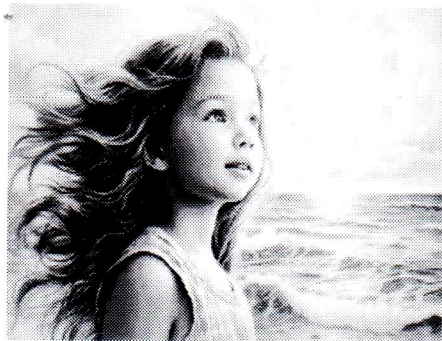




Sandcastle News

June 2024

The latest news, views, and announcements

President Message

-By Irina Jacobs

Happy Summer to all Sandcastle Community Association Members and their families!

I would like to express my appreciation to all association members who are actively participated and keep participating in the development of the new by-laws and rules and regulations. We had very helpful feedbacks and amazing suggestions from several SCCA members. Thanks to your input, we could clarify members' stands on several articles in the new by-laws and got great ideas.

We had an amazing attendance for the parks clean up. Thanks to all volunteers and park wardens who participated and helped with making our parks ready for a new summer season. Lots of hard work and parks look great!

Special thank you to all our neighborhood watch volunteers! These guys are helping SCCA to create a safe and pleasant experience for all members on our private property. They are always looking for volunteers! Join them! Make our parks safe and private! Neighborhood watch needs more men to make the team work better. Only 2 hours on the weekends to monitor the SCCA trails, parks and beaches, will help secure these areas. All new volunteers will be accompanied by an experienced member of the team. Please contact: president@sccatiny.org

We had 29 Members (36 votes) attended a Special Meeting on May 18th to vote to have mail in ballots to change the current by-laws to the proposed by-laws. Next step is to receive all mail in ballots and to count them. Those ballots were mailed to you in the beginning of May. If anyone missed it, please contact Irina (president), Bruce (vice president) or Rick (park director) and we will give or email you a new ballot. Our emails are in this newsletter.

SCCA Picnic

We are planning to have a picnic on August 10th, 2024 in park 4. Time to be posted on SCCA boards and on Facebook page closer to the event. We encourage members who wants to discuss any proposed rules and regulations or make any suggestions regarding this document to attend this picnic. Unfortunately, due to the financial constraints and an insurance coverage restrictions SCCA would not provide any cooked food or alcohol. We will provide soft drinks, water and prepacked snacks (e.g. chips). You can bring your own drinks and food. I know, bummer 😞

Membership fees

I would like to remind all members of the association that if you haven't paid your membership fee, you lose your right to vote.

This year we have several important meetings scheduled on the same day on August 24th, 2024. It is going to be an extended gathering on that day, but we hope to stick

Important Dates:

July 01, 2024:

Counting mail in ballots

August 10, 2024:

Picnic in park 4, bring your own food and drinks

August 24, 2024:

AGM and several other meetings in Park 4

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No password or security phrase needed.

Please, indicate your plan and lot number.

Cheques: payable to "Sandcastle Community Association."

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Send cheques to: SCCA

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to the agenda and to do everything on the same day. Come prepared. Share your concerns and suggestions before that meeting. Come on August 10th for a picnic to meet with the board and discuss all your thoughts. This, way, hopefully, we will minimize discussions and everything will be done faster and smoother on August 24th.

Meetings on August 24, 2024

We will have several meetings on the same day for your convenience, which will include following items:

President report, secretary-treasurer report, vice president report, financial statement for the last fiscal year

A meeting to wave an audit for the last financial year - required by ONCA, but ONCA does not take into consideration the cost of this process for a small organization such as Sandcastle Community Association. Any member, who would like to review or ask questions regarding SCCA operational costs for August 2023-August 2024, welcome to contact Bruce (vice president, secretary-treasurer) or Irina (president) to set up a convenient for both parties' day to do this review.

Ratifying proposed by-laws - this vote is the vote on the content of the new by-laws.

Vote on the proposed "rules and regulations" - document that will be implemented as rules to all members to follow while using SCCA property. This document is different from the by-laws and could be modified during AGMs without amending by-laws. It gives members more power to adjust the rules according to the current needs of the association and its members.

