



BASS LAKE ASSOCIATION AGM



Wednesday, July 21, 2021

AGENDA



Treasurer's Report and Membership Report

Water Testing

Blue Green Algae

Septic Inspection

Lake Plan

Election Year

Summer Events

General Items of Discussion

Treasurer's Report

Joanne Goodwin

Bass Lake Association

July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021

Receipts

Dues	\$	5,485.00
Dock Rock	\$	1,860.00
(proceeds to Kelly Shires and the MacTier Food Bank)		
Total	\$	7,435.00
(dues for 2020/2021 (included in total))	\$	2,475.00

Debits

Insurance 2020	\$	1,152.36
FOCA	\$	391.00
Beaver Relocation	\$	1,909.43
Water Quality Testing	\$	908.52
Bank Charges	\$	-
Donations - Kelly Shires	\$	1,100.00
Donation - MacTier Food Bank	\$	600.00
BLA Communication Boxes	\$	260.62
Photo Contest Prizes	\$	125.00
Total	\$	6,446.93

Balance Chequing Account \$ **13,408.08**

Balance Savings Account \$ **8,863.71**

Total \$ **22,271.79**

* Pending Debits

- water testing \$272.56 (up from last years \$227.13 added more sites)

Membership Report

Joanne Goodwin



- Please renew your membership at www.basslakeweb.com
- We need your help!!!
- Encourage you neighbours and anyone else you know
- We need to reach new and first time members

Water Quality Report

Chris Bodanis

- 1st year of independent test from MLA (MLA cancelled water testing in 2020 due to Covid)
- Testing sites / locations remained the same and we engaged the same testing lab (ALS)
- Results from water testing were consistent with previous years showing no major deviations from trend
- In the fall of 2020, the lake experienced another cyanobacteria outbreak and this has precipitated a change of water testing sites
- Testing will occur on each of the summer long weekends starting in May. A fifth set is under consideration for October



Testing Sites for 2021

Deep water site off Crown land

Main inlet from St. Germaine Lake

**Inlet between Karantjas / Olson
(both side of Kendon Road)**

Outlet to Lake Joseph

Many lakes in the watershed have experienced blue green algae blooms.

We are not alone.

Testing of the algae in 2019 and 2020 showed no toxicity and was below drinking water possible toxic levels, which are more stringent than recreation levels. **This does not mean that we can be complacent and we must continue to be diligent and follow best practices to care for our lake.**

This year the District has started "Causation Studies" on five other lakes picked by The District. The study is intended as a way to determine the cause of algae Blooms to other issues and why water quality may be vulnerable. Impacts may be due to natural processes or human activities.

Badly maintained or old septic systems that need replacing or repair are of particular concern. The Septic Survey and inspections being conducted by the Township should help to identify problems but is not a substitute for good septic practices and regular pumping, etc.

Because algae was observed in 2019 and 2020, our Lake has been deemed vulnerable by the District and is placed on a waiting list for a causation study with 9 other lakes. Preparing a Lake Plan is vital part of this process. The vulnerability listing should enable us to get a causation study done and should also have a bearing on any future development projects.

The District has also contacted us to begin 'benthic testing' of our lake. This is a study of organisms that make up bottom communities in lakes.

Septic Inspection

Jeff MacDonald

- Everyone should have received a letter and septic system survey from the Township
- You may have also been contacted by a member of the Executive
- Please complete and submit the survey and cooperate with the township
- Purpose is to ensure all septic systems are compliant



A Lake Plan is an approach by a lake association to identify and protect the physical, environmental and social values of a lake or river system. It results in a long-range vision for the lake community that can be implemented through a series of stewardship direction and potential land use policies.

A Lake Plan can:

- ☐ Provide education
- ☐ Document the condition of your lake
- ☐ Identify special attributes of your lake
- ☐ Produce policy that can be used at municipal level

We have spoken with the District and with the Township and they both suggest we have one done for Bass Lake. Once it has been included into the municipal policies, it will give weight to the lake plans objective and outcomes as they would be formally considered when development applications are reviewed by the Township.

Types of information included in the plan:

- Our vision of Bass Lake
- Water quality
- Natural characteristics of the lake
- History, culture and community
- Land use – past, present and future development
- Stewardship – taking care of our lake

Cost to prepare a Lake Plan:

- If done by a consultant can be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$25,000
- May be done with less expense if we do some or all of it on our own
- **WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- There is a lot of historical data available for the area that can be used to develop the Lake Plan – for example, water testing results give us a baseline for water quality

