

# Happy Birthday Canada!

Canada Day provides a special opportunity for citizens and other residents to celebrate our amazingly good fortune in calling this wonderful land our home! While the daily news reminds us of millions of our fellow human beings around the world in horrendous situations, so many with their very lives hanging in the balance on an hourly basis, we give thanks for our freedom to cast our ballots, write and speak out freely, protest if and as we will, and enjoy the relative peace and safety of this land.

Of course it isn't perfect, and we've been horrified at the violence reported in recent weeks, all too close to home, as innocent adults and children have been tragically victimized while walking along a city street or playing in a park. Homelessness, the opioid crisis, the lack of clean drinking water, the ever-increasing demands on food banks initiated years ago as a short-term emergency measure – these are but a few of the most visible challenges with which our country is currently confronted. National disasters such as fires and floods have devastated countless households across the land.

Despite all this, our “home and native land” undoubtedly continues as one of the most desirable places to live anywhere in the world. No, it's not Utopia! Polite and quiet-spoken as Canadians have a reputation for being, we are not in total agreement with one another regarding the makings of a true Utopia. Mutually respectful as we endeavour to be, among ourselves we hold a diversity of personal values, beliefs, convictions and philosophies of life. Controversial issues arise from time to time, sensitive nerves are touched, sparks fly and angry voices sound forth – even from Canadians, eh? Sometimes we can do no better than agree to disagree, and continue to live side by side with one another, and with interim decisions made by those whom we ourselves have had a share in electing to responsible offices in our democratic society.

For all our Canadian congeniality, we recognize that we are a diverse community in so many respects. Hopefully we agree that our way forward is characterized not by threats and shouts of anger, much less by acts of violence and aggression, but through ongoing communication, consultation and growth in mutual understanding. When it came to the attention of a wise and mature leader that he had recently come under severe personal criticism by a colleague, he quietly responded, “I've got to know him better,” and immediately moved on to pick up the phone and initiate a personal meeting and conversation. Perhaps there's a reason why most Canadians were born with two ears, but only a single tongue!

**A joyous 151<sup>th</sup> Birthday to all, and Many Happy Returns!**

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## Apsley Cottage Real Estate Update

During late May and early June we have had some beautiful sunny summer like days. Last night we had a severe thunderstorm go through the Apsley area. There was some significant tree damage in some spots. The power has been out now around Chandos Lake for sixteen hours and Antelope Trail is closed to traffic due to a tree down across the hydro lines.

This year there has been a good amount of buyer activity with record low inventory available to show them. The slow down and cooling of the Real Estate Market in the Greater Toronto Area does not yet appear to be slowing the recreational water front market.

Currently, there are nine properties listed for sale on Chandos Lake. On Jack Lake, there are two. This continues to be the lowest number of properties offered for sale in the last eleven years that I have been following this market.

Since January 1, 2018 we have had eight sales on Chandos Lake and two sales on Jack Lake.

In 2017 at this point in time we had seven sales on Chandos Lake and four sales on Jack Lake. So we are only one sale behind where we were last year in mid June.

The number of Buyers currently looking for water front properties exceeds the supply and it appears that we have a Seller's market. It would seem that this demand is beginning to push prices up.

If you have held back, perhaps now is the time to think about selling your area property. As a local realtor, I will provide a free, no obligation opinion of value to any property owner that is considering selling.

As a local resident and an Executive member of the Chandos Lake Property Owners Association, I am happy to chat about anything going on locally. I care about your concerns and your interests. Feel free to visit the office or just give me a call to chat.

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