

**Charter for the Fire Subcommittee of the
Harris Lake and South Magnetawan River Cottagers' Association (HLSMR.org)**

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Objective

The Fire Subcommittee is a volunteer group chartered to implement a fire-fighting system:

- capable of containing damage in case of property or forest fire
- capable of being operated by volunteers
- capable of servicing the entire Harris Lake and South Magnetawan River cottagers community

The Fire Subcommittee is NOT:

- is NOT an official fire department (such would require a charter under the provincial MNR plus extensive formal firefighter training)
- is NOT a professional fire-fighter organization

Guiding Principles

The Fire Subcommittee operates under the following Guiding Principles:

- Assume that for any cottage fire: the first cottage will simply burn down. Efforts are intended to contain the fire from spreading to the next cottages or forest, while awaiting any further assistance should MNR get involved.

Note: the equipment can certainly be used to throw water on a burning cottage, however, the equipment specifications will not be sized to deal with extinguishing the burning cottage as the design and use of such large capacity equipment is beyond the capabilities of a volunteer system.

- Operate on a Safety-First principle: avoid any harm of persons providing fire assistance.

Activities

The Fire Subcommittee will engage in the following activities:

- Design and implement the Fire-fighting system
 - Promote education and Best Practices
 - At times, specify new equipment, and organize fundraising efforts
 - Provide an operational plan to maintain equipment
 - Plan for an associated budget with the HLSMCA
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