopher Baines**, and **John Hackett**.

- **Gord Adams** – Chair of District of Muskoka Council.

- **Brian Burch** – President of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons and Chair of the Alliance of Boaters and Cottagers.

- **Al Will** – Executive Director, Ontario Sailing Association and Secretary of ABC.

- **Wendy Moore** – Executive Director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations.

- **David Johnston** – Executive Director of Lake of Bays Association.

- **Sgt. Brad Schlorff** – OPP Orillia.

- **Paul de Courcey** – Superintendent, the Massasauga Provincial Park.

- **Angus McLeod** – Planner with Parks Canada.

- **Don Batten** – Member of our Township of Georgian Bay liaison committee.



Ontario Tourism Minister Bill Saunderson chats with Barbara Chisholm (left) and Andrea Gutsche of Lynx Images, producers of the Georgian Bay documentary "Alone in the Night."



GBA Reunion at AGM: (left to right) Angus McLeod of Parks Canada; GBA's John Birnbaum; Armand Gilks of Healey Lake Assoc.; Nancy Christie, GBA Director from Sans Souci & Copperhead.

# MNR and GBA co-operate on Georgian Bay fishing concerns

by Sandy Boeckh

The annual fisheries meeting between the GBA and the Ministry of Natural Resources Lake Huron Unit, held Feb. 25, was attended by representatives from eight member associations and by MNR staff from Owen Sound, Parry Sound and Sudbury.

A wide range of fishing topics were covered:

## Recreational Fisheries

After years of input from many fishery user groups like GBA members, MNR has now acknowledged fish populations around Georgian Bay have severely declined and require rehabilitation and protection.

Most of the fishing regulations in Division 16 were created in the 1930s and '40s and are now viewed as too generous.

Walleye, pike, muskie and small-mouth bass are on the affected list requiring some kind of public review.

## Regulatory Changes/Georgian Bay Research Initiative

Fishing regulations cannot be changed without first gathering the scientific data to support such changes. (This has been done successfully by the association at the French River.)

As part of a wider slate of issues such as the effects of cormorants and zebra mussels, MNR outlined a preliminary proposal for a three-year comprehensive survey with the goals of: (i) acquiring the information necessary to make wise management decisions; (ii) involving stakeholders in the review process and a stewardship council; and (iii) making meaningful changes to how resources are managed.

This "Georgian Bay Initiative" could only be funded in part by the province. The MNR needs partners for both funding and participation on a stewardship council.

Association delegates offered initial support and suggestions for improving the draft proposal. MNR is expected to be able to offer a revised specific proposal shortly.

## Big Sound Lake Trout Regulations

The area affected by lake trout regulations in the Big Sound has changed in 1997 with the area extending further west into Georgian Bay. The winter fishing area has also been enlarged. Fall trapnetting showed a large increase in natural lake trout in 1996. The appearance of these "wild spawners" is an encouraging sign.

## Decline in Pike Fishery in Bayfield Nares

The winter harvest of mature females prior to reaching the spawning area has negatively affected the population. These prime spawners (15-18 lbs.) are sought by ice fishermen and there is some concern the season opens too early. These concerns could be addressed through regulatory changes.

## CFIP Programs

Funding for CFIP programs has increased and the target is for five projects per district in the Bay. To ease the creation of these programs, MNR will now accept applications anytime during the year rather than by previously adhered to deadline dates. Around Parry Sound, the CFIPs are generally walleye pond rearing projects.

## French River Study and Improvement Program Update

The proposal to extend the new regulations (slot size, creel limits) for walleye fishing from the French River further out into Georgian Bay is almost complete. Some consultation with the Key River community and boundary definition is still required but it is hoped the regulations will be in place by the end of 1997. The goal of the new regulations is to reduce the fish harvest without taking away opportunities for anglers.

## Cormorants

Limited editions of a February 1997 draft report by MNR have been released which reviews the population and management of this bird in Ontario. The most recent stats show an annual increase of 50 per cent per year

to 1992. There is a critical opportunity for response to this report and GBA will respond by late March. Many member associations remain concerned about the impact on fishing.

## Federal Government Lamprey Control Program

The current federal program for lamprey control in the Great Lakes has only been extended until 1998. This is an important program that must be continued. All members are encouraged to take any and all opportunities to remind the federal government this program must continue (through the Department of Fisheries and Oceans). Alternatives to chemical treatments are currently being explored with the target of decreasing the use of lampreycide (TFM) by 50 per cent by 2000.

