

# TROUT LAKE TIMES

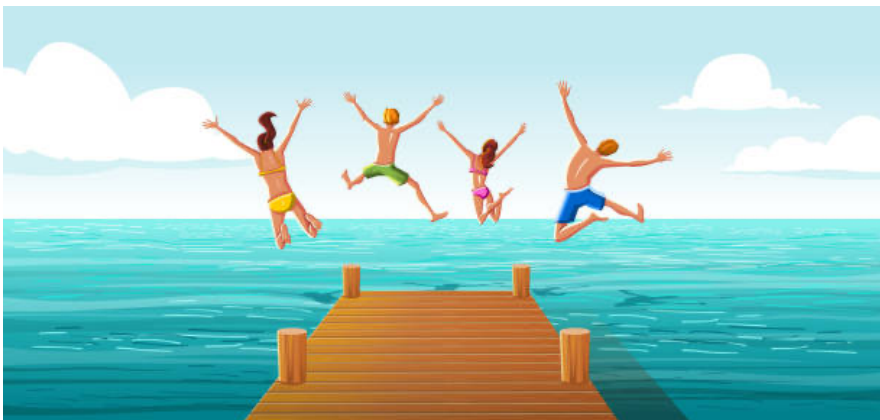


## Companionship, Safety, Conservation

***That was Fun!*** A big thank you to everyone who sent in words of support and encouragement for the newsletter. We appreciate your support. Sounds like we also picked up a few “newsletter groupies”.

Hot enough for you? Or too much smoke? The summer has gotten off to a great start - not too much rain and sunny clear days. I hear the water temperature is warmer than usual for this time of year but no one is complaining (except for maybe the fish).

We have some more interesting tidbits of information for you this month and some new features that we hope will become regular favourites.



**Fire Ban in effect!**

# This just in....



Memo to: Directors and Members of the TLCA and the Lake Development Review Committee

From: Linda Lachance, President

Date: July 9, 2023

Re: Happy Summer Village - Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal

The Lake Development Review Committee has been busy this year with providing comments and suggested changes to the Official Plan and follow-up meetings with the municipality regarding how those changes will impact development going forward. We participated in 4 open houses for the Official Plan.

Following this, several meetings with the CAO and Chief Building Official were held, and it was determined that thanks to our mutual co-operative efforts, the appropriate protections for future development are now in place. Those protections include the naming of Trout Lake as a protected lake trout producing lake, a special policy area requiring a lake capacity assessment be done prior to any new development, recreational carrying capacity calculations, the new Site Plan Control by-law and other requirements in the Trailer Licensing By-law. It is anticipated additional requirements will be written into the municipal zoning by-law when it is reviewed in 2 years time.

At this point, we have officially withdrawn the appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal as nothing further could be gained by delaying implementation of the Trailer By-law. All of the funds raised for the appeal were expended and considerable additional expenses were paid by one Trout Lake member. We did not need to utilize the GIC which had been allocated to this. The Treasurer has made changes to the financial statements which reflect the finalizing of the matter.

The municipality has awarded a contract to a consulting firm to undertake the Lake Capacity Study, Dissolved Oxygen Analysis and Recreational Capacity Study to be completed between August 2023 and Sept 2023. The municipality is funding this study, estimated at \$25,000.

We anticipate that the study will show that Trout Lake is well over its carrying capacity. This may mean some restrictions will come into play when new development is proposed. At this point we do not know what those restrictions will be. I anticipate having future discussions with the Chief Building Official following receipt of the results of the study.

I want to thank the incredible members of the Lake Development Review Committee for their dedication of time, expertise, research and tenacity in seeing this issue through. Marc Gagnon, CAO sent this email:

*I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your continued professionalism and openness while working through our differences. It was a pleasure working with you and as a result the municipality has greatly improved policy through our draft official plan and a adopted a valuable tool in the site plan control by-law. The final step which council will address on Wednesday June 21, 2023 will be awarding a contract to a consulting firm to undertake the Lake Capacity Study, Dissolved Oxygen Analysis and Recreational Capacity Study to be completed between August 2023 and Sept 2023.*

*The ultimate winner is what we were all striving for, to ensure the future health of Trout Lake.*

I think this says it all.

**Joel Demarais** is a long time personality on Trout Lake. He leads a team of dedicated Trout Lakers every Spring and Fall to put the lake markers and make sure we have the fire hoses in working order.

