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# NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT—Richard Lanktree

Greetings to all of the Trout Lake Association Members

I hope that everyone is well in this unprecedented time. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly created a "new normal" for all of us. We are all very fortunate to have properties on Trout Lake that enable us to enjoy the great outdoors while maintaining our social distancing. Having said that, the pandemic has had a significant impact on our daily lives and will likely continue to do so for the foreseeable future. This impact extends to uncertainty of Association activities as well. There is a notice in this bulletin about the postponement of the Annual General Meeting which we usually hold in June. At this time with restrictions to large gatherings we are also monitoring whether or not we will be able to hold the Annual Trout Lake Picnic in August.

I would like to thank all the members who made a contribution to the Go Fund Me Campaign of the Lake Development and Review Committee. More information is provided in this bulletin about the committee's progress.

Please review the articles in this bulletin for updates on Membership, Safety, Forestry & Environment, Fishery and Treasury. Thank you to our community advertising businesses who support our bulletin.

The Member renewal letters have been mailed. Please renew your membership by June 30th. Your support is much appreciated.

Stay safe and enjoy your time at Trout Lake.

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## Is Boating a Safe Social Distancing Activity?

The short answer is yes, but the long answer is a bit more involved.

First and foremost, all the usual rules apply:

- You need to **limit the people aboard** to those family members you share your home with, period—no guests.
- You also **can't raft up with other boats or pull up onto a beach close to another boat**, as that could put you in close proximity with the occupants.
- You also have to be careful to **maintain a safe distance from others** when doing things like loading up at the marina or fueling the boat.
- After doing anything that requires touching an item someone else may have touched, like a marina gate lock or a fuel pump, **disinfect by washing your hands or using a hand sanitizer** as soon as possible.

Finally, to maintain the highest level of safety pack your gear and supplies ahead of time and don't plan to stop at a store on the way to the marina or launch ramp, as you usually might.



# ENVIRONMENT & FORESTRY REPORT

## Guy Springgay, Director

**Help keep our Lake and Lands clean. Please don't litter.**

**Welcome Spring Campers.**

This report finds me at our home and not at camp where I would like to be as we are trying to minimize non-essential travel. The last time we were at camp was late February when there was a few days of nice weather. We are missing it!

We have received the results from Lake Partner Ontario for the various testing - Total Phosphorus (TP), Calcium and Secchi disk readings that we did in 2019. See graphs attached.

The TP is up to 8.93 milligrams per liter (mg/l) - not good as high phosphorus values are creators of blue-green algae impacting recreational use as the blooms release toxic poisons. Secchi went down to 3.3 meters indicating lower water transparency than in previous years.

Calcium is the highest ever recorded 3 mg/l (good), well above the threshold of 1.5 mg/l required to keep healthy aquatic species that depend on Calcium (such as crayfish). The average is about 2.45 mg/l since we started testing for this in 2009. Bob Nikolic provided some thoughts on these results that is, in essence, the wider Trout Lake area. The 2018/19 winter had one of the highest snowfalls in many years as well as snow on almost every day in April. The run off from the snow, and later the rain, would bring in much higher amount of nutrients (TP), Calcium from fallen trees and silt (Secchi).

We will see what the results from 2020 may bring as current testing is on hold. Below is a communication that I received from Lake Partners Program:

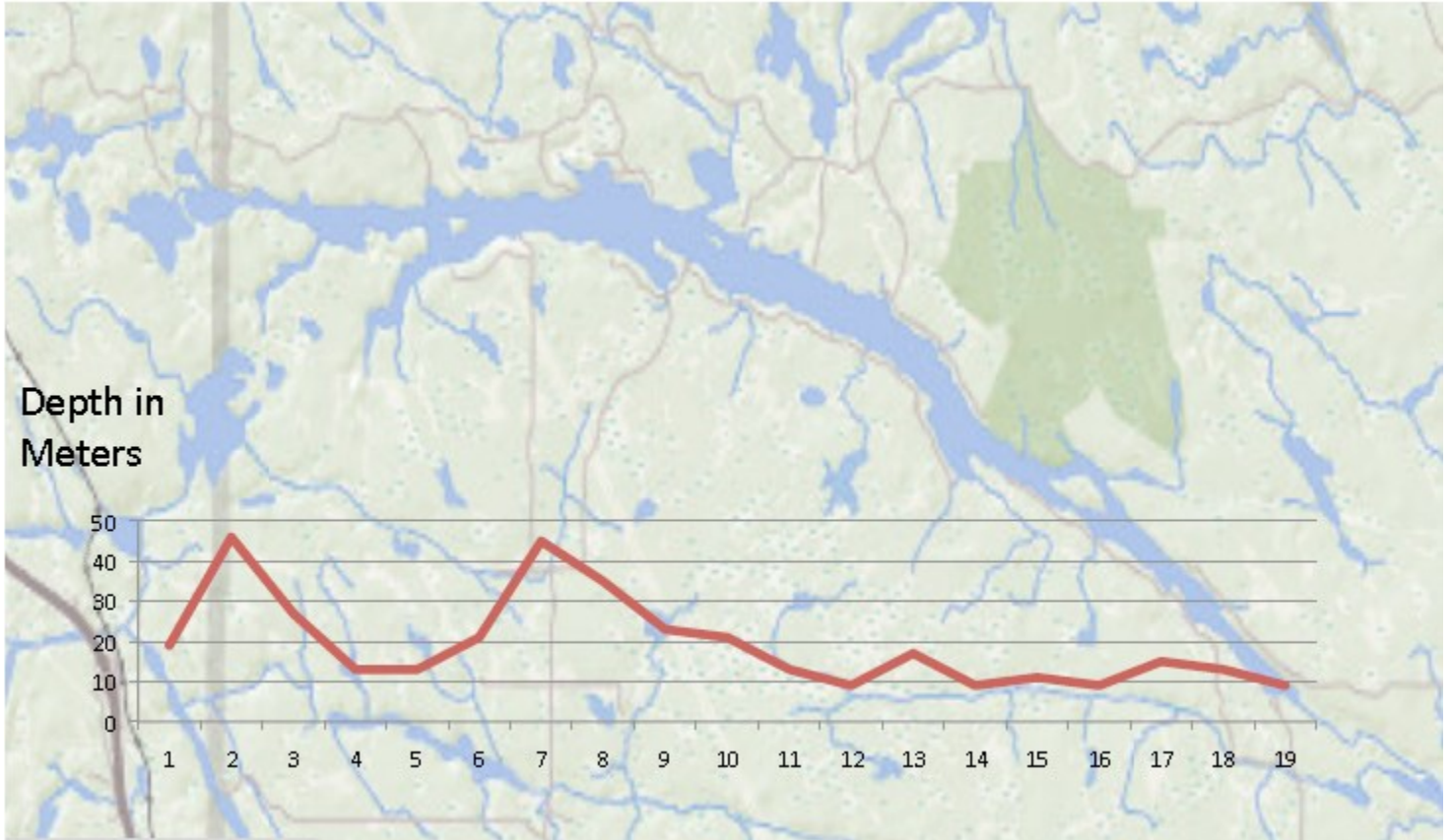
*"In support of the current emergency order, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has temporarily restricted laboratory services for routine non-critical samples, which impacts receiving sample collections for the Lake Partner Program. The Ministry is currently assessing the safest way to continue the Lake Partner Program for 2020 while keeping volunteers and ministry staff safe. During this time, we ask that volunteers do not gather or submit any samples to the ministry lab in Dorset."*

During this time of home self-isolation, I spent some time looking at the oxygen results we took in the Fall of 2016. In the 2016 Fall Bulletin, The Environment Group presented, for the first time, an important and comprehensive water quality survey of Trout Lake. The testing samples were taken from the entire lake and included shoals as well as the deepest spots.