## Zebra Mussels and Other Exotic Creatures

There are currently 130 exotic species in the Great Lakes and they are detrimental to the ecosystem. Established colonies of zebra mussels are now all around Georgian Bay. The biggest problem for cottagers and residents will be water intake valves. Predictions are that the infestation will not be as serious as it was in Lake Erie; however, it is interesting to note that the population of zebra mussels there has now crashed due to a declining food source.

Ruffe are now found in Lake Superior around Thunder Bay and both the Ruffe and Gobies are expected to be in Georgian Bay in the future.

Controls on discharges from international shipping in the Great Lakes need to be put in place to stem further increases in exotic species in our waters. Again, the federal government needs constant reminders from members of the negative affect on these ecosystems.

*Sandy Boeckh is a member of GBA's Fish and Wildlife Committee and Chair of Pointe au Baril Islanders Association's Fish and Game Committee.*

### Foundation funds important research to protect Bay

by Roy Schatz

Greater Bay Area Foundation President

The page 1 article by **Anneliese Grieve** illustrates how effective GBA can be when it is able to make a definitive submission on an environmental matter, supported by solid research.

The GBA Foundation, a charity recognized by Revenue Canada, was formed in order to be able to raise large amounts of money to do such research and make it available publicly.

Last fall, with very tight timelines, the Foundation funded the environmental study needed and shared it widely, enabling GBA to make its submission to the consortium of York Region and Consumers Utilities.

The Townships of Foley, McDougall, Georgian Bay, Carling and The Archipelago were so impressed that they endorsed the findings of the research and the submission of GBA. As federal Environment Minister **Sergio Marhci** stated, York Region's decision not to pipe water from Georgian Bay was influenced by that submission with its "considerable research."

There are still unresolved issues in this matter and other possibly arising out of it. The GBA Foundation is, then, continuing to fund the gathering of technical background documents, while GBA plays a watchdog role on the political aspects of this and other possible water pipeline projects.

While this research project has been the most dramatic undertaking of the GBA Foundation, there are other important ones too – follow-up on the ecological aspects of the Littoral Project and possible water quality studies in areas not yet tested professionally, just to mention two of those under discussion at the frequent meetings of the Board of Directors.

We all know that fees paid to GBA are insufficient to support professional research, but that GBA needs to have credibility on the technical side when it makes submissions to governments at all three levels. The GBA Foundation can fund such independent research if you fund the Foundation.

Please send your donation now to the "**GBA Foundation**" at **48 Lesmill Rd., Don Mills, Ont. M3B 2TB.**

Our thanks to all who contributed in 1996, our first full year of operation! Registered charity #1030899-52.

### Land Trust preservation goals more important than ever

by Chris Baines

Georgian Bay Land Trust President

Wow, these sure are interesting times that we are living in!

Every day something else seems to be announced that will tangibly affect our greater environment either now or in the immediate future.

With every group, agency, organization and individual examining their respective mandates in light of the "existing resources" available to them (or not available), much is changing.

The Ministry of Environment and Energy, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Canada, to name a few, are facing serious cutbacks in funding and staffing.

Rumors are flying that the province may soon auction off Crown land!

You can imagine what that will do to the larger picture of planning for a sustainable and stable environment in the long term.

Frankly, in a strange way, this restructuring may actually help our

land trust in its goal to preserve and protect unique sites of environmental, ecological, cultural and historical significance on the eastern shores of Georgian Bay.

It may help us because people may look to a trust such as ours to see the lands that they have always valued preserved for future generations.

They know that we are much like a cemetery commission in that we are dedicated to protecting these significant sites in perpetuity.

Potential donors can be assured that the lands they value will be in the same state generations from now.

I can only say that one of the most positive outcomes of all recent changes has been our land trust's ability to accept conservation easements from land owners.

A conservation easement is a legal restriction on title that surrenders specific rights (i.e. development) to a land trust in exchange for a tax receipt. The landowner still owns the land (with all the rights and privileges save those agreed to) but the significant features are preserved for future generations.