An election of the new SCCA board - all positions are open for election this year again. Please, read your latest proposed by-laws draft to see what responsibilities each board member has according to a proposed by-law. This is your chance to actively participate in the Sandcastle Community Association as a board member, director or an officer.

Resignations

With my regret, I would like to announce resignation of two SCCA executive team members: Arek as secretary-treasurer and Catherine as Recreation Director. As a part of the executive team, I would like to thank both of them for the valuable contribution they made to SCCA in this short, but very productive period of time. They dedicated a lot of their personal time and effort to help SCCA with developing new by-laws, creating mailing out packages and keeping SCCA financial and membership records in order. Arek, in addition to his secretary-treasurer position, was responsible for the administration of the SCCA Facebook page, maintaining SCCA email and website. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you and express my appreciation for your hard work and dedication. Bruce agreed to take over a treasurer responsibility. Irina takes a secretary portion of the responsibilities until we have the role of secretary-treasurer fulfilled by a new member of the board. We would like to offer any Member who is interested to take any of those responsibilities to contact Bruce or myself. The board will reserve its right to appoint an officer(s), as per current by-laws, to fulfill necessary role(s) and responsibilities.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me, Bruce or Rick, if you have any questions, to offer your suggestions or have a discussion.

I wish everyone to have a wonderful summer! Enjoy the weather and precious nature we have around us. Irina Jacobs

Vice President Message

-By Bruce Waddel

Hello Members,

It looks like summer is almost here, the foliage is lush and our parks look good. Thank you to all of our parks volunteers.

The task of rewriting our by-laws to be compliant with Ontario regulation and to modernize the operation of the association, is progressing. A "Special Meeting" was held on May 18 where it was voted in favour to hold a mail in ballot for all Members. You should have received this ballot in the mail by now. We will be counting the votes July 1st and if a majority of people vote to replace our current by-laws, we will hold a ratification vote at our AGM in August. These ballots may be returned to any executive, or sent in the mail. If both the mail in vote and the ratification vote, are in favour of replacing our current by-laws, our replacement by-laws will take effect three weeks after the AGM. This will fulfill our compliance requirement with the government.

Also, at the AGM in August, we will be voting on the acceptance of rules and regulations for Members. These rules will be supplied by Members and everyone is encouraged to participate in the forming of these rules. Please email me with your ideas, edits, new rules, or your support or non-support for the rules and regulations proposals.

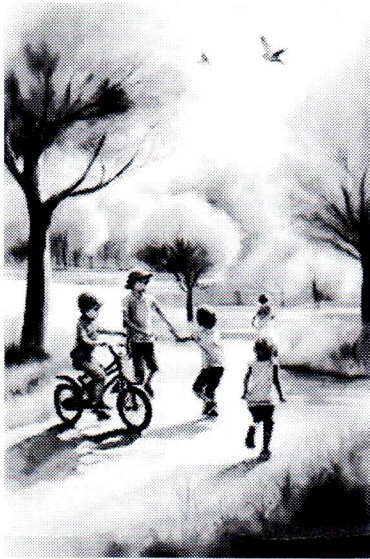
The rules and regulations are easier to change than amending a by-law. It is possible to amend the rules and regulations from time to time as we require.



Rules Proposals

The rules that have been proposed are:

- SCCA is a volunteer operated not for profit association. All Members are expected to participate in the operation of the association.
- The purposes of the SCCA are:
 - to maintain the real property that it owns,
 - to advance nature conservancy and biodiversity on that property,
 - to promote the non-commercial interests of persons owning property in the Subdivision,
 - To establish rules and regulations governing the conduct of Members when using property of the association.
- The SCCA will charge and collect annual levies and fees as set by Members. Failure to pay these charges will result in the cancellation of membership.
- Members are responsible for themselves, their immediate family relatives and guests while they are using SCCA parks and trails. It is expected that Members, their families and guests, respect and cooperate with any safety or security measure(s) that are implemented by the association.
- Restrictions to the use of parks and trails belonging to the association, by commercial guests, may be imposed. **(this refers to rental guests please provide your comments) **
- Members must receive permission to use SCCA property for personal events such as family reunions. Guests are prohibited from using SCCA property for personal events.



