



# Spring Newsletter

## May 2017

### 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.*

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

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who make the PLCA possible. The majority of the people in the executive positions have been in place since the beginning of the Septage Issue six years ago and have decided not to serve in the 2017/2019 executive. Steve Carroll, Andrea

McCormack, Mary Mueller and Lindsey Trypuc will be remaining but Susan Bateman, Harold Harris, Janis Harris, Ian Salgo and Peter Shoemaker will be stepping down. In addition Anne Salgo will not be acting as the Regatta Raffle Coordinator. Our thanks to everyone for their hard work over the last six years. This does leave a number of vacant positions and we hope there will be volunteers to fill them at the Annual General Meeting in July.

## PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

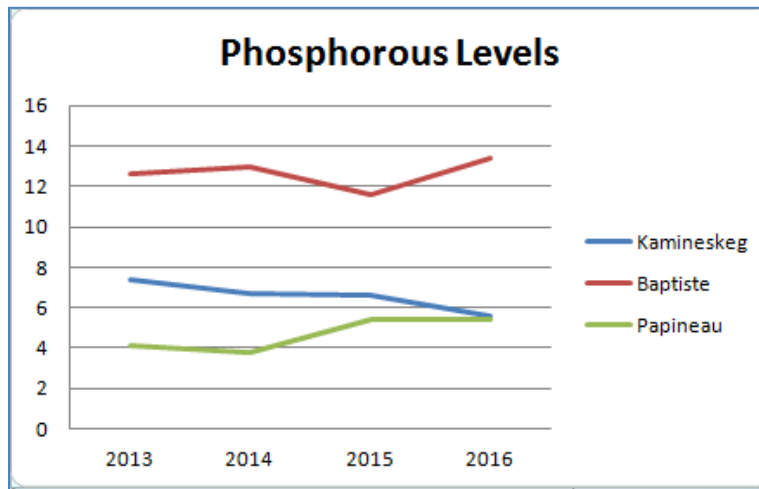
### - Be a lake steward-

### Help 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 lake side 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 four year period. You can review other results by searching the online interactive map found at [lake-partner-map](#)

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 you can 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 use septic friendly products for best maintenance
- Maintain native shoreline shrubs and trees, and plant new ones
- Report spills or suspected algae blooms (see [blue-green-algae](#) for more information on algae blooms) to the Spills Action Centre at 416-325-3000 or 1-800-268-6060

### **Septic Health**

As you may know, one of the leading sources of phosphorus in lakes is septic systems. A well running system helps keep phosphorus and other pollutants (i.e. E.coli) out of our water. While most of us understand the do's and don'ts of septic systems, if you have renters (or are yourself new to using them) please consider having these posters (compliments of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association) printed and left available in your cottage/residence. [CHA-Rental-Posters](#)

We are also excited to tell you that we will be presenting a very exciting, 20 minute "PoopTalk" video, by Rob Davis - Ontario's leading septic expert, at the AGM." [poop-talk](#)

### **Feral Cats**

We have received reports about groups of feral cats around the lake. These are escaped house cats. It is important not to feed the cats, they could have a huge impact on populations of the birds and other small animals around the lake. If you want to find out more about this issue check out: [save birds lives](#) an look under the cats tab.

## ENCOURAGING AN ACTIVE SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE

2017 Calendar of Events			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Annual General Meeting	Saturday July 1st	9:00 A.M.	Lakeview Resort
Meet and Greet	Saturday July 29th	2:00 P.M.	Lakeview Resort
Regatta	Saturday August 5th	10:00 A.M.	South Beach
Golf Tournament	Saturday August 19th	9:00 A.M.	Wolf Ridge Golf Course
Corn Roast	Saturday August 26th	4:00 P.M.	Lakeview Resort

### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM, annual general meeting, is once again being held at Lakeview resort. It is on July 1st 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. Nominations and election for open executive positions will take place at the meeting.

### **Meet and Greet**

The Meet and Greet get together will take place at Lakeview resort on Saturday, July 29th, 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 2017 annual regatta will be again held at the south beach on August 5th 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. Mark and Lindsey Trypuc have already stepped up to volunteer as Regatta Coordinators.

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 site for sign up will be available closer to the Regatta date.

## **Golf Tournament.**

This year's Papineau Golf Tournament will once again be at Wolf Ridge Golf course. The after golf BBQ will be hosted by the Smith family.

## **Corn Roast**

The corn roast last year was a great success and will be held again on August 26<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. at 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, a corn roast, and other outdoor fun. More details to come soon.

## **LAKE AREA REPRESENTATIVES**

Our area representatives, led by Membership Secretary Mary Mueller, will make every effort to personally visit the 300 plus properties on Papineau Lake. Remember: membership dues can be paid electronically, 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.

Our focus matches that of the overall Association mission statement. We

- identify useful and educational material for distribution to the membership
- look for those interested in volunteering in any capacity from the position of President, to being an area representative, to helping out with social activities like the popular annual regatta and corn roast.
- record active email addresses for each property owner to ensure changes are quickly communicated to members and non-members alike.
- 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. KOJ 1L0

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

According to the roads department, the resurfacing of Papineau lake road and Papineau lake south road will not happen this year but should be in the budget for 2018. They might, however, remove more of the old road surface from near the cement bridge by the Davis farm towards Hwy 62 this year.

Hastings Highlands council recently passed a bylaw which changes how we will vote in the next municipal election. It was brought to council's attention that the current ward system, in place since amalgamation, does not provide voter parity for all constituents. An "At Large" voting system was passed and will be in effect for the 2018 election. Constituents will be voting for a Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 5 councilors, At Large. They also decided that you may continue to vote in person at the Hastings Highlands center but Telephone and Internet voting will be available for those who wish to use it.

For the link to Hasting Highlands dump hours see: [2017 Dump Site Hours](#)

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

The PLCA has been trying for many years to get the boat ramp on the west side of Papineau Lake improved. We are working with the HH operations manager to get approvals from MNR to have gravel added at the bottom of the ramp so that boats can be launched more easily in spring when the water is high. We are happy to say that this is moving forward and we expect that the work will be done in the fall of 2017 when water levels are lower and work will not interfere with habitat protection. A local contractor, Stoneview Developments has agreed to do the work on the ramp for free.

Again this year the safety marker buoys will be placed indicating hazardous obstructions below the surface on Papineau Lake. This will be done when water levels have gone down. We would like to thank Todd Babin, Bill Bateman, Paul Harris, Kevin McClintock and David Pilote for maintaining the buoys.

[Marker Buoys Position](#)

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