There are some interesting facts that I would like to share. Attached is a picture/graph of Trout Lake showing the depth from one end to the other. Some of you may already know this from your depth/fish finders, but I thought it was worth sharing. Each survey point was 1 km apart in the middle of the lake apart so there is no doubt some deeper spots were missed.

Also of interest was the thermocline (the boundary between warm and cold water). The thermocline is between 6 m and 7 m. In the deeper areas, the average temperature at the bottom is between 5 and 7 degrees Celsius.

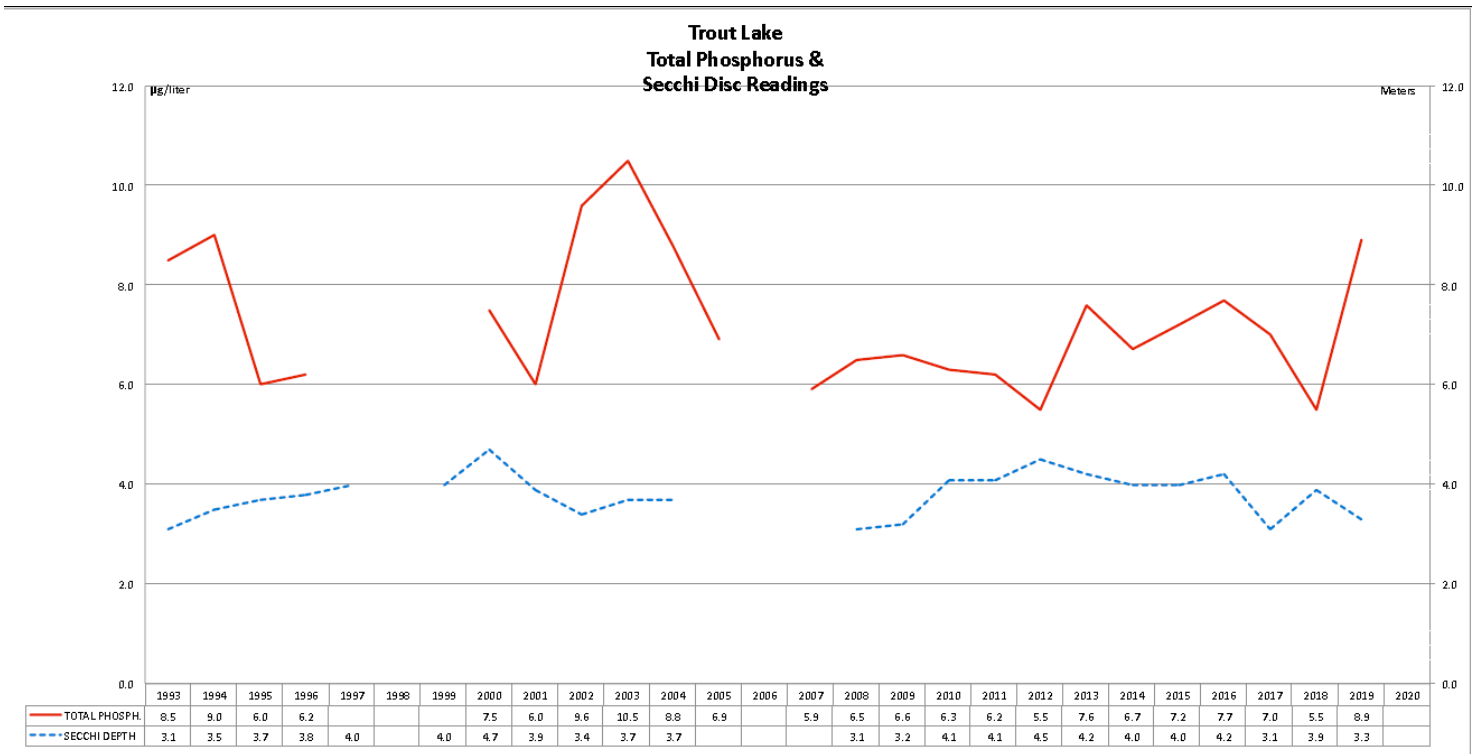
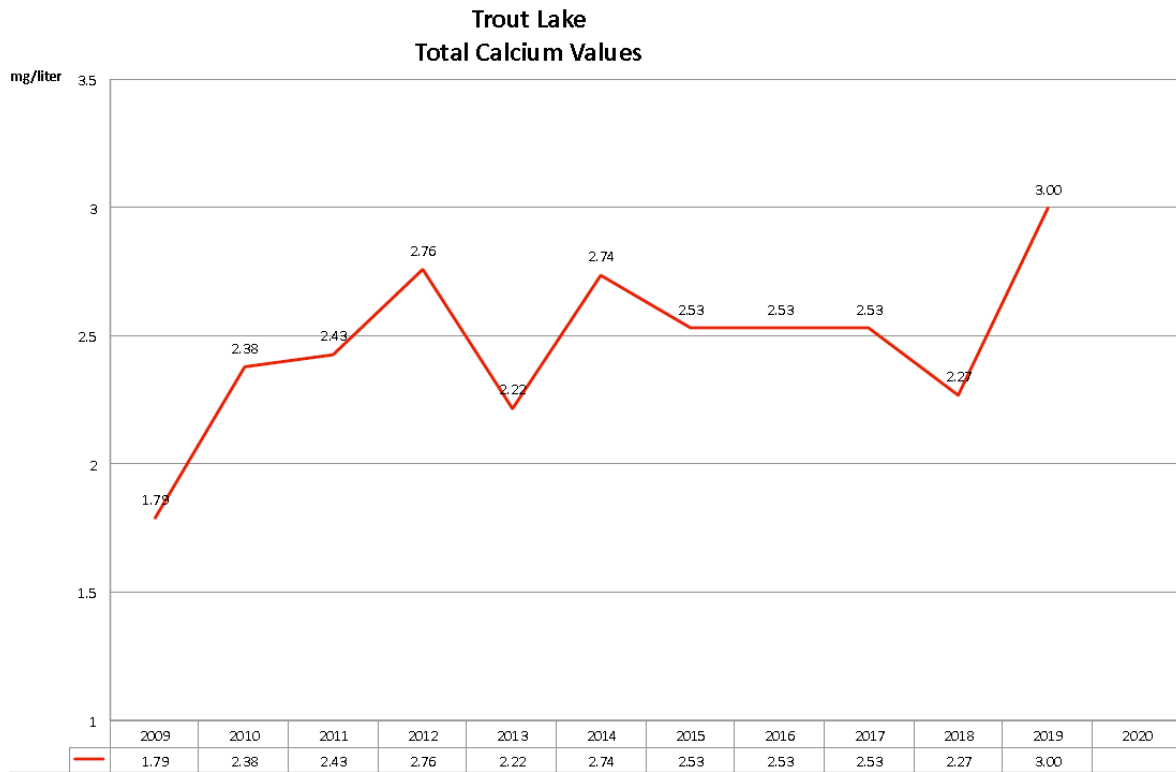
The Board has approved doing additional new sampling for E.Coli Chlorophyll A, and Total Coliforms. These will be taken this year in the Fall at various locations closer to the shore.



