

# Palmerston Lake Association



Annual General Meeting  
October 17, 2020



# The PLA team

- Jim Getman - President
- Andrew Waywell - Vice President
- Joan Cotton - Newsletter
- Robbie Viets - Membership
- John Viets – Lake Stewardship
- Leslie Viets - Finance
- Rene van Diepen - Website
- Nicole Doyle – Lake Plan

At this time we have had two resignations from the board for personal reasons, we would like to thank Cille Harris and Jason Lambert for their contributions.



# Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions – Jim Getman, PLA President
  1. Motion to approve agenda
  2. Motion to approve Minutes of 2019 AGM
2. President's Report – Jim Getman
3. Membership Report – Robbie Viets
  1. Motion to set membership fees for 2022 and 2023
4. Finance Report – Leslie Viets
  1. Motion to Approve Financial Report
  2. Authorize the Directors to set a Budget according to the needs and resources of the Association
  3. Motion to Not Appoint an auditor and Not to have an audit or review
5. Nominations for the Election of President
  1. Nominate Andrew Waywell for position of President
  2. Call for Nominations from the floor
6. Nominations for and Election of Directors
  1. Nominate slate of Directors
    1. Call for Nominations from the floor
7. Committee Reports
  1. Lake Stewardship Planning – Nicole Doyle
  2. Lake Steward's Report – John Viets
  3. Website – Rene van Diepen
  4. Newsletter – Joan Cotton
8. Question Period for Members
9. Closing Comments – Andrew Waywell
10. Adjournment





# President's Report

## Highlights of matters dealt with since last AGM

### Primary Focus Areas...

- The board has met seven times since our last AGM, main topics of discussion were:
  - Membership
  - Finance
  - Website
  - Lake Stewardship
  - Lake Plan
  - Newsletter





## North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance...

- Appealed to Council concerning “averaging methodology” used in considering proposed developments on Ardoch Lake.
  - Proposal was rejected.
- Presentation to Council recommending Mandatory Septic Inspection for all lake property owners.
  - There will be a study by the Public Works Commission to be submitted within 6 months.

## President's Report

## Highlights of matters dealt with since last AGM



# Questions Regarding The Presidents Report?



# PLA 2020 Membership Report

We are pleased to announce that we have 39 voting Members and 16 Associate Members. This is very encouraging given that we have all had to hit the pause button in our normal summer season activities on and around the lake.

As with most of our initiatives this year our membership activities have been limited to the things we can do online:

1. Starting in March we passed on a constant stream of notices and announcements about restrictions, closures and local policy from the Township of North Frontenac that hopefully helped our members understand the local Covid 19 situation.





# PLA 2020 Membership Report Continued...

2. We have updated our membership application and renewal process as well as enabling automatic deposit of membership fees through e-transfers. It is now possible to join totally online using the form available on our website.....and still quite easy to do on paper and snail-mail. We would appreciate any comments and suggestions about our membership process and there will be time at the end of this webinar to answer your questions.
3. Palmerston Lake Association continues its membership in the FOCA, the Federation of Cottage Associations of Ontario. By passing on their "[FOCA e-lerts](#)" we hope you have been able to benefit from their wealth of information and their numerous initiatives.

Thanks to all of you for your support. As always we ask you all to help your association grow by encouraging your friends and neighbors on the lake to join as Members.



