



May 2021

Dear Manitou Association Members,

On Saturday April 10th I attended GBA's 2021 virtual AGM. The Georgian Bay Association represents the combined voice of 19 cottage associations and 3,000 families along the eastern and northern shores of Georgian Bay.

The GBA reviewed and updated all participants on the different portfolios GBA and it's directors have been working hard on our behalf. These portfolios include; Fisheries, Acquaculture, Water, Land & Forests, Boating Safety & Emergency, Membership, Guardians of the Bay, and First Nations Liason.

GBA board position: Manitou Association is looking for someone people to get involved on a volunteer basis with GBA. **If you or someone you know within Manitou has interest in getting involved, or want to learning more about these volunteer opportunities, please reach out and let's find time to chat!** Jamie Drayton is and has been Manitou's GBA Director for 3 years (it was Darin Buckland before him, and John Wilson before Darin).

Manitou Board Voting year and transition: This year is a voting year for our Manitou board with a transition to new positions. See below the proposed new slate that we will be voting on. **Manitou needs a new Vice President position. So similar to above with GBA, please discuss amongst your families and please consider volunteering for the 2021/2022 & 2022/2023 Manitou VP roll.**

Proposed slate for nomination and voting at our AGM:

Past President – Chris Galberg: will move into

President – Hal Martin: nominated to move into this position

New Vice President – we need to fill this position

Treasurer – Jennifer Martin: nominated to move into this position

Directors – will vote on new volunteers and positions

Manitou Website: www.manitouassociation.com Please continue to save, bookmark, and reference our new Website for:

Membership Directory: only after you've logged in, <https://manitouassociation.com/roster>

Latest News: <https://manitouassociation.com/news-events/>

Copy of these Newsletters: <https://manitouassociation.com/latest-message/>

Emergency Info & Important Numbers: <https://manitouassociation.com/emergency-info/>
Link to Transfer Station info: <https://manitouassociation.com/transfer-station/>
Fire Pump Locations and Map: members must log in and continue to update, <https://manitouassociation.com/fire-safety/>

Now that our website is built, it takes a small amount of input and work (say 1 hour/month) to update, post, and maintain. Future Manitou Board Director positions can include a "Webmaster" role. I will volunteer for this this year.

Dues 2021: At this time we ask all Manitou members to pay 2021 dues. Primary memberships with voting privilege are asked to pay \$110 total (\$50 to GBA, \$60 to Manitou). These dues will provide you with: a listing in the Manitou directory, login access to www.manitouassociation.com, email updates, and direct mailings (from Manitou Association, the Georgian Bay Association and Georgian Bay Forever).

Once again, we would like to encourage additional families, couples or individuals who share a property to contribute \$50 (\$25 to Manitou and \$25 to the GBA) as a secondary membership. The secondary membership will provide you with the same benefits, less the voting privilege. For those of you that are members of the Sans Souci Cottager's association, we ask that you please make your GBA payment through Manitou. We also encourage you to reach out to any new neighbours in the area and introduce them to our association.

For this year, please pay dues one of two ways (eTransfer is preferred):

- **Email money transfer/eTransfer to: cgalberg@me.com**
- **Mail cheque to: Chris Galberg, 20 Cedarcrest Dr., Etobicoke, ON, M9A 2V5**

Events & Dates for 2021:

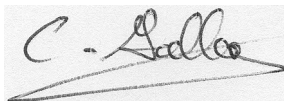
- **Due to COVID19 pandemic below events & dates are currently suspended until further notice.** We would hope to see everyone in person for our 2021 AGM, but it is too soon to know if we will be able to do this. For now we will schedule our AGM via Zoom see below:
- **The Manitou Association Annual General Meeting: at this time we will schedule via Zoom, Thursday July 8th, 2021 @ 6.30pm. Link and Zoom details to follow.**
- **The Manitou Regatta: to be determined**

Your 2020-2021 Manitou Board is:

Chris Galberg, President
Tom Pinkham, Past President
Steve Traplin, Director
Cathy Buckland, Director

Hal Martin, Vice President
Marianne Galberg, Treasurer
Darin Buckland, Director

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have,



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