### **What's happening with the Annual General Meeting?**

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is typically held in June. In light of the state of emergency declared in Ontario, the deadline to hold an AGM has temporarily been extended. The Board will continue to monitor the situation and will set a meeting date once the declaration of emergency is terminated. Please watch the Association Bulletins, Facebook site and/or website for the notice of meeting date.

We have a number of vacancies on the Board including Vice President and some Directors without Portfolio positions which allow people to learn how the organization works and provide input on various issues. We need your help to keep the Association functioning well.



## **UPDATE ON APPEAL OF PROPOSED FORESTRY MANAGEMENT CHANGES – GREAT NEWS! - Bob Nikolic, Forestry Committee**

We are happy to report that we successfully concluded difficult negotiations with Vermilion Forest Management and MNRF on the 2020-2030 FMP (Forestry Management Plan) and all conditions on harvest restriction from 2015-2020 FMP have been rolled in the 2020-2030 FMP. This time the negotiations were very different than in the past except in the early 1990's. In prior negotiations we settled the contentious issues through give and take arguments and only once we had to appeal and won the case at the MNRF Sudbury District office.

Our team consisted of Linda Lachance, Kim Fyfe, Dave Moxham, Larry Moxham and Bob Nikolic. We met VFM staff led by their new Manager, Mr. Mark Lockhart in June last year and presented our proposal to maintain all the same conditions as in 2010-2020 FMP. We also, based on observation of forest spraying herbicide, offered to lower the distance of spraying restriction from 120m to 100m from the lake but only outside the cottage lots area. Behind cottages the restriction is 120m from the cottage back lot line. The reason for lowering the restriction was that spraying by helicopter is very precise and at no place did we see that spray dispersed wider than planned. In most cases the spraying boundary was very sharp with no spray drift whatsoever. To our genuine surprise this time, the VFM proposed drastic changes to the existing plan, notably that the harvest timing restriction be reduced from May 1 to October long weekend to only July 1 to September 1, and that VFM may harvest within the 60m no harvest zone around the lake just upon approval of MNRF.

Our effort to argue that this was unacceptable due to the traffic safety concerns and preservation of the original forest close to the lake shore, were simply met by counter arguments that they needed more flexibility. In reality, this was not a negotiation but more like this is what we want to do - period. The team asked Trout Lakers to write to VFM and MNRF opposing the Plan changes and many campers took the time to do this. We had to wait for the roll out of the plan in the fall to see if they changed anything as a result of the June meeting. The Plan which rolled out for wider public input had all the same changes for Trout Lake as presented to us in June.

We immediately indicated that we would appeal the Plan changes to the MNRF Sudbury District Manager. The team prepared a comprehensive powerpoint presentation. Besides our history of forestry issues and showing the importance of Trout lake as a rare lake trout fishery, we also added a couple of Shaw Rd. videos that demonstrated the sharp curves and blind hills which could cause serious traffic accidents if the large logging trucks were allowed to operate most of the year during busy camp seasons. Linda Lachance, Dave Moxham and Bob Nikolic attended the meeting with the District Manager and his staff; also attended by Jim Gomm, District Forestry Citizens Committee representative on December 11, 2019. The meeting also had tele-connection with North East regional office in South Porcupine. It appeared that our presentation was well received but on Dec. 20 our appeal was turned down by the District Manager. We had until mid-January to appeal to NE Regional Director and we immediately asked for the appeal meeting with him. The things got complicated because our lead negotiator Bob Nikolic already had booked two and a half month stay in Mexico leaving on Jan 3. During all negotiations we were indicating that TLCASD will go to the bitter end in order to protect the lives of the campers particularly during cottaging high season. We also contacted our MPP France Gelinias, who promptly sent a letter to MNRF Minister supporting our position. Mr. Grant Ritchie, Regional Director invited us to meet in Timmins January 14th but we wrote back that TLCASD does not have money to finance the trip and offered to have tele-conferencing meeting in Sudbury office. It fell on Linda Lachance and Kim Fyfe to deliver our presentation on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. All Bob's efforts to join in by Skype from Mexico failed, so he wrote his concerns to the Regional Director.

The Forestry team was not very optimistic and were ready to appeal to Ontario Director, Environmental Assessment Permission Branch. However, Mr. Grant Ritchie upheld our appeal and stated in his reply, "After careful consideration I am directing Vermilion Forestry Management Company (VFM) to apply the 2010-2020 Sudbury FMP TL – Cottaging values associated with Trout Lake Area of Concern (AOC) prescription to 2020-2030 Sudbury FMP". We thought we had finally won our case. However, the VFM only changed the harvest timing restriction leaving the possibility to harvest in 60 m reserve around the lake in the plan. It took another three weeks of intense exchanges of emails to rectify this to ensure the intent of the Regional Director was put into the plan correctly. We finally were able to complete the win.

It is also important that campers know that the restriction only applies to harvesting within 1 km from the lake but that **harvest and hauling may proceed from outside this area at other times of the year**. In the past the loggers did not have much hauling once the harvesting was completed. The MNRF does not have the power to stop traffic, but can only restrict the harvest. Bob Nikolic would like to thank the entire negotiating team, particularly Linda Lachance and Kim Fyfe who successfully represented us at NE Regional Director issue resolution meeting. **Ed. Note: Without the expertise of Bob who has dealt with the forestry portfolio for 30 years, and knew all the ins and outs of the plan, and every dip and dive of the lines on the map, this wouldn't have been successful. Even after the appeal was approved, Bob had to negotiate the wording of each section of the new plan to ensure it met the intent of the agreement.**

## Update re Happy Summer Village Development Issue—Submitted by Linda Lachance, Chair LDRC Committee

I just wanted to share a brief update on activities of the LDRC. The committee continues to meet regularly via virtual meetings, and continues to do research on the issues and develop our strategy.

