



# Spring Newsletter

## May 2016

### Mission Statement

*The Papineau Lake Community Association (PLCA) is a not-for-profit organization.*

*The PLCA is dedicated to:*

- *Promoting responsible environmental stewardship*
- *Encouraging an active social atmosphere*
- *Monitoring & communicating changes which affect our lake community*
- *Providing and maintaining infrastructure to protect the physical and environmental integrity of Papineau Lake.*

<b>2015 - 2017 PLCA EXECUTIVE</b>			
President	<i>POSITION OPEN</i>	Director	Janis Harris
Vice President	Peter Shoemaker	Director	<i>POSITION OPEN</i>
Past President	Harold Harris	Regatta Chairperson	<i>POSITION OPEN</i>
Treasurer	Steve Carroll	Lake Steward	Andrea McCormack
Secretary	Susan Bateman	Membership Secretary	Mary Mueller
Director	Ian Salgo		
<b>Non Executive Positions</b>			
Raffle Coordinator	<i>POSITION OPEN</i>	Area Representative	Mary Mueller
Area Representative	Joe Oatman	Area Representative	Tom Potter
Area Representative	Neil Crowder	Area Representative	Paul Hart
Area Representative	Margaret Canning	Area Representative	Nancy Bullis
Area Representative	Charlene Quinn	Area Representative	Harold Harris
Area Representative	Cheryl Linton		
Area Representative	Penny Gordon		

## PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

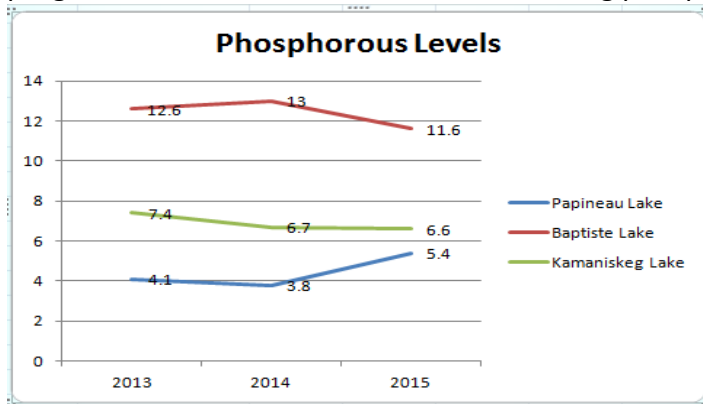
**Everyone can be a lake steward by helping maintain the health of Papineau Lake!**

### Why is Papineau Lake clear and mostly free of “weeds”?

Papineau Lake is a relatively large, young lake - making it deep, cold and having little sediment. All of these factors discourage vegetation and other organisms (including algae) that require a lot of nutrients. At the same time, many human activities (such as farming practices, septage run off, and shoreline development) can create a situation rich in phosphorus and nitrogen, which encourages algae growth. Algae blooms can lead to poor lake water quality and negative outcomes for lake users, including fish kills, odors, an unattractive appearance of the lake, an impact to summer recreational activities, and a decline in the value of our lakeside properties.

### The Lake Partner Program and Papineau Lake

The Lake Partner Program is a province-wide, volunteer-based, water-quality monitoring program. Area volunteers have been collecting phosphorus samples and making water clarity



observations of Papineau Lake to allow for the early detection of changes in water health. This graph shows how Papineau Lake’s average annual phosphorous levels measured up to other lakes in the area over a three year period. You can review other results by searching the online interactive map found at <https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/map-lake-partner> .

A lake with a reading of less than 10 µg/L is unlikely to experience nuisance algal blooms – let’s work together to keep our lake’s readings low!

### What can you do to help maintain the health of Papineau Lake? Be a lake steward!

- Pick up debris from the water or shoreline
- Be careful when fuelling motorized vehicles to avoid spills on or near the lake
- Don’t use soaps, detergents, or fertilizers directly in or near the lake edge
- Replace old septic tanks, have septic tanks cleaned every 3 to 5 years, and for best maintenance, avoid any anti-bacterial products and use septic friendly products, especially for dishwashers. <http://www/septic-tips/>
- Maintain native shoreline shrubs and trees, and plant new ones

- Report spills or suspected algae blooms (see <https://www.ontario.ca/page/blue-green-algae> for more information on algae blooms) to the Spills Action Centre at 416-325-3000 or 1-800-268-6060

## **ENCOURAGING AN ACTIVE SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE**

<b>2016 Calendar of Events</b>			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Annual General Meeting	Sunday July 3rd	9:00 A.M.	Lakeview Resort
Yard Sale	Saturday July 23rd	8:00 A.M.	Lakeview Resort
Meet and Greet	Saturday July 23rd	2:00 P.M.	Lakeview Resort
Regatta	Saturday July 30th	10:00 A.M.	South Beach
Golf Tournament	Saturday August 20th	9:00 A.M.	Wolf Ridge Golf Course
Corn Roast	Saturday August 27th	12:00 P.M.	Lakeview Resort

### **AGM**

The AGM, annual general meeting, is once again being held at Lakeview resort. It is on July 3rd at 9:00 am. Coffee and snacks will be served at 8:45. This is the opportunity for Association members to ask questions of the executive and bring up their concerns. As an added attraction this year, attendees will also have the opportunity to stand for the vacant president position.

