## Fire Pumps

John McAllister was volunteered by his wife Pinky at the AGM to gather information on the availability of fire pumps in the South Channel area.

Grant Heikkila and Claudette Chabot have volunteered to sit on a committee with John to investigate the situation.

As well he wishes to know who would be interested in purchasing a fire pump for their cottage. Once we have an idea how many people would be interested we will approach various vendors to see what kind of deal we can get by purchasing more than one.

If you own a fire pump that you would make available to other cottagers in the case of an emergency, would you please email John your cottage location and cottage phone number.

If you are interested in purchasing a fire pump for your cottage would you please email John and he will subsequently reply to you with prices once he has gathered them.

Our plan is to put together a map of the South Channel area that shows the location of fire pumps in the case of a fire emergency.

Please email John at <u>john.mcallister@rogers.com</u>

## QLWQA UPDATE – Submitted by Paul Morgan

The renegotiation of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement has entered its final stage. There were be public forums in September in both the US and Canada.

Bob Duncanson Executive Director of The Georgian Bay Association is a sitting member of the Advisory Panel. He was involved in a session on September 7th and the morning of September 8th reviewing specific language in the agreement. He was required to sign confidentiality agreements before each Advisory meeting.

It is unclear if the language developed will be shared with the broader public. The two governments are keeping their cards very close to their chests. Great Lakes United, amongst others, had been asking for (demanding) full public disclosure of the language so that there can be meaningful public discourse.

We now have to wait to hear the outcome and final wording.

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