As you know, we submitted two letters with extensive case law documenting the differences between camper trailers and mobile homes, as it related to the Zoning By-law and Official Plan and indicating that the proposed development is for mobile homes (by definition), which currently are not permitted under the ZB and OP. As a result of our submissions, the municipality and Planning Board consulted their own lawyers and determined that the developer will have to make an application to amend the zoning by-law in order to make the installation of mobile homes legal. ***We are pleased to say that this is a win*** and step one of the process we hoped would occur.

This means, that once the developer makes his application to amend the zoning by-law to permit mobile homes, then a series of processes kick in under The Planning Act. There will be at least 20 days notice and window in which to submit comments, objections, etc., and there should also be a public meeting scheduled. When this period starts, we will be notifying Trout Lake campers that the time to be heard is now. We will also want to have as many people as possible attend the public meeting, in a show of opposition. Timelines will be short and we must be prepared to act quickly. You can learn about the planning process here: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/citizens-guide-land-use-planning/zoning-bylaws>

As part of the public review process it will be very important for Trout Lake property owners to make their concerns heard. We will be circulating a template letter which you can use as a guideline to write your own letter to your Councillor and Mayor, with a copy to the Sudbury East Planning Board. We are working with Stephen Watt, a lawyer who specializes in municipal issues and who has extensive experience with zoning and planning act applications. He has dealt with the local council and Planning Board as well.

We have also developed a Powerpoint presentation which outlines our concerns and issues in this matter. We hope to make it available on the Facebook page/website and send it to local Councillors.

I do want to caution that if this zoning by-law amendment is approved by Council, despite our objections, the next step would be an appeal to the LPAT which must be made within 20 days. This could get more costly, and time-consuming, and may in fact result in the need for us to conduct a second fundraising campaign. If this happens, we believe that more face-to-face fund-raising will be required than simply another GoFundMe campaign. We have discussed this in committee, and **are looking for anyone with fund-raising experience to assist** if needed. If you know of anyone, please put us in touch.

We also are continuing to make the environmental issues part of the discussion. The endangered species which are in the area (Blanding's Turtles and others), potential damage to fish spawning areas, water quality and so on will be part of the debate. We hope to get MNRF to step up regarding their lake assessment study in 1977 whereby they froze all future development on the lake. This is a key point which must be stressed. We hope to force the requirement for the developer to undertake a new lake assess-



ment study as part of his application. If one is done, we will then have it peer reviewed for accuracy and completeness. We will also be referencing all of the lake phosphorus and other water quality studies which have been undertaken for years by the Environmental Committee as benchmarks for this development and to make our case. **We are also still looking for someone with environmental expertise to assist us on developing this part of our case.**

As you know we ran a successful GoFundMe campaign in November whereby we raised over \$10,000 in support of this cause in about 5 weeks. I cannot express the level of my gratitude to all of the members who contributed.

If you have any suggestions or ideas which may assist the committee please let me know.

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\*\*\*We are still seeking volunteers to assist the work of the committee, who do not need to be Committee Members. Specifically, we need someone with environmental/biology background and someone with fund-raising experience.

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**What's the most useless purchase of 2020?  
A daily planner.**

## SURVEY RESULTS

The survey we circulated in November had an excellent response rate of 50%! Thank you all who participated. If you are curious, here is a summary of the results and pertinent points.

TLCA Survey - Summary of Results		Average	Percentage
<b>100 surveys rec'd of possible 200 50% responded</b>			
Q1	How long owned property	31.5 yrs.	Max 65 yrs/Min. 1 yr
Q2	How many generations use property	2.7	2-5 generations
Q3	How many people on average weekend	4.43	
Q4	How far do you drive to Trout Lake?	180 km	max 1065 kms
Q5	Seasonal dwelling	70	74.47
	Permanent residence	24	25.53
Q6	Use in winter	57	60.64
	Do not use in winter	37	39.36
Q7	TLCA Facebook page member yes	44	46.81
	Not a Facebook page member	50	53.19
Q8	Aware of HSV proposal	92	97.87
	Not aware	2	2.13
Q9	Read Happy Summer Village website	63	67.02
	Have not read website	31	32.98
Q10	In favour of proposed development	1	1.06
	Opposed	83	88.3
	Don't know	1	1.06
	Undecided	9	9.57
Q11	Concerns - see separate sheet		
Q12	Support Association action	89	94.68
	Does Not support action	5	5.32
Q13	Would write Letter yes	81	86.17
	Letter no	13	13.83
Q14	Ideas many - See separate sheet		
Q15	Would you donate - yes	82	87.23
	Donate - No	13	13.83
Q16	Comments - many - see separate sheet		

## Q16 Please provide any other comments which you feel are pertinent to the issue.

Answered: 50 Skipped: 44

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This has to be put to rest! If this is permitted to happen, our lakes and wildlife will suffer. There are too many negatives to list, road development, traffic and property damage by persons that don't live here.	11/27/2019 1:08 PM
2	no	11/27/2019 1:03 PM
3	I wish I was knowledgeable and financially able to help I put my faith in the Association!	11/26/2019 4:15 AM
4	This lake was deemed at capacity years ago. It's a quiet lake and the #1 reason I purchased my own place recently since our family sold ours in 2000; this zoning by law is said to allow "certain" developments - examples of certain ones? In my opinion this development far exceeds what I would imagine one would be at the time that was passed. A new review ...or a full out risk assessment	11/25/2019 12:33 AM
5	I just hope the municipality takes into account the added pressure on our lake, the environment. This will change the quiet environment we enjoy and will set a precedent for future developments on our Northern lakes. Too much too fast!	11/22/2019 6:10 PM
6	The municipality should be making sure that regulations are followed through the building permit applications	11/22/2019 4:52 PM
7	nothing at this time	11/22/2019 1:56 PM
8	the municipality seems willing to trade of environmental risk for increased tax revenue at the expense of landowners on the lake. What are they ( ) in terms of services oversight? Challenge re Health Unit and provincial bodies that might have jurisdiction.	11/21/2019 7:56 PM
9	this development should adhere to the Provincial Planning Act. Q: if a developer wanted to do the same at the north end of the lake (i.e. Key Largo or Edith) would planning act apply? Please keep updates coming on progress	11/21/2019 6:12 PM
10	The other lodges may get sold and proposed the same type of development. Obviously our council is more interested in tax revenue than protecting the environment	11/21/2019 6:07 PM
11	-audience with council well advertised so can get large crowd out - have called Linda already to voice concerns	11/21/2019 6:02 PM
12	-extremely disappointed in municipality's lack of responsibility	11/21/2019 5:52 PM
13	n	11/21/2019 5:48 PM
14	Have submitted a brief already outlining my concerns	11/20/2019 2:15 AM
15	This could set a precedent for other lodges or commercial endeavours. Given that Trout Lake was recognized as being overdeveloped in 1977 even prior to the arrival of full time residents and faster gas guzzling boats that this proposal given its scope should be considered let alone be given the go ahead beggars belief. It is an affront to current property owners who treasure a beautiful and pristine lake and it is certainly an affront to the next generation.	11/18/2019 12:53 AM
16	We fully support the efforts of the of the committee and Board on this issue and will contribute financially.	11/12/2019 11:38 PM
17	I hope everyone in the Trout Lake Campers Association gets involved so our voice is heard.	11/12/2019 8:48 PM
18	Although we are not in the immediate vicinity of this development, the well-being of our lake is a great concern to us. This end of the lake is much more heavily populated and we already had concerns regarding aged septic systems, pollution from run-off of fertilizers from some very developed properties. This only adds to our anxieties over lake health.	11/8/2019 2:32 PM
19	none	11/7/2019 3:43 AM
20	In the past all building lots were limited. This was for a reason. The lake can only sustain a certain number of vacationers.	11/6/2019 9:20 PM
21	Fully support the Association and committee working on this.	11/6/2019 8:43 PM
22	My family chose Trout Lake from among options all over Ontario and have stayed there for over 3 decades because it is clean, quiet, and natural. The proposed development undermines everything we value about Trout Lake.	11/2/2019 10:50 PM
23	Zero development is probably not possible but a the current plan is simply too large for our precious resources.	11/1/2019 8:15 PM
24	overall, I think that this project will definitely have a detrimental effect on our lake's ecosystem.	10/31/2019 11:47 PM
25	None	10/31/2019 9:01 PM