# Questions About The Membership Report?



# Motions For The Membership Report:

- Motion to set Membership Fees for 2022 and 2023





# PLA – Financial Report

## Presented to the 2020 Annual General Meeting

PALMERSTON LAKE ASSOCIATION							
<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>							
PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING							
Saturday October 17th 2020							
<b>Bank Balance January 1st 2019</b>							\$ 943.73
<b>Add: 2019 Revenues:</b>							
Membership fees						\$ 1,497.24	
Interest						\$ 4.45	
<b>Total Revenues 2019</b>							\$ 1,501.69
<b>Less: 2019 Expenditures</b>							
Board Meetings						\$ 31.07	
Bank charges						\$ 54.10	
AGM expenses						\$ 68.35	
FOCA membership fees						\$ 314.50	
Website						\$ 160.67	
<b>Total Expenditures 2019</b>							\$ 628.69
<b>Bank Balance December 31st, 2019</b>							\$ 1,816.73
<b>Add: 2020 Revenues to date</b>							
Membership fees						\$ 825.00	
Interest						\$ 3.26	
Donations						\$ 50.00	
<b>Total Revenues 2020 to date</b>							\$ 878.26
<b>Less: 2020 Expenditures</b>							
Board Meetings						\$ 54.78	
Bank charges						\$ 8.50	
Website						\$ 35.00	
FOCA membership fees						\$ 315.82	
<b>Total Expenditures 2020 to date</b>							\$ 414.10
<b>Bank Balance to date Sept 4, 2020</b>							\$ 2,280.89

# Questions About The Financial Report?



# Motions For The Financial Report:

- Motion to Approve Financial Report
- Motion to Not Appoint an Auditor and Not to have an Audit or Review
- Motion to Authorize Directors to set a Budget according to the Association's needs and resources





# Nominations for Election of President – Jim Getman

- Motion to nominate Andrew Waywell for position of president
- Call for nominations from the floor



# Nomination for Elections of Directors – Andrew Waywell

- Motion to nominate slate of Directors
  - Jim Getman
  - John Viets
  - Joan Cotton
  - Rene van Diepen
  - Robbie Viets



# Nominations for Director from the floor

- Nicole Doyle has one year remaining in her term as Director
- There are 2 vacancies on the Board
- Leslie Viets is continuing as our Secretary-Treasurer, an Officer
- Call for nominations from the floor





# Committee Reports

- Lake Stewardship Plan – Nicole Doyle
- Lake Stewards Report – John Viets
- Website – Rene van Diepen
- Newsletter – Joan Cotton



# Lake Stewardship Plan

- Goal of the lake stewardship plan:

*“To encourage residents, other users, and the community to promote the long-term health and beauty of Palmerston Lake by following ecologically sound principles and practices”*



# Lake Stewardship Plan Continued...

- What we have accomplished so far:
  - Established a timeline of 3 years to complete the lake stewardship plan.
  - Created an action plan based on Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) lake planning guidelines.
  - Met with representatives of the lake planning committee for Canonto lake
  - Made contact with the MVCA and North Frontenac Council.
  - Received support in the creation of a Lake Stewardship Plan by the North Frontenac Council.



# Lake Stewardship Plan Continued...

- Next Steps:
  - Find a volunteer for communications officer.
  - Canvas for more community involvement of not only residents with properties on the lake, but residents within the Ompah hamlet.
  - Find volunteers to participate in research of each section of the lake stewardship plan (see next slide).





# Lake Stewardship Plan Continued...

- The following are sections of the lake stewardship plan that we need community involvement and input with the research:
  - The physical and Natural Environment
  - The Biological Endowment
  - History of Settlement, Land Tenure and Development
  - Natural and Cultural Assets
  - Natural Resources
  - Residential Development
  - The Impact of Climate Change
  - Carrying Capacity

If you or anyone you know are interested in helping with any of the above areas of research, we would love to hear from you! Please contact us at: [PalmerstonLakeAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:PalmerstonLakeAssociation@gmail.com)



# Questions About The Lake Stewardship Plan?



# Lake Stewardship

- Stewardship activities focus on projects directed at maintaining, improving and monitoring the quality of the water in Palmerston Lake.
- These activities involve social interaction
  - workshops, water quality testing, shoreline enhancement, tree planting, improving fish habitat
- getting together to work on a project.



