

WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Council Report to the 2017 AGM

This is a brief summary of some of the issues encountered and activities undertaken by the trustees during 2016 with some plans for 2017.

Lake testing

This is an ongoing activity. Oxygen levels and temperature of the lake are recorded bi monthly. E coli test are completed on three occasions during the summer. All levels were found to be acceptable during 2016. Testing this summer will be expanded to include Phosphorous and Nitrogen content.

Native Milfoil

With the help of volunteers a patch of milfoil was removed from the lake over the summer. Many thanks to Laurie for his efforts to organize the cleanup. Trustees believe that it would be useful to continue to try to control this plant growth but need greater community involvement. Mapping of the growth in the lake is planned for the summer.

Shoreline Cleanup

With the help of some volunteers trustees participated in the "Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup" in October. A variety of debris ranging from Styrofoam scraps to an inflatable dinghy (uninflated) was collected. Trustees are planning to get involved in the program again this year. Volunteers will be most welcome.

Water Quality

Trustees are preparing an information package to be distributed to residents and other owners of ways to assist in maintaining water quality in the lake. This will be available on the website and other locations. Printed material is planned for distribution.

Culvert Cleaning

A family of beavers, residents of the sloughs partially closed the culvert connecting Cameron Pond to the sloughs. This blockage was cleared once and will likely need to be done again. Trustees are considering the installation of a screen at the north end of the culvert. This would allow debris to be cleared before it enters the culvert, thereby facilitating the maintenance of the culvert and flap gate.

Rezoning Application

Trustees attended the public meeting to hear the application to rezone land across the highway to accommodate a park for recreational vehicles. Council was not prepared to take a position on the proposal because it felt that there was insufficient information available regarding possible impacts on the lake.

Boating Issues

Jane Walter (Director, RDEK, Zone E) is attempting to form a committee to study and generate recommendations for safe boating practices on Wasa Lake. Community involvement is a key component toward any success this committee will have. Volunteers to serve on this committee would be most welcome.

Data Logger

Trustees are considering the purchase and instalment of a data logger to monitor the level of the lake. The logger would replace the current “stick in the mud” that has been used for some time. The logger would enable us to obtain readings of the actual level of the lake (above sea level) rather than the relative level, and just the increase or decrease of the level over time. The purchase would require no increase in the tax currently levied on owners.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Youngs, Chairman

Wasa Lake Land Improvement District