30	Want to see an environmental impact done	11/19/2019 7:12 PM
31	Increased pressure on aquatic and terrestrial environment including: Negative impact on water quality Greater hazard to nesting water fowl increased fishing pressure Increased boat traffic and higher accident risk Increased road traffic and higher accident risk Increased garbage Increased septic pressure Increased fire hazard Potential increase in vandalism Its impact on both the environment and natural resources of the lake and surrounding area will be negative	11/18/2019 12:53 AM
32	Safety, lake health and increased property taxes	11/12/2019 11:38 PM
33	Pollution is a major concern, water and noise.	11/12/2019 8:48 PM
34	Major impact on the water quality and fish stocks.	11/10/2019 5:28 PM
35	1. Overuse of a natural resource 2. increased boating/PWC resulting in increased safety concerns	11/8/2019 8:25 PM
36	we are concerned with the impact on the health of our lake i.e. increased effluent from such a large development, increased motorized traffic. It has been our understanding for many years now, that the Ministry of the Environment, many years ago, determined that the current level of camps and homes on the lake, was at the maximum that the lake could support. We are concerned with lake safety issues with increased traffic. We make our way to camp in order to take advantage of the peace and tranquility. A dramatic increase in population of campers would be detrimental to this quiet and much sought after environment.	11/8/2019 2:32 PM
37	too many people overuse of lake pollution non-owner users who won't care as much about the lake	11/7/2019 3:43 AM
38	overuse of the water ecosystem can only sustain so much	11/6/2019 9:20 PM
39	Heavy boat traffic, property values, negative environmental affects.	11/6/2019 8:43 PM
40	Environmental concerns: overfishing, pollution, sewage, deforestation, vulnerable species Safety concerns: lake and road traffic	11/3/2019 10:16 PM
41	Lake quality, conditions of development	11/3/2019 3:58 PM
42	Decreased water quality on Trout Lake. Decreased water quality on Wolseley River and Wolseley Bay section of French River. Increased fishing pressure, boat traffic, and noise on Trout Lake will degrade aesthetic value of the area. Increased boat traffic will increase potential for boating-related accidents. Decreased quality of currently good lake trout and muskellunge fisheries on Trout Lake. Reduction in property values on Trout Lake.	11/2/2019 10:50 PM
43	very concerned about this	11/2/2019 6:24 PM
44	Increased boat traffic, increasing safety concerns on the lake. Overfishing, environmental impact, decreased property values, increased noise.	11/2/2019 11:48 AM
45	There would be profound negative change in water quality, environment and ecosystem	11/2/2019 2:00 AM
46	1. Setting precedent for future large development 2. Volume of water traffic 3. Disruptions to neighboring family cottages 4. Additional noise and pollution	11/1/2019 8:15 PM
47	Increased water pollution, water traffic. They put a limit originally on how many lots were being sold & that should remain the same.	11/1/2019 5:28 PM
48	excessive boat traffic, ecological strain	11/1/2019 3:26 PM
49	Concerned about the ecosystem and what effect this development may have on our lake in the future. Additionally, there will be additional boats on the lake and I am concerned about the safety aspect of other campers and what effect the extra watercraft will have on our fishery and waterfowl on the lake.	10/31/2019 11:47 PM
50	Water pollution Boat safety Increased noise Blue green algae Over fishing	10/31/2019 9:01 PM
51	Increased pressure on the lake. This seems to exceed what the lake can support. Also there are 3 other lodges on the lake, what happens if they decide to do the same thing?	10/31/2019 8:39 PM
52	Increased road traffic, increased boat traffic, increased snow machine traffic, lakewater pollution, noise pollution, strangers not involved in work of campers association, municipal council welcoming project based on added tax grab	10/31/2019 8:24 PM
53	The impact that this size of development will have on the lake and it's resources.	10/31/2019 6:47 PM
54	As the owner of Owls Nest Lodge I have concerns for the fishery and cleanliness of the lake my guests and I drink from. Overcrowding, water safety/traffic.	10/31/2019 6:35 PM
55	water and air pollution, fish will die, sewage treatment/runoff, it will result in too much boat activity on the lake, increased noise, environmental disruption	10/31/2019 5:43 PM
56	increased traffic, noise, stress on environment and community resources	10/31/2019 5:41 PM
57	Don't think that lake can support it.	10/31/2019 4:33 PM
58	erosion of shoreline, noise, water pollution, boat traffic, effect on water fowl and wildlife	10/31/2019 4:30 PM

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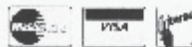


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# SAFETY REPORT—Darryl Taylor

Most markers and lights should be in by the time you receive this bulletin. If you notice any problems please contact me.

Thank you to the volunteers who look after the markers and fire pumps. If you require and additional supplies please let me know.

A reminder to campers to make sure you know how to operate the fire pump closest to your camp. The pumps are all similar but a quick refresher may be required. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me and I will make arrangements to go over the pump set up process.

A small fire was reported on the North shore on May 21st. With the help of the French River Fire Department and many campers the fire was extinguished before it got out of control.

Have a safe summer  
Boat Safe, Ride Safe

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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT—Debbie Lanktree

Hello Trout Lake Campers' Association members. I hope everyone is staying healthy during this spring of COVID-19.

Membership renewal letters have recently been mailed. Dues remain at \$25. We ask that you renew your membership by June 30th.

