



Loon's Echo

WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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ROSEN LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (RLRA)

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A Message from the Board of Directors

Rosen Lake Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. We would like to thank all of our members who participated in our 2020 AGM conducted via Zoom meeting technology on August 8, 2020. Minutes are available on the website. The meeting was long in duration so the minutes captured highlights only; we plan to conduct business more efficiently and provide more detailed minutes next year. We had a great turnout, with members representing as many as 47 eligible properties logging in. While the technology posed some challenges, we believe the meeting provided a good opportunity for us to meet and discuss issues of common concern in a safe manner.

We are happy to welcome two new members to the RLRA Board: Tara P and Darren C. They join Jennifer D, Alicia C, Bobbie T and Marlies R on the board. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Keith M, Maureen C and Colin B for their years of service to our Association. The new Board has been meeting monthly and is discussing priorities for improving the quality of life at Rosen Lake. We have also connected with representatives at the RDEK to continue our positive collaborative working relationship on issues of common concern. We are committed to growing the circle of support for our mandate, building a sense of community among our members, and sharing and protecting the incredible natural gift that is Rosen Lake.

We are excited to share a new website address for Rosen Lake Ratepayers.

Please visit the new website at www.rosenlakeratepayers.ca

The old website address will still work and will redirect you to the new url.

We invite you to use the website for information about our Association and/or to contact us.

Upcoming Events

Your board of directors at RLRA had been busy planning a winter family skate day. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 and the current health restrictions, we have decided to postpone the event this year. We are hoping to plan an event for summer 2021 and hope to see everyone then. Sorry no meet or greet yet, but we hope soon!

Jaffray Volunteer Fire Department

Jaffray Volunteer Fire Department Society is urgently looking to fill their Executive/Board of Directors. Part time Rosen Lake residents can apply to be on this volunteer board. Please [click here](#), or scroll to the next page to read important information about this .

Rosen Lake Dam Fencing

The RDEK is progressing on the dam fencing project. There are no updates at this time. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available and RLRA will be in touch to solicit membership input and feedback on this project.

Swimming Buoys

During the August 2020 AGM there was discussion with respect to the buoys on the East and West public access points. Several members voiced their concerns and stories about the placement or need for the buoys that were installed by the RDEK.

Moving forward if you would like to have a say about the future of these buoys and any potential changes or improvements, we invite you to join a voluntary committee that will develop a proposal the RLRA can present to the RDEK.

If you are interested in being a committee member please email the secretary at rlra-secretary@rosenlakera.ca with your contact details. Deadline is January 15. Virtual meeting(s) will commence in early 2021.

Social Media

We are committed to communicating with our members in ways that we think are most effective and efficient for our volunteer organization. We will continue to communicate primarily through our website and newsletter. Members can contact us anytime at the following email address rlra-secretary@rosenlakera.ca which is also listed on the website.

The RLRA recognizes that Facebook is a popular form of communication for some within the Rosen Lake community, however the RLRA does not have its own Facebook page nor do the directors at RLRA monitor the community page with any frequency or consistency.

We will strive to post important upcoming events on the Rosen Lake community Facebook page but we want to note that the community Facebook pages cannot be used to conduct RLRA business. The best way to get in touch with us is to visit our new website or to email us! We ask that anyone looking for information or that has questions refer to our website rosenlakeratepayers.ca

Ice Safety

Winter at Rosen Lake is a very important time to be aware of Ice Safety. We are pleased to share some valuable information from the BCLSS newsletter (the RLRA is a member of BC Lake Stewardship Society) which presented information from the Canadian Red Cross.

Frozen lakes offer great opportunities for sports such as ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating, and snowmobiling. When recreating on lakes this upcoming winter, please keep in mind the many safety precautions to take. [Click here](#) or scroll below to view useful information.

