

Muskoka Mosaic: Introducing Anita Denny

By Paula Boon

Anita Denny's face is familiar to many in town. Not only has she spent her whole life here, but she volunteers her time to numerous clubs and organizations. "I like to help out where I can," she says.

Denny lives with her two older brothers Garnet and Eddie on Ravenscliffe Road in the log house where they grew up. And they do so without electricity or running water. "It's really not a big thing," she says. "We're used to it. We can do anything people can do with electricity. More, because if the power goes out you still have lights."

The siblings do have some modern conveniences. For example, they use a generator to power their television so they can watch hockey and curling. "I also have a washing machine that I hook up to the generator to do my laundry in the summer. In winter I take it to the laundromat," Denny says. "I have experience with a washboard, and it's not as easy as my mother made it look."

The youngest of six children, Denny attended Pine Glen and then Huntsville High School until 1973. Since then, she has had a variety of caregiving jobs and volunteered throughout the community.

A long-time member of the Huntsville Agricultural Society, Denny has entered the annual fall fair since she was in school. "I remember one year someone wanted to buy my prize potatoes for \$5, and I was so proud of the red ribbon that I said no," she recalls with a smile.

More recently, Denny's focus has been on knitting and baking. In fact, the trophy for most points in the knitting category has only two names on it, and one of them is hers.

Denny joined the agricultural society executive about 30 years ago and since then has been in charge of a section of the fair each year, plus taken on additional duties, such as being auctioneer at the Friday-night cake and pie auction and announcer during the baby contest.

For years she and her brother Garnet were the main organizers of the society's fundraising bingos as well.

Denny is also first vice-chair of the Friends of Fairvern. She started by helping her aunt bring residents to the nursing home's Friday church services. "Then I became a member of the Friends," she says. "It's a good group."

Since 2003 she has been on the executive, helping with fundraising efforts such as the annual barbecue at Robinson's Independent Grocer and pre-Christmas bake sale at the mall.

Club 55 is another organization close to Denny's heart. "I was in there before I was old enough to be a member," she says. "I went with my Aunt Betty after my mother's death and hung out there. They lowered the age limit to 50, some say because of me. I've been helping out with Friday cards for so long, I'm now more or less in charge."

Denny also belongs to the legion and plays in its euchre and bridge tournaments. Two years ago her team made it to the provincials and narrowly missed winning.

An avid square dancer, Denny took up calling for Thursday evening dances at the centennial centre about five years ago. "It started when Bill Earl had had throat surgery and the person who was supposed to help didn't show up," she recalls. "He said to me, 'Do you think you can do it?' and I said, 'Okay, I'll try.'"

Sports organizations in town also benefit from her support. Denny has been involved in minor lacrosse fundraising for several years, and this year lent her efforts to the junior team as well.

In the summer, Denny watches slo-pitch games most weekday evenings, and she is the long-time scorekeeper for the annual fastball tournament.

When asked about her hopes for the future, Denny shrugs and smiles. "It'll be what it is," she says. "I'm just content to do my thing."

This is typical of her approach to life. Denny helps out where she can, enjoys spending time with others, and doesn't waste time and energy trying to impress. "I'm just who I am," she says. "Take it or leave it."

Thanks to Violet Earl for suggesting that Anita Denny be profiled. To explore the complete collection of Muskoka Mosaic profiles, go to www.thelifecollector.com.



COMMUNITY BUILDER: Anita Denny is an active volunteer with many community organizations, such as the agricultural society, Club 55 and the Friends of Fairvern.

Extras for Port Sydney fire station

By Carli Whitwell

Huntsville town council has approved \$55,000 in extras to the design of its new Port Sydney Fire Hall and hopes to make up the costs when selling the site of the current fire hall location on Muskoka Road 10.

"We planned on the two (selling the land on Muskoka Road 10 and buying the land on South Mary Lake Road) being revenue neutral," said Huntsville chief administrative officer Kelly Pender. "(But) we expect to sell it for more."

The town purchased the land on South Mary Lake Road for \$75,000.