If you prefer, or if you have misplaced your membership package, on line renewals can be made by going to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) website at [foca.on.ca/product/trout-lake-campers-association](http://foca.on.ca/product/trout-lake-campers-association). We hope to see on line renewals continue to grow as it makes our membership renewal process more efficient and environmentally friendly. If you prefer to renew on-line in future years, please send me an email to let me know and I will make a note in our records.

I'm pleased to report that we finished 2019 with 203 members - the most I've seen since joining the Board of Directors.

A reminder that if you have a new neighbour, please mention the association to them and encourage them to join. They can email me directly at my email address below.  
Thank you to all members for your ongoing support. Have a safe and healthy summer!

Debbie Lanktree

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# FISHERY—Deven Stillar

Happy Spring Trout-Lakers!

Another season of boating is upon us! And whether you use your boat for fishing purposes or leisure activities it's essential to give your motor a thorough check through and service before launching for the season. Below I'll go through the things that I like to look for in the spring when getting my 4-stroke Mercury going for the season.



The 'please don't sue me paragraph': Now this isn't a professional service by any means, if anyone knows me they know I'm certainly no mechanic, but I've picked up a few things along the way from much smarter people than myself, so I thought I'd share them with you. Engine maintenance and servicing can have nearly no end, but I only have a page so I'm keeping it to a few 'essentials'. This article is assuming your motor is somewhat regularly maintained. If your motor hasn't been looked at in five years, this isn't the place to start. Also if you don't feel comfortable working on your outboard, I'd recommend bringing it to a professional or bugging a knowledgeable friend for help, like I do with my dad or my neighbour.

The first place to start for me is by taking off the engine cover/cowling. Rebellious critters (mice, squirrels) will often spend their winters living rent-free in your engine. If you do see signs of critter-squatting, do a thorough clean and check all of your wires and hoses. Three years ago a squirrel turned my wiring into his own personal all-you-can-eat buffet. If all looks well, take this opportunity to look for any possible leaks and check that everything is connected securely. If you changed your spark plugs sometime last summer then they should be fine. If not, they probably could use an inspection/cleaning/gapping.

When I was nine years old, one fateful summer morning I used the wrong engine oil on a lovely 9.9hp Evinrude and that afternoon it perished in the middle of Trout Lake. That was a tough lesson to learn, both from a financial standpoint & being motor-less for the rest of summer. Not to mention the spankings. Oh the spankings. So be extra diligent when dealing with all things oil. Following your owner's manual instruction/recommendation when it comes to refilling your oil is highly recommended (please see 'don't sue paragraph')

After making sure everything upstairs looks good, it's time to move to the foot of the motor. Check for any dents/corrosion/damage while moving down the motor, especially near the foot and the propeller. Check the cooling water intake for debris or hitchhikers (mostly insects). It's important to inspect your prop for any dings or cracks, if it looks like your prop has got a-little-to-close to some rocks (I know, I'm sure it wasn't you), you can have it ground down, usually offered by a small engine mechanic. This costs less than a tank of gas and can save you thousands down the road. If your prop looks A-OK then give it a spin, it should spin freely.

It's very important to be on the lookout for any fishing line that might be wrapped around the propeller or foot. As a back-troller (bonus fishing tip!) often times discarded fishing line can get tangled up in the prop. It will wrap itself around the prop shaft and damage the seals, thus allowing water to get in and mix with the oil. This will cause cracks during the winter (if you didn't drain your foot) and in the summer, the water will change the oil's consistency and limit the oil's ability to do its job. If you do find fishing line, you should drain your foot and if your oil does have a white or creaminess to it, than it did indeed take in water.

Regularly changing the lower-unit oil on your 4-stroke outboard is a very inexpensive way to keep it running its best and prolong its life. I change the foot-oil on my motor every spring. The spankings.

Well, my page has come and gone. I hope this helped some of you, if not you at least got a glimpse of what my summer was like in 1999. Thanks for reading, hope to see everyone on the water this summer. Let's be courteous and let's be safe.