We thought we'd catch up with him and get to know him a bit better and ask him...

# 5 Questions



## 1) How long have you been on Trout Lake?

My grandfather first bought a camp on Zettler Bay Rd in 1985 before I was born and I have been here my entire life! I am so fortunate that between my fiancée's family and mine, we have access to four properties on the lake owned by various family members. My memories of this lake are so vivid that I am convinced it has a unique smell that one cannot find anywhere else. If I close my eyes and think back on my memories growing up here I can even experience that special unique smell. I'm sure many of you can too!

## 2) Besides fishing, what other activities do you enjoy on the lake?

If you are adventurous there are endless old logging roads and trails to hike or ride by ATV and snowmobile. If you haven't already and if you have the means I would encourage everyone to come and experience winter here on Trout Lake. The stars on a dark winter night are something else, nothing you've ever seen before.

## 3) South Shore or North Shore type of guy?

Ah yes a classic debate as old as our community itself but easy to answer. North Shore without question! Why anyone would want to be on the south shore is beyond me...I kid of course. But tell me what you think? Next time you see me I would love to hear your opinions however biased and outlandish they may be lol.

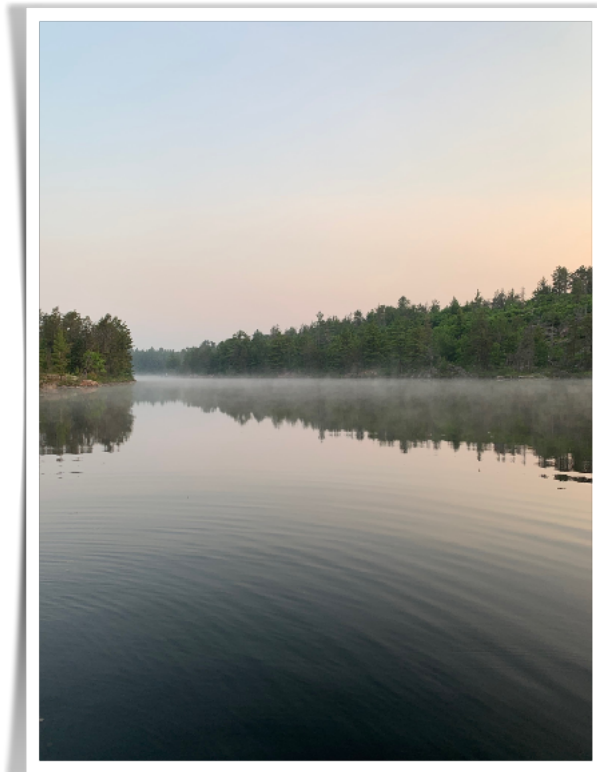
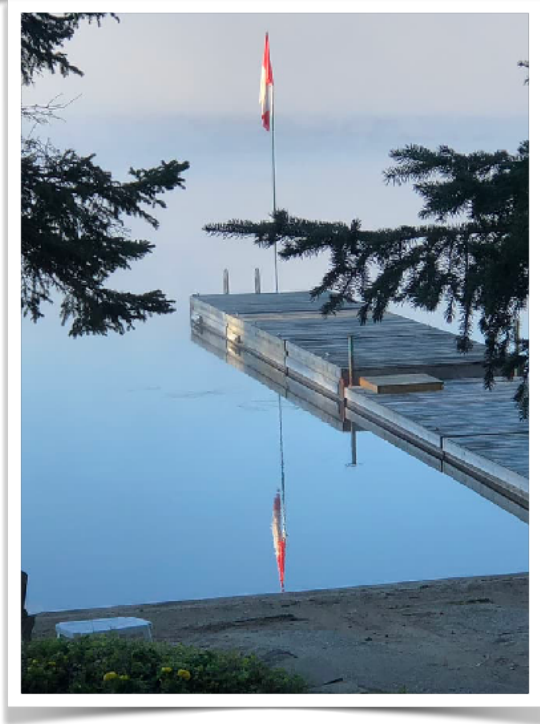
## 4) Quite a beard! is there a story behind it?

You don't spend the amount of time I have outdoors or on the water without learning a thing or two about UV protection. Beards are nature's all natural UV protection...plus my fiancée and I kinda like it.