### **Yard Sale**

Marjory McPherson is organizing the bi-annual yard sale which will take place at Lakeview Resort on July 23rd, 8 am to 1 pm.....just before the Meet and Greet. Two years ago, Marjory raised nearly \$500 for the children's department of Hastings Highlands Public Library. This year, the proceeds will go to help pay for a new, secure information kiosk to stand in the courtyard of Hastings Highlands Center in Maynooth. It will be a place where folks can check out events that are happening in Hastings Highlands and around, at any time of day.

Please bring your 'good stuff' (that still works)....anything that you don't use anymore but still has some good use in it, to Lakeview Resort on Friday evening, July 22nd after 5 pm. No clothing please. This will help us to set up and get organized the evening before. If you absolutely can't make it then, bring it in the morning. Volunteers are both needed and welcomed. If you can help, even if it's just for a little while on Friday evening or Saturday morning, please contact Marjory McPherson at [jimmarjmcph@explornet.ca](mailto:jimmarjmcph@explornet.ca) or 613-338-2253. We can have fun together and raise a little money for a good cause.

### **Meet and Greet**

The Meet and Greet get together will take place at Lakeview resort on Saturday, July 23rd, from 2pm to 4pm. Please join us for a great afternoon to meet your neighbours and enjoy delicious goodies provided by the PLCA executive. A \$5.00 /person donation to cover costs is requested.

## **Regatta**

The 2016 annual regatta will be again held at the south beach on July 30th at 10:00 am. The regatta consists of a raffle, volley ball, canoe races, swimming competition, horseshoes and a tug of war and events for children, face painting, sand castle building and a variety of games. It is a great opportunity to meet people from around the lake.

To make a successful day we need volunteers from the lake community for all of the events above and to help set up the day.

**We are also looking for a regatta coordinator and a raffle coordinator.**

The raffle has been a part of our regatta for many years and because of its great success, PLCA has been able to make donations to the Bancroft and Barry's Bay hospitals. We need volunteers to make this year's raffle succeed so we can continue to show support for our community hospitals.

**The following people have already volunteered:**

David Pilote as master of ceremonies, Andrea Carroll as food organizer, Anna Salay to solicit items for the raffle and Ian Salgo to set up volley ball nets and tables.

**High school students who volunteer get hours towards their community service requirement.**

So if your children need those hours to graduate, get them to volunteer. Volunteering is easy and a fun way to meet new people on the lake.

The volunteer site has already been opened up, you can access it at [2016 Regatta volunteer site](#)

## **Golf Tournament.**

This year's Papineau Golf Tournament will be hosted by the Amodeo family and will take place on Saturday August 20th at The Homestead at Wolf Ridge Golf Course. The cost is \$55 per person and includes cart rental. The tournament is open to all cottage owners and guests and will be played with a best ball format. A BBQ will be held at the Amodeo's cottage following the tournament – golfers and non-golfers welcome. Last year's tournament was a huge success with 10 registered teams, beautiful sunshine and some new names on the victory trophy.

Please register your groups with Brian at [brian.amodeo@hotmail.ca](mailto:brian.amodeo@hotmail.ca) as soon as possible so that he can arrange the tee times.

## **Corn Roast**

Exciting news – a new social event is in the works. A Corn Roast will be held on August 27th at 12:00 at the Lakeview Resort. This event is being planned to celebrate the end of the summer season and to showcase the lake's natural environment. Activities will be held for the young and older among us, including a scavenger hunt (possibly geo-caching), a corn roast, and other outdoor fun. More details to come soon.

## **LAKE AREA REPRESENTATIVES**

So far, we have 11 area representatives confirmed for 2016. They will make every effort to personally visit the 300 plus properties on Papineau Lake, but it will be a challenge given our short summer season and limited resources. If you would like to be on a "priority" visit list, just

contact Mary Mueller [Mary.mueller@papineaulake.com](mailto:Mary.mueller@papineaulake.com). or Susan Bateman [susan.bateman@papineaulake.com](mailto:susan.bateman@papineaulake.com) and we will deploy a representative as quickly as possible to answer any questions you may have about the Association and its Executive, or simply to discuss the benefits to you of becoming an active member. Remember: membership dues can be paid electronically or by mail at any of the social activities or in person to an area representative. You can pick up a Member's sign (new members) or sign sticker (renewing members) at any of the social activities or ask Mary or Susan to have them delivered to you. Our focus this year will match that of the overall Association mission statement as follows:

- Promoting responsible environmental leadership - identifying useful and educational material for distribution to the membership
- Encouraging an active social atmosphere - beyond membership, the key to a strong Association is volunteer work by members themselves. We'll be actively searching for those interested in volunteering in any capacity from the position of President, to being an area representative, to helping out with social activities including the popular annual regatta.
- Monitoring/communicating area changes which affect our lake community - we'll be focusing on recording active email addresses for each property owner to ensure changes are quickly communicated to members and non-members alike.
- Providing/maintaining infrastructure to protect the physical/environmental integrity of Papineau Lake-we will ask for your suggestions and ideas and communicate them to the Executive on your behalf.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC OR MAIL PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

The annual membership dues are \$25.