Your friends at the Fishery Committee

# TROUT LAKE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019 Prepared by Dave Moxham

## ALL ACCOUNTS

	General	\$	3,117.36	
	Lottery	\$	1,186.46	
<b>BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018</b>			<b>\$ 4,303.82</b>	
				<b>2019</b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>
Administration	\$	8.50		\$ -
Advertising	\$	3,130.00		\$ 3,500.00
Bank Interest	\$	15.00		\$ -
Clothing	\$	180.00		\$ 500.00
Donations	\$	1,443.75		\$ 1,000.00
Grants	\$	-		\$ -
Lottery	\$	3,058.00		\$ 3,000.00
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Membership	\$	5,350.00		\$ 5,100.00
Merchandise	\$	1,489.65		\$ 1,600.00
Miscellaneous	\$	-		\$ -
Picnic Revenue	\$	708.50		\$ 500.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>\$ 25,712.20</b>	<b>\$ 15,200.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
Administration	\$	4,570.30		\$ 3,700.00
Bulletin	\$	4,074.88		\$ 4,400.00
Clothing	\$	-		\$ -
Environment	\$	-		\$ 500.00
Fishery	\$	403.02		\$ 400.00
Forestry	\$	-		\$ -
Lottery	\$	1,377.26		\$ 1,500.00
Other	\$	4,089.17		\$ -
Membership	\$	228.35		\$ 400.00
Merchandise	\$	1,392.02		\$ 1,200.00
Picnic	\$	1,669.96		\$ 2,100.00
Safety	\$	1,164.89		\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 18,969.85</b>	<b>\$ 15,700.00</b>
BOOK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019			<b>\$ 11,046.17</b>	
BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019			<b>\$11,694.35</b>	<b>O/S Cheques \$ 648.18</b>
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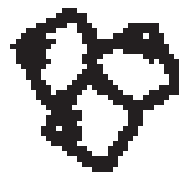
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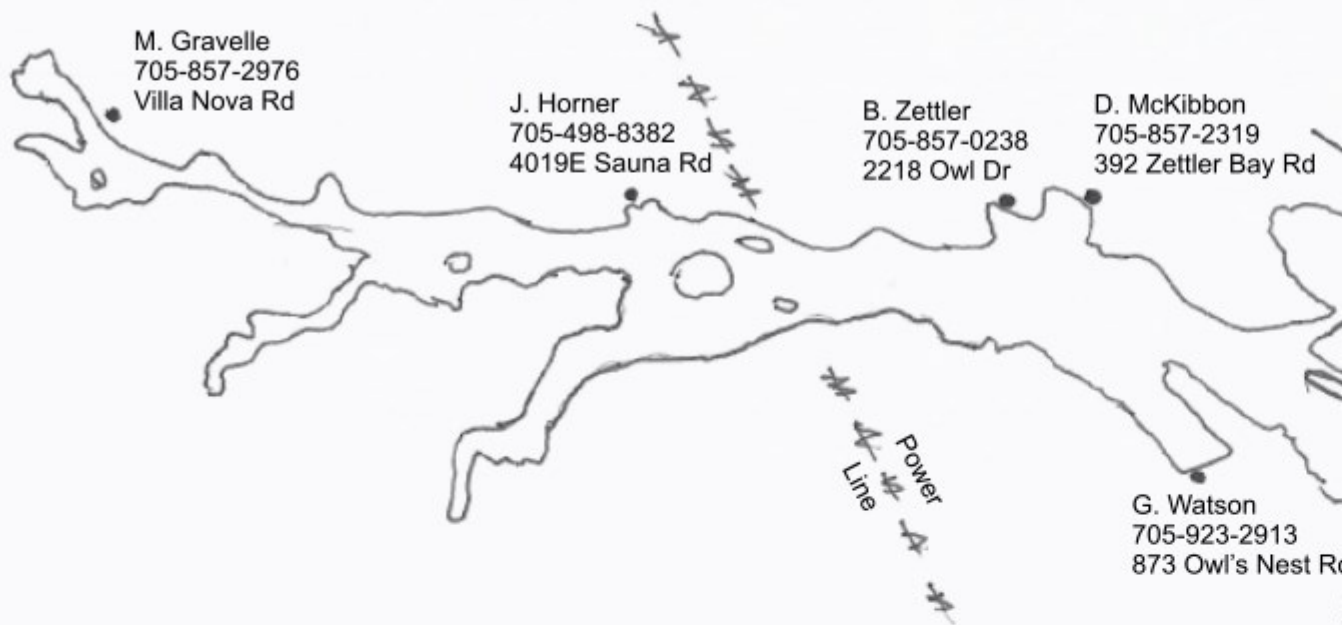
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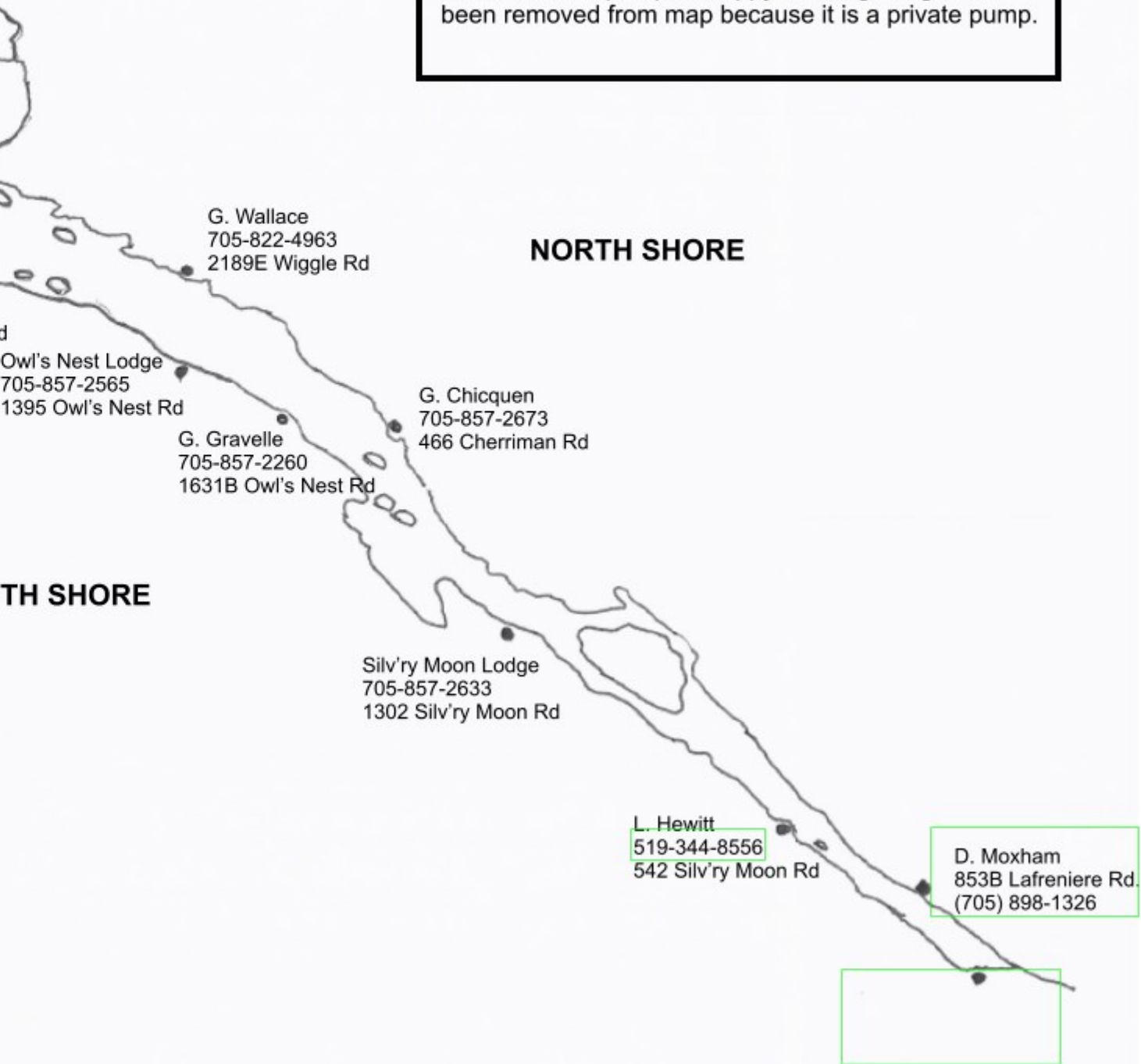
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Note: There have been changes to the Fire Pump map, particularly with contact telephone numbers. Make sure you use the current map in the event of a fire.

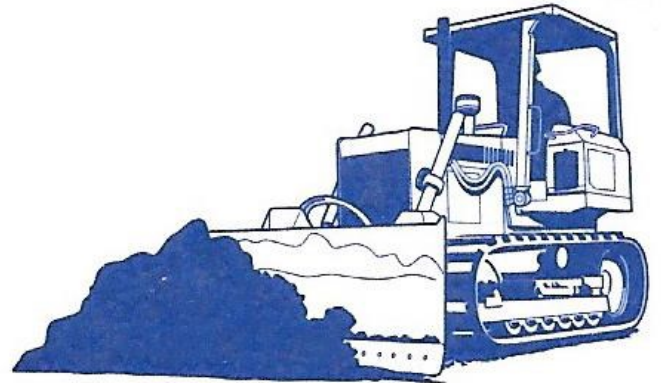
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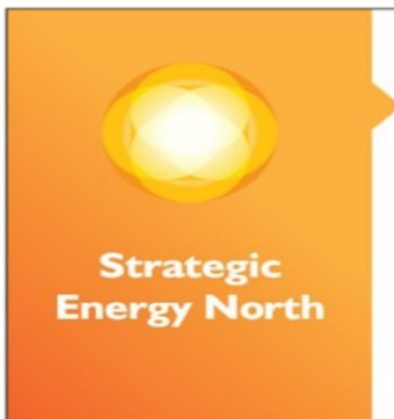
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Due to COVID-19 the Annual Picnic traditionally held on the Sunday of the August long weekend is at risk of being cancelled. At the time of writing, Ontario has extended all emergency orders in the province, including restrictions on social gatherings, until May 29th. If large gatherings are still not allowed into August, regrettably we will not be able to hold the picnic this year.