If you or your family would like more information on the benefits of working with the Georgian Bay Land Trust, please contact **Chris Baines at (416) 932-1334.**



Charity Presidents Roy Schatz and Chris Baines at the GBA Annual Meeting. photo by Rex Glacier

## Navigation easier on revised GBA website

The GBA has revised its web page so that users can navigate through the various pages more easily. A central directory on the main page provides users quick access to GBA documents, policy papers and a full history of GBA Updates.

"The GBA wanted to make the page more user friendly and provide more insight into GBA activities," says new web page Editor Brendan MacLean (Healey Lake Association).

"We are currently developing a section of our site dedicated to member associations to share newsletters or association matters."

Please visit the GBA site located at: <http://www.io.org/~gba>

If you have an association newsletter or overview you would like to be part of the web page please contact:

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### Now you can surf in Georgian Bay any time you want!

The Georgian Bay Association's recently improved site on the Internet's World Wide Web makes access to GBA resources much easier.

Using the GBA website is simple. The above picture is an illustration of what the website's main page looks like. To get there, enter [www.io.org/~gba](http://www.io.org/~gba) in your web browser's URL. Then click your mouse on on any of the boxes on the page.

For example, clicking on the UPDATE box will give you access to past articles from GBA Update. Watch for more improvements to the website in the coming months.

Six new members joined the GBA Board of Directors this year. Here's a profile of three of them, with the others to follow in the Summer edition of *UPDATE*.

#### **Doug Cooper** *Cognashene*

**What I do in real life:** Account Manager - GE Capital Fleet Services.

**What I want to contribute to the GBA:** Support safe boating initiatives like marine patrols.

**How the GBA can help my home association:** Play a lead role in summarizing the massive changes in planning and development surrounding the "Common Sense Revolution."

**Definition of a perfect cottage moment:** Family and friends sitting on the main steps of our 100-year-old cottage called "Longuissa."

#### **Anneliese Grieve, Blackstone Lake**

**What I do in real life:** Full-time mom, part-time Ryerson instructor (Geography and Environment Management), self-employed environmental planner.

**What I want to contribute to the GBA:** Expertise in protecting the environment and a perspective on issues affecting the inland lakes.

**Definition of a perfect cottage moment:** Sunset on the dock, good friends, cold glass of Reisling, no boat traffic, no loud voices, loon cries and waves gently lapping against the shore (for the adult in me); feeding chipmunks with my son Conor and dog Dylan (for the kid in me).

#### **Robert G. Shelley, West Carling**

**What I do in real life:** Chairman - R.G. Shelley Ltd., Automation Engineering.

**What I want to contribute to the GBA:** Assist in technology or finance.

**How the GBA can help my association:** Persuade council to permit phone/mail voting. Continue to pressure authorities to ban grey water discharge and enforcement of illegal dumping of wastes.

**Definition of a perfect cottage moment:** Sunset over the shores of Franklin Island, martini in hand, and not even *one* PWC within earshot.

# Peter Kelk honored for years of dedicated service to GBA

One of Georgian Bay's hardest-working and most dedicated friends recently retired from the GBA Board of Directors.

**Peter Kelk**, who represented the Twelve Mile Bay Association, has been on the GBA board since 1989. His unlimited energy in areas such as native affairs and clean water initiatives was an inspiration for all members of the board.

The GBA board recently awarded Peter a special certificate of honor, signed by GBA President **Patrick Northey** and Executive Director **John Birnbaum**, for all his years of service:

## Special Presentation to Peter Kelk

Your Georgian Bay neighbors and friends owe you our thanks and respect for seven years of service as our GBA Vice-President and Founding Chair of GBA's Native Affairs Sub-Committee as well as:

- Articulating, with vision in 1991, the need and strategy for the "new professional GBA."
- Developing, with your committee, the original breakthrough "Principles of Negotiation" for land claim settlements - so that seasonal residents' rights were respected.
- Focusing public response to the unfair provincial selection process that was used to site the First Native Casino in Ontario.

tion process that was used to site the First Native Casino in Ontario.

• Representing "GBA at its best" and always with tact, on numerous committees, task forces and at speaking engagements.

*Peter - you may consider yourself "retired" from our Board; we, however, think of you as "just resting."*



Retiring GBA Directors (left to right) Peter Kelk, Anthony Burt, Karen McMaster and Tom Latimer were honored for their service at the Annual Meeting.

Photo by Rex Glacer



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