Huntsville was awarded two-thirds funding for the joint federally and provincially funded project in June. Before the \$55,000 increase, their share of the new fire hall was about \$400,000.

The money to build the station is coming from reserves. That's where the additional money for the upgrades will come from, if it's required, said Pender.

The new, 4,000-square-foot fire hall design is Muskoka-inspired and won't resemble a traditional fire hall, district fire chief Don Clelland has said. About 22 volunteers work at the station and there are three trucks on site.

The additional upgrades include a better generator, an extension of the driveway so two fire trucks can fit in the laneway and the building of a mezzanine for extra storage space, Pender said.

"I think when you look at the big picture and doing something right the first time, this is something that should be done," said Huntsville councillor Bill Beatty of the upgrades at an October council meeting.

The fire department had looked into replacing the leaking metal roof of the Port Sydney fire hall, but when it found out it would cost more than \$150,000, it applied for the grant.

The new facility must be built by March, and is expected to be in a more strategic location for emergency response.

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THE PROJECT

On behalf of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), AECOM has completed the Detail Design for the rehabilitation of Highway 60 from 0.3 km west of Highway 35 easterly 9.4 km. The project Study Area is identified in the drawing below.

In order to improve the pavement condition, ride quality, and operational characteristics along this section of Highway 60, the study recommends the following work:

- Rehabilitate the existing pavement;
- Rehabilitate the existing fully and partially paved shoulders, as required;
- Drainage improvements as required;
- Treat pavement distress areas; and,
- Rehabilitate guide rail as required.

THE PROCESS

The project followed the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) planning process for Group 'B' projects under MTO's *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. The Class EA planning process included public and agency consultation, an assessment of the effects of the proposed improvements, and the identification of measures required to mitigate any adverse effects. Opportunity to provide comments was provided throughout the Class EA process and continues until December 7, 2009.

A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared to document the Class EA process and results of the design. The TESR has been filed for public review at the following locations during regular business hours for a period of 30 calendar days commencing on November 4, 2009 and ending on December 7, 2009:

Ministry of the Environment
191 Booth Road, Unit 16 & 17
North Bay, Ontario, P1A 4K3

Town of Huntsville
Clerk's Office
37 Main Street East
Huntsville, Ontario, P1H 1A1

District Municipality of Muskoka
Clerk's Office
70 Pine Street
Bracebridge, Ontario, P1L 1N3

Ministry of Transportation
447 McKeown Avenue
4th Floor
North Bay, Ontario, P1B 9S9

Ministry of Transportation
Huntsville Area Office
207 Main Street West
Huntsville, Ontario, P1H 1Z9

County of Haliburton
Clerk's Office
11 Newcastle Street
Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0

COMMENTS

During the public review period, interested persons are encouraged to read the TESR and provide comments. Please direct written comments to the Project Team at the addresses provided below.

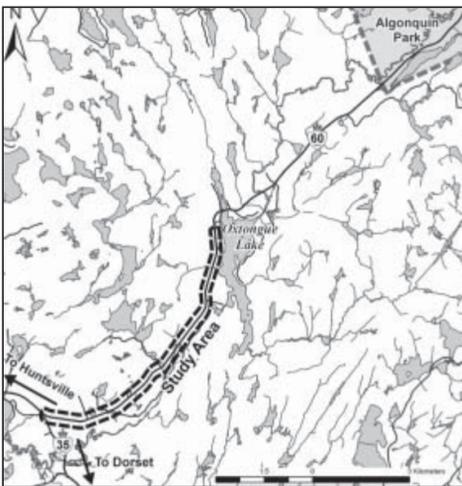
If, after consulting with the MTO and its consultants, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to make a written request to the Minister of the Environment (The Honourable John Gerretsen, 12th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5) for a Part II Order request under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. A Part II Order may lead to preparation of an Individual EA if approved by the Minister. A copy of the Part II Order request should be forwarded to the MTO and AECOM. If there are no outstanding concerns after the end of the public review period, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA, and the project may proceed.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.



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