Even if restrictions are lifted, the picnic may not be in its traditional format due to a shortened planning window.

The Board will continue to monitor government announcements. Please continue to watch the Association website and/or Facebook site for updates.

## **It's Turtle Nesting Season—Please watch out for turtles on the roads**



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## *Winter at the Lake*

This winter was significantly milder and with less snow than last year. The lake ice only got to about 24" thick and was slushy throughout January and February which impacted the snowmobile trails, which opened later in January.

When March came, the lake surface finally became hard enough to make it easy walking. It's always a neat experience to talk out on the lake as it looks so different in winter. The thaw started in late March with the ice melting along shorelines and by late March the exposed areas on shore were free of snow. April played tricks on us though, remaining stubbornly cool despite the mild winter. And then May happened with a major snowstorm on May 7th, which brought about 10-15 cm of wet snow and a polar vortex along with a deep plunge in the Jetstream which affected the entire country. The spring thaw raised water levels very high and a number of docks escaped from their moorings and floated around the lake. Heavy rain in late April raised water levels even higher.

We monitored a number of moose in our area during the winter and noticed a lot of wolf activity nearby too, who were likely following the moose. Their tracks were everywhere on the lake and on trails up from the lake. We heard the wolves howling in the evenings too. We also noted a huge decrease in the number of birds at our feeders this winter. I'm hoping this isn't part of the larger trend of losses in bird populations everywhere. The partridge seem to be plentiful along the roads this spring though.

March brought the beginning of the Covid-19 virus which has impacted everyone's lives. Fortunately, social distancing and self-isolating is much easier at the lake as we still can walk on the roads and enjoy the outdoors. We noticed lots of people coming and staying at their camps once this started as a much better alternative than being cooped up in the cities. Hopefully things will return to normal soon and everyone will be able to enjoy their cottages again. Hopefully all of our member families remain in good health. It certainly has made us re-assess our values of family, home, camp, and the things we cherish the most.

**Have you heard of cooler corn?** Me neither! This was in a Cottage Life newsletter.

Let's do cooler corn!" Before I can ask "what the hell is cooler corn?" a Coleman cooler appears from the garage, is wiped clean, then filled with the shucked ears. Next, two kettles-full of boiling water are poured over the corn and the top closed.

Then nothing. When we sat down to dinner 30 minutes later and opened it, the corn was perfectly cooked. My mind was blown. And I'm told that the corn will remain at the perfect level of doneness for a couple of hours. Some families keep a special cooler just designated for this purpose.

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There were lots of pickerel fishermen out early on opening day. At least one was caught and many others got away, or so the fish stories go.

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**Joseph Vairo**—It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our dear father Joseph Francis Vairo at the age of 83. He is now reunited with his beloved wife Joan who he affectionately called “Chooch”. Joe was a proud Italian-Canadian who was dearly loved by his family and liked by everyone he met. He had a great sense of humor and could always make light of any situation. He loved his three children deeply. Together with his late wife Joan, they built a good life and a lifetime of memories including special Christmas eve celebrations, family road trips, time at camp and so much more. Much time was spent at the family camp where he taught us to swim, fish, waterski and enjoy the outdoors. Joe loved to start the day by putting on his overalls, tending to his garden, hunting for mushrooms, puttering around building something or fixing whatever needed fixin’. At the end of the day, he would bring out his guitar and croon out songs by the campfire. He loved sitting around the campfire singing “The Wheel of Fortune”. Everyone looked forward to hearing him play the oldies and he loved to get everyone involved with his favourite sing-along “Eh Cumpari”. Joe was a musician playing in front of local crowds from an early age. In his early day, he played lead with The Jack Smith Quartet. He loved fishing at his favourite secret fishing spot (which he never did give up) saying "It was THE BEST speckled trout he'd ever fished." Joe was a proud father and dedicated husband. He is survived by his children Tina Tanchin (Ron), Dino Vairo (Stacey) and Joe Vairo Jr (Manuela) and 6 wonderful grandchildren who he loved to impart words of wisdom to: Jordan, Ron, Syra, Francesca, Marcus and Luca. A special, thoughtful and respectful cousin to Ann Marie (Sam), Linda, Bob and Natasha - Joey, with lifelong memories, summer reunions will be cherished forever. He will be sadly missed by his sisters- & brothers-in-law, Pat Byrne, Joyce Lefebvre (Denis), Darcy Byrne, Steve Millar and Bill Thomson, and close family friends Mike (Compare) Marcuccio and family. Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. He's gone but he'll never be forgotten for his words of wisdom, “Never touch the principle!” We love you Dad, and we'll miss you so much.



**Paul Watson**—The Watson family announces the passing of Paul Cyril Watson on January 5, 2020. Paul was a devoted husband and father, who cherished his wife Murielle, his sons Shawn, Wayne (Mariella), Darcy (Andréa), Glen (Tracy) and Kyle (Paula), his fourteen grandchildren and two great granddaughters. He is also survived by his sister Lynn Watson. Dad was genuine, dignified and educative, illuminating the value of love and respect to all throughout his life. He was a dedicated public servant, and lived a life of passion for music, particularly jazz.



**Jill Hocking (Pigott)** - In Loving Memory of Jill Crandell (Pigott) Hocking 60 years old Friday February 14th, 2020 at her home. Beloved wife of Bob Young. Loving mother of Chris Hocking (Kayleigh) and Brittany Schmidt (Nathan). Dear daughter of Bill and Elsie Pigott, both predeceased. Dear sister of Jane Bendera, predeceased. Former wife of Peter Hocking. Sadly missed by her canine pal “Cooper”. Born in Sudbury, Jill taught for over 20 years with the Rainbow District School Board. She loved baking, crafts, and spending time watching the waves roll in at her camp on Lake Huron. Jill cherished her childhood memories of summers at camp on Trout Lake where she developed her love for canoeing, star gazing and girls' weekend getaways.

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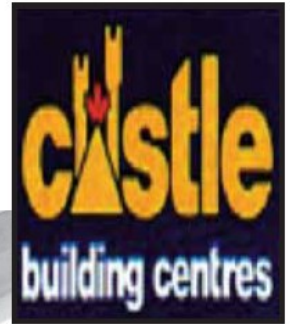
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- Great Docks



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