

# Sydenham Lake

## Association by Wilma Kenny

If you live on Sydenham Lake, one of your neighbours will soon be dropping by to invite you to the first annual general and information meeting of the newly (re)formed Sydenham Lake Association. The lake has had a couple of earlier associations, but they were relatively short-lived, set up to meet a perceived crisis or threat to the lake, and dissolved once the crisis passed.

A survey circulated last summer indicated three main reasons for organizing: 1) to ensure property owners are kept informed of decisions and activities that affect the lake, 2) to give the property owners on the lake a more collective and persuasive ability to represent the needs and wishes of the lake, and 3) to foster a sense of community.

The present group is still very much in its beginning phase, but has already taken some important steps toward creating an effective and enduring lake association: they have incorporated the association, appointed an interim board of directors, created a website, and become a major sponsor for the Sydenham Lake Canada Day and Fireworks. Now they are looking for ideas for the future direction and activities of the lake association, and volunteers to lend a hand.

All landowners with frontage on the lake or streams running in or out of the lake are welcome as full voting members: other area residents may join as associate members. Annual membership is \$20. The AGM is Saturday June 25, 10 am at the Sydenham Township Hall, and will be followed by a BBQ picnic at the Point.

For further information, contact Jeff Peck: [info@sydenhamlake.ca](mailto:info@sydenhamlake.ca) or check the website: [www.sydenhamlake.ca](http://www.sydenhamlake.ca)

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*L-R: Jack Fox and Kevin McNeil of the Sydenham Lake Association present a \$1,000 cheque to Mike Howe, SF Recreation Committee, to be used for Canada Day celebrations in Sydenham.*