Jeff MacDonald

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DOCK ROCK '21

SATURDAY, JULY 31ST 2PM – 4PM LEICESTER'S BAY



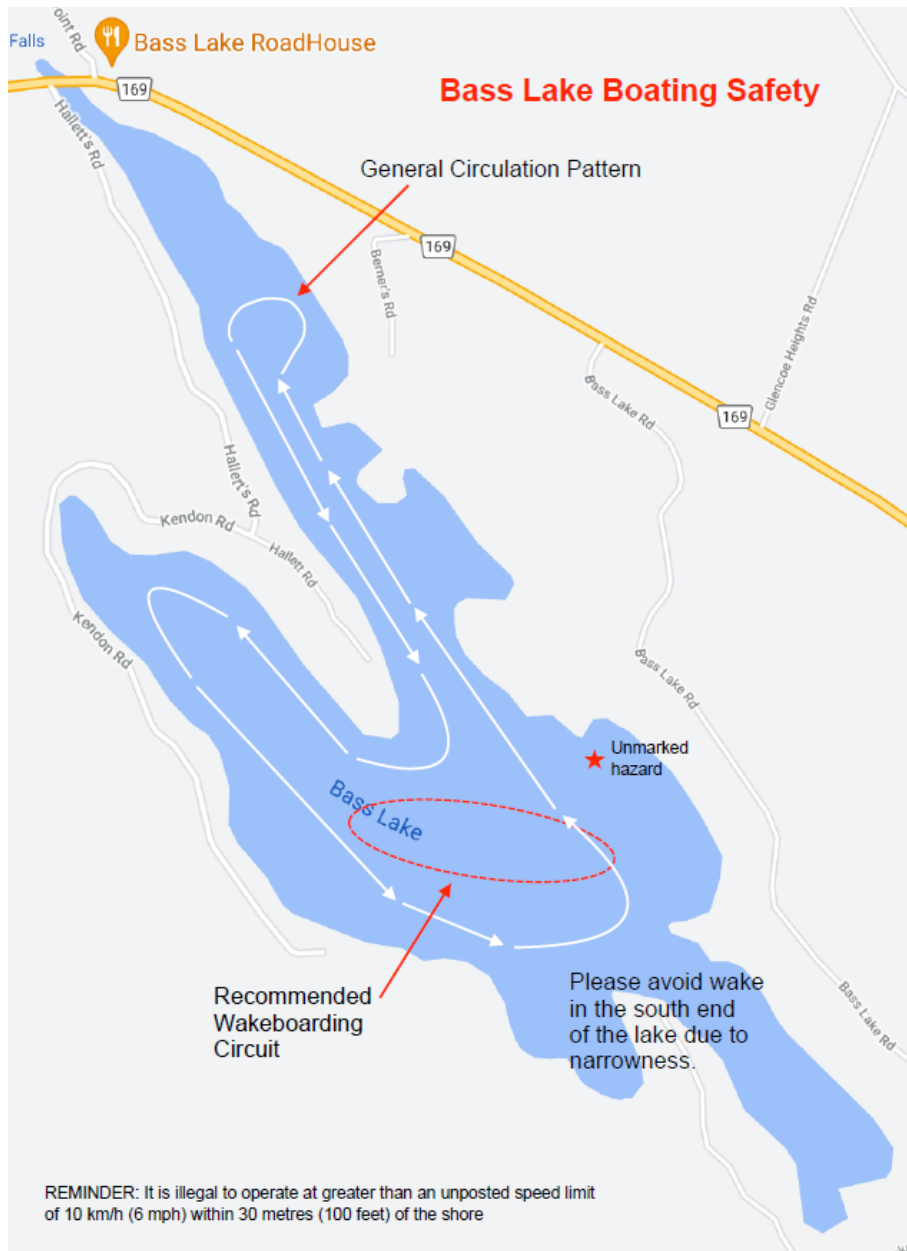
Bass Lake Photo Contest



Lights Out – August 14th



Parade Of Lights – September 4th

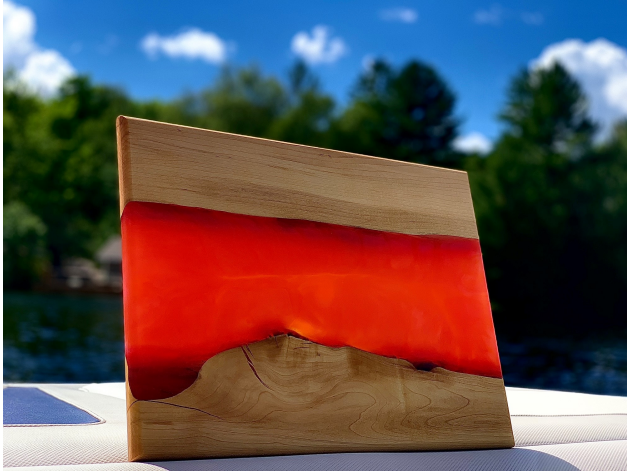


Boating Safety

- Lake is much busier!!!
- Water skiing, wakeboarding, wake surfing, tubing, jet skis, etc
- Motorized activity needs to be contained
- Wake surfing needs to remain in the centre of the lake
- Tubing should stick to the white
- Slow down in the channels. Speed is excessive and vehicles are too close to shorelines.

Water Levels

- Excessive rain has raised levels
- More debris in the lake



Charcuterie Board Silent Auction

- Made and donated by Drew Leicester
- All proceeds to Kelly Shires
- Current bid is \$200
- Email your bid to locallovemuskoka@gmail.com



Foots Bay Station 1

- Recently attended the Fire Master Plan meeting
- Pomax Consulting is providing a review & update
- Very few calls are fire related
- Township will formulate a plan that could be spread out over many years
- Foots Bay could be retrofitted to be an EMS vs a fire hall



Renters

- Please make sure you educate them
- Lacking respect for boating safety, road safety, fireworks, and noise



Massasauga Rattlesnake

- Be cautious
- Visit our website to learn more



Have a great summer!