## 5) So...Tell us about that fish!

I give you North America's apex freshwater predator. The fish of 10,000 casts. Northern Pike's bigger cousin on steroids. This is the Muskellunge (*esox masquinongy*). Their morphology practically unchanged since the cretaceous period. Difficult to catch and if treated with respect and handled properly this muskie will continue to grow to a length between 50-60 inches! Although not usually seen as table fare, fishing regulations allow licensed anglers to keep one muskie over 48 inches (122cm) here on Trout Lake. Despite this I would encourage you to always catch and release a muskie. We are very lucky to have a healthy muskie fishery in Trout Lake and releasing yours will give future generations (maybe even your own kids) an opportunity to catch them later on when they reach that "fish of a lifetime" size. Anyone interested in getting started with muskie fishing is welcome to contact me for guidance!

# Trout Lakers - Show us your pictures!



Send your pictures of good times at Trout Lake and we'll print them in the August issue. Due to size and space limitations, sometimes we cannot print all the photos.

Send to Peter Stewart - [Michelle\\_peter@mac.com](mailto:Michelle_peter@mac.com)



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# Know your Birds

Trout Lakers know about fish but what about birds? The Trout Lake region is home to many interesting species - not just the common ones. See if you can identify these birds. **Answers in the August newsletter.**

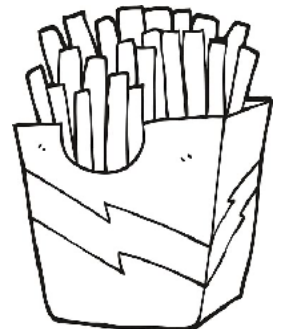


## French Fry Fridays are back!

Join us at the Tiki Hut every Friday from 3pm until they're gone!

Annual corn roast and BBQ - Sept 3

Gas . Snacks . Boat Launch





## MUNRO, William Bruce "Bill"

Peacefully, at South Bruce Grey Health Centre, Kincardine, on Thursday, July 6, 2023 in his 77th year. Bill, beloved husband of Carol (nee Hughes). Loving father of Laura and her husband Alan Elphick. Proud Grandpa of Leah, and Jenna (Dillon). Dear brother of Ian Munro, Lorna Munro and her partner Bob LaRose, Heather and her husband Gary Rogers; and brother-in-law of Marg Munro, and Joyce Quinn.

Bill was an active member of the Trout Lake Campers Association, working on the annual water sampling program, the Environment and Fisheries Committees.



**IMPORTANT - Picnic Planning**

We are trying to get the picnic organized and are desperately short of volunteers. If you can help with any of the things below, please get in touch.

Someone to run the swimming races & record the winners; give out the prizes. (2 people - time commitment likely an hour)

Someone to assist with canoe races (we have 1 person, 2 or 3 would be ideal)

People to run the kid's land races - 2 or 3 people - (about an hour time commitment); give out the ribbons and record winners

A second person to go in the safety boat during water races

Fish Pond - 2 teenagers would be ideal to handle this small task - it's fun!!

Someone to co-ordinate the horseshoe tournament.

Set-up day - volunteers to help set up the big tent and equipment, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, Aug 5th.

Take-down of tent after the event and help to put away equipment

This is a free event for all the campers, children, families on Trout Lake.

But we need your help to pull it off. Please get in touch with Linda Lachance at [troutlakecasd@gmail.com](mailto:troutlakecasd@gmail.com) or call (number is in your bulletin). Thanks very much!

Linda - Your Prez

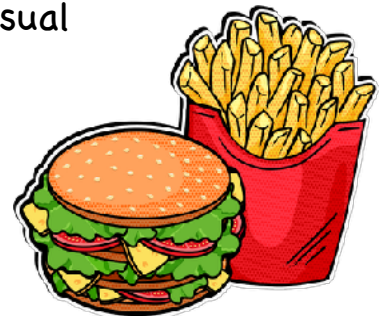
# Dockside Dev's

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Open	
Wednesday	4-8pm
Friday	4-8pm
Saturday	12-8pm
Sunday	12-6pm







## 1ST Prize

Ooni Pizza Oven and 2 Muskoka chairs



## 2ND Prize

5 Burner Charbroil BBQ  
(Donated by Seguin Castle Lumber)



## 3RD Prize

Charcuterie Board  
(Donated by Kintore Hardwoods)

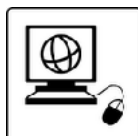


Don't forget to return your unsold tickets!

# See you Next Month!



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