E-TRANSFER your \$25 membership dues to [steve.carroll@papineaulake.com](mailto:steve.carroll@papineaulake.com) . When you log into your bank site, look for the Interac E-transfer tab and follow the instructions. Keep the security question simple, the answer being a certain lake we go to (single word, lower case). In the comments section, please include the cottage owner name and address so the payment can be cross checked.

OR

Send a cheque payable to:

Papineau Lake Community Association  
c/o Susan Bateman,  
2802 Papineau Lake Road,  
Combermere, Ontario. K0J 1L0

### **MONITORING & COMMUNICATING CHANGES WHICH AFFECT OUR LAKE COMMUNITY**

The Hastings Highlands Council held a Public Budget Meeting on May 2, 2016. It was attended by approximately 200 residents who asked many questions and expressed their concerns. The 2016 budget was passed on May 18th at the regular council meeting. The budget calls for an increase of 2.2% to the property tax rate. In conjunction with the increase in tax rate MPAC (municipal property assessment corporation) is in the process of completing a reassessment of

property values across the province. These two will impact all of our taxes. All lakefront property owners should have received their MPAC reassessment by now and you have 120 days to request a reconsideration of your assessed value. The municipal tax increase was mostly a result of the new OPP billing model. It caused a 3.76% increase in taxes, and the portion of taxes controlled by the municipality increased by 1.23%. A lowering of the school levy offset some of the increases above.

Mayor Bloom is working with a group of rural mayors in Hastings County to address the inequities of funding to small communities by the county and the province. They are also attempting to get the OPP to change their new formula which they feel has unfair charges for many of our municipalities.

When you next visit the lake you will notice the municipality has installed some new signs indicating the location of the public beach and boat launch as well as No Parking signs on the boat launch ramp. The beach is now being maintained by the municipality; please help in keeping it clean. They will also begin the resurfacing process of 5.8km of Papineau Lake Road and a portion of Papineau Lake South Road this summer and complete the work next year. Curbside Garbage pickup continues to be discussed by council. As you may recall, it was cancelled at the end of 2014 due to the inability of council to find anyone to bid on the contract. An assessment of the cost to have the service In House led to the conclusion that the service would be prohibitively expensive. To be effective for us and the other lake communities with a seasonal population, the pickup would need to be on Mondays to prevent garbage being scattered by animals.. For seasonal residents, it is a service which is only used for a small portion of the year. Other municipalities such as Barry's Bay and Bancroft only do curbside pick up in town and in the immediate surrounding area. There is no rural pick up. Please note that the days and hours at our dump have changed as of May 16th. Our new dump times are: Wednesday noon till 5pm, Saturday 7am till noon and Sunday 2pm to 7pm. In addition there changes to the rules: garbage must be in clear, not tinted, plastic bags, cans, bottles and plastic containers can no longer be in plastic bags.

For the link to Hasting Highlands dump hours see: <http://www.hastingshighlands dump hours>

## **PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY OF PAPINEAU LAKE**

As a result of the survey of cottage owners, there was an interest expressed in marking some of the more hazardous locations in the lake. Last year several of our members damaged their motors on rocks and shoals, particularly at the north end of the lake. We have tried to identify the most dangerous areas, mostly in the boat traffic area greater than 30 meters from shore. The executive has purchased fifteen 12" "Tuff End" safety marker buoys to be placed on various hazards on the lake. Several members have agreed to be sponsors for these buoys and will install them in the spring and remove them in the fall each year.



The buoys will be placed as noted in the following table. (See last fall's newsletter for map)



[PLCA 2015 Fall Newsletter](#)

Location	Buoy #	Sponsor	Latitude/longitude
Large rock off the small island	1	David Pilote	45.333986,-77.815093
The shoal between the island and Weber Point	2	David Pilote	45.332781,-77.8089
The shoal off the point at Frank Mueller's place	3&14	Bill Bateman	45.325047,-77.807989 45.32415,-77.808775
The shoal north of Birch Point	4	Todd Babin	45.321842,-77.797515
The shallow water south west of Weber Point	5	Bill Bateman	45.328517,-77.802822
The sand shoal off Clark and Cone's cottage	6	Paul Harris	45.350347,-77.809108
The sand shoal off McLean's cottage	7	Paul Harris	45.359489,-77.837494
The shoal off Heath's cottage	8	Paul Harris	45.361586,-77.841487
The long shoal at the north end of the lake	9,10,&11	Kevin McClintock	45.364769,-77.8452 45.365319,-77.846794
The shoal off Rene's cottage	12	Kevin McClintock	45.366942,-77.844217
The large rock near Steele's cottage	13	Kevin McClintock	45.366511,-77.842944

**Executive and contributors to the newsletter are:**

 <p>Vice President, Peter Shoemaker</p>	 <p>Treasurer, Steve Carroll</p>	 <p>Past President, Harold Harris</p>
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