Other Items to Note

Transport Canada is looking for input from Canadian Boat owners regarding proposed changes to the pleasure craft licensing process. Click here for more information. <https://letstalktransportation.ca/pci>

As we work to build our new website we would love to include some of our members favourite photos of Rosen Lake. Please feel free to send some of your photos that we can share on the website. A beautiful sunset, sunrise or shots of wildlife! Email them to rlra-secretary@rosenlakera.ca

We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

**PLEASE READ THIS. IT CONCERNS THE
JAFFRAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Executives/ Directors of the *Jaffray Volunteer Fire Department Society* are resigning as of the January 12, 2021 AGM. I

t is time for new faces to continue this important work. Unless some members of the Community come forward to replace the Executive, the Society will fold.

What does this mean?

Through the years, the Society has raised money for the purchase of extra equipment to assist our Firefighters. The Jaffray Firefighters Curling Bonspiel and the Golf Tournament are the two main fundraising initiatives.

The most recent purchase was a side by side ATV for Wildland fire and rescue (which cost in excess of \$20,000.00).

We have also purchased a Skid Pack which is an ultra-high pressure pack for a pickup or ATV for fighting grass fires or smaller building fires.

We have also purchased battery powered reciprocating saws, windshield saws and rescue support struts. This equipment is essential in assisting our Firefighters in their work.

The Society also gives a yearly Bursary to a deserving student from the South Country to continue their education. The Society also gives money to Community members who have fallen on hard times.

The Society also has the ability to apply for grants. Through those grants we have been the recipient of a pickup truck and funds towards bigger projects.

SO, the answer to the question is.

If the Society folds it will be a detriment to the Jaffray Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Community as a whole.

PLEASE contact us if you are willing to let your name stand for any of the following positions

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director

Notify us at vandeweyer@skcmail.ca or 250 429 3044 **before January 10, 2021**. We will provide support to new members during the transition.

The **Annual General Meeting is January 12, 2021** at which time a motion to dissolve the Society will take place unless those positions are filled. Jaffray has no shortage of well qualified people to replace us.

ICE SAFETY!

Many factors affect ice thickness including:

- Time of year
- Location
- Water depth and size of water body
- Currents, tides, and other moving water
- Chemicals, including salt
- Fluctuations in water levels
- Logs, rocks, and docks absorbing heat from the sun
- Changing air temperature
- Shockwaves from vehicles traveling on the ice

Ice Colour

- The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength.
- Clear blue ice is strongest.
- White opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice. Opaque ice is formed by wet snow freezing on the ice.
- Grey ice is unsafe. The grayness indicates the presence of water.

Did you know ice thickness should be:

- 15 cm for walking or skating alone
- 20 cm for skating parties or games
- 25 cm for snowmobiles

Keep in mind that ice conditions can change quickly! Check with local authorities before heading out. Avoid going out on ice at night.

What to do in an Emergency

If alone:

- Call for help.
- Resist the immediate urge to climb back out where you fell in. The ice is weak in this area.
- Try to relax and catch your breath. Turn yourself toward shore so you are looking at where you entered onto the ice. The ice is more stable close to shore.
- Reach forward onto the broken ice without pushing down. Kick your legs to try to get your body into a horizontal position.
- Continue kicking your legs and crawl onto the ice.
- When you are back on the ice, crawl on your stomach or roll away from the open area with your arms and legs spread out as far as possible to evenly distribute your body weight. Do not stand up! Look for shore and make sure you are crawling in the right direction.

With others:

- Rescuing another person from ice can be dangerous. The safest way to perform a rescue is from shore.
- Call for help. Consider whether you can quickly get help from trained professionals or bystanders.
- Check if you can reach the person using a long pole or branch from shore. If so, lie down and extend the pole to the person.
- If you go onto ice, wear a PFD and carry a long pole or branch to test the ice in front of you. Bring something to reach or throw to the person (i.e. pole, rope, tree branch).
- When near the break, lie down to distribute your weight and slowly crawl toward the hole.
- Remaining low, extend or throw your emergency rescue device to the person and have them kick while you pull them out.
- Move to a safe position on shore or where you are sure the ice is thick and call for help.

If you plan on ice fishing, please see this [document](#) for safety tips.

Sources:

BCLSS (BC Lake Stewardship Society).

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