Vice President Message

-By Bruce Waddel

- All motorized vehicles, gas or battery powered, are prohibited from the SCCA trails, and beachfront parks. When human powered bicycles are operated on SCCA property, they will at all times yield to pedestrians.
- Fires, BBQs and fireworks are prohibited on SCCA parks and trails.
- Camping is not permitted in SCCA Parks or Trails.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times while on SCCA trails or parks. All dog waste to be immediately removed, by handler, from SCCA parks and trails.
- Chairs, sun umbrellas, personal effects or any type of watercraft may not be left overnight in any of SCCA beach-front parks, and all garbage, including cigarette butts, must be removed from the property by the party responsible for its production.
- Members will not operate motorized water craft in the area adjacent to the beach area of SCCA parks. Boats will not be parked or stored in these areas for the safety of swimmers.
- Noise shall be controlled on SCCA property so as to not disturb other users, or adjacent property owners. This shall include amplified sounds, dogs barking, yelling.
- Any act which could cause harm or intimidate others, is prohibited at any time on SCCA parks or trails
- Do not dispose any yard waste, leaves, or garbage from your property in any of the SCCA parks or trails.
- Construction debris that has blown into the park is to be removed immediately by the member whose property is under construction.
- Invasive plants (ie Periwinkle) to be contained within the member's property, to protect and conserve our natural environment.
- Do not install lighting that may disturb other property owners. If lights are necessary, direct them down and away from neighbouring properties and install motion sensors to prevent lights being on all night.

As was mentioned at our meeting on May 18, our previous insurance provider, made the decision to no longer renew the existing insurance coverage for the association. We have managed to find another similar policy. While we reviewed the coverage, it was discovered that we did not have coverage for any activity involved in the launching of a boat.

The actual boat ramp, the concrete pad designed for vehicles, is not on our property. It would also appear that we have no written approval to use this area for the purpose of automotive traffic or boat launching. The area that we do own, which provides access to the concrete ramp, is not insured for automotive traffic.

The result has been to close the access to vehicles on our property, as we do with all of our other property. Pedestrians, who are Members, may carry inflatable boats, kayaks, canoes or other light craft, through our property and into the water at any point along the beach.

The SCCA has proposed that should there be a request from Member boaters to use our property for automobile traffic, that they form a separate boaters' group that can navigate the legality, safety and insurance needs required. Please email me if there is any interest in forming a boaters' group.

At our AGM in August, we will be electing a new Board of Directors to operate the SCCA. From the Directors, a Chair and President will be selected. These Directors will also appoint Officers such a Vice President, Secretary Treasurer Parks Officer and Members Officer.



Vice President Message

-By Bruce Waddell



Anyone wishing to be a SCCA Director, is asked to fill out an application and submit it to the executive by August 1. This will allow the Members to be advised of available candidates when the agenda for the meeting is published.

And if all of the above is not enough, Tiny has established by-laws that we should be aware of. They include not operating ATVs or golf carts on Tiny roadways, no unnecessary night lighting (dark sky initiative), no shoreline alterations, no boats operating or parked in front of their beaches and there are others. For a complete list and the actual wordings please see Tiny.ca. Tiny Connect is available to send updates directly to your devices. Tiny has also proposed a new Town Hall which could affect our taxes, for both the association and the Membership.

I hope that everyone has a great summer and I look forward to hearing from you.

Please be safe,
Bruce

Parks Director Message

-By Rick Benz

Hello everyone.

Summer is almost here. The spring clean-up turned out very well. As always, I want to thank the park wardens for doing a great job, as well as all the volunteers who turned up to help.



Our lunch was great afterwards, and thanks to all the helpers.

We did something relatively new this year. Instead of creating large burn piles for all the branches, limbs and waste from fallen trees, we rented two bins. All the waste was put into the bins and was taken away by the waste company. By doing this the removal was safe and quick, and our parks could be safely cut. We also removed any chance of errant sparks from fires, thus protecting us from wildfires.

There is still a lot of work to be done, including post repairs and rail installation along pathways and some park borders. We will be asking for volunteers to assist with this a bit later in the summer.

Just a reminder for those members who have hedges along the pathways – it is your responsibility to keep them trimmed, so members have easy access to the pathways. Thanks in advance!

Please continue to enjoy our parks and trails. If anyone has any safety issues in any of our properties, please don't hesitate to call me.

Rick Benz