

THE MINNOW LAKE NEWS

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Blue Green Algae Meeting

Our area not only includes Minnow Lake but almost the entire north shore of Lake Ramsey. These lakes along with the more than 300 others in the city are threatened with dreaded blue-green algae. You are invited to a special information evening in the cavern at Science North **Wed December 7th at 7.00 p.m.** Nine lakes including Ramsey were affected last year. Find out what can be done and how you can be part of the solution to solve this serious problem. If you love our lakes, you should attend.

Winter Carnival Planned

This is advance notice of a Winter Carnival planned for February in the Moonlight Beach area at the **east end of Ramsey Lake**. More details later and on our website www.minnowlake.ca

Bob King Passes

The Minnow Lake area lost a friend and supporter with the death of long time CAN treasurer Robert King known to many throughout Greater Sudbury as the manager of the Sudbury Arena for many years. Some of the highlights of Bob's life and contributions are featured on the reverse of this newsletter. We are hoping to have one of the meeting rooms at Minnow Lake Place named in recognition of his many contributions.

CAN Project Update

Donna - Marcus Intersection: Street realignment in the area of the "big box" stores resulted in an area at the intersection of Marcus and Donna in need of site improvement. The late Bob King (CAN treasurer) had a vision for this corner that we have developed and submitted to the city for consideration through our councillor Terry Kett, and which has **received favorable response**. Shown below is what the area looks like at present and how we think it might appear with the enhancements we have suggested. The addition of a shrub bed, trees and benches plus a pathway will definitely improve the appearance of this space. Dominique Viau, Bob's wife did the photos.



Keep Informed - Let us Know Your E-mail

If you would like to be keep up to date with Minnow Lake meetings, events and items of that may be of interest or concern to you e-mail info.minnowlake@gmail.com with a request to be put on our e-mail list. There is no obligation and we do not share our e-mail listings.

Please see reverse

A Tribute to Robert (Bob) King

Robert (Bob) King was born in Toronto, coming to Sudbury in 1956 and served as the popular manager of The Sudbury Community Arena for over 35 years until retirement in 1992. Never idle, he was assigned the duties of a Canadian election observer for the United Nations in Bosnia, the Ukraine, Cambodia and Slovakia. He also performed these same duties on behalf of Canada in Jamaica for the President Jimmy Carter Foundation. He also served as a member of the Canada Pension Plan Review Tribunal to resolve appeals under the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security Act.

Always a volunteer, Bob for over 20 years donated his time to the Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre in Sudbury where he was known by many as a friendly face who assisted patients and families through the very difficult time which they encountered in the course of their treatment. In addition, he was a very important member of the Board of the Older Adult Centre Steering Committee besides serving on many other boards and committees including the Memorial Society of Northern Ontario, Sudbury Regional Hospital Corporation, Salvation Army Red Shield Campaign, Church of Epiphany, Sudbury Jaycees, New Sudbury Rotary Club, Sudbury and District Chamber of Commerce, Sudbury/French River Regional Tourist Council, Sudbury Memorial Cup Committee, United Way and of course the Minnow Lake Restoration Group and Community Action Network where he was a founding and valuable executive member.

Sudbury has been the recipient of Bob's genuine wishes to create a sharing and giving community. His life is one that we will celebrate forever and Bob will always be in our collective memories.

Community Development Concerns

It is inevitable that the interests of developers and citizens are not always the same. There can be no doubt that development is important to every community providing needed accommodation and increased taxation to pay for infrastructure and other services important to citizens. However, quality of life issues and the profit motive are not always synonymous. This was apparent when the developer of a large parcel of land between Howey Drive and Lake Ramsey applied for over a thousand resident development in the face of arguments from area citizens (and the Minnow Lake CAN) that present infrastructure (notably road capacity) was not adequate to support this level of development. The planning committee of city council agreed and called for more infrastructure and environmental studies to take place.

The Minnow Lake CAN has long been concerned about the increasing heavy traffic volume on the Howey, Bellevue and Bancroft corridor and the impact of additional development in the Minnow Lake will have on these roads. The CAN is opposed to a city proposed road linkage to the big box stores and the future residential development in that area through to Bancroft Drive that would further increase traffic volume.

A new website dealing with community quality of life issues you may wish to visit is www.greenconnectsudbury.ca with content and links you are sure to find interesting.