# Lake Stewardship Continued...

- This season our actives centred around:
  - Initiating a response to the presence of Eurasian Water Milfoil in our lake
  - Locate EWM





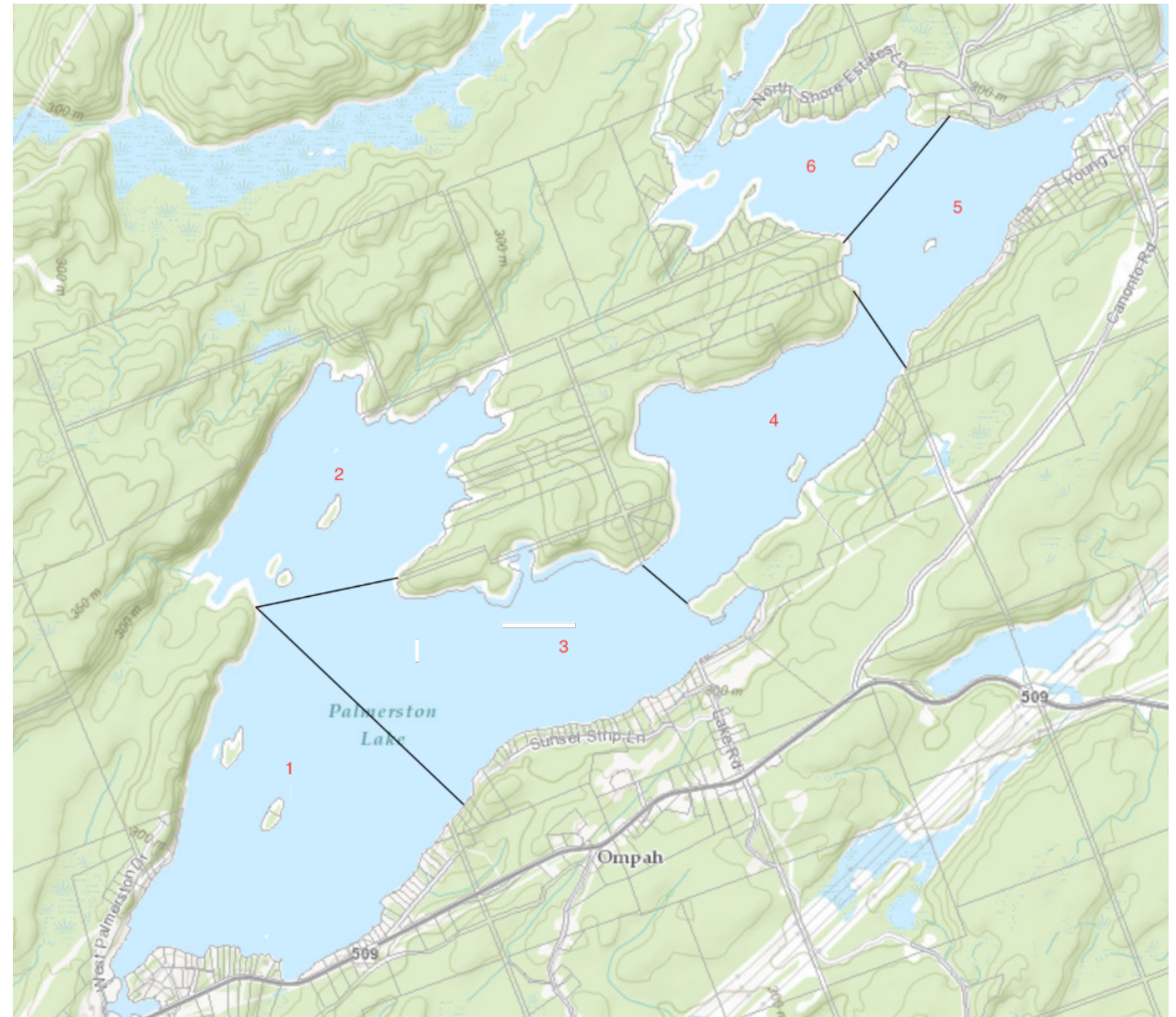
# Lake Stewardship Continued...

- Initiating a response to the presence of Eurasian Water Milfoil in our lake:
  - Develop a 'whole of lake' approach to the management of Eurasian Water-Milfoil (EWM) in Palmerston Lake. EWM was observed in the lake starting the summer of 2019.
  - It is not widespread, Yet.
  - A critical part of this approach is locating and mapping occurrences of EWM.
  - This will help us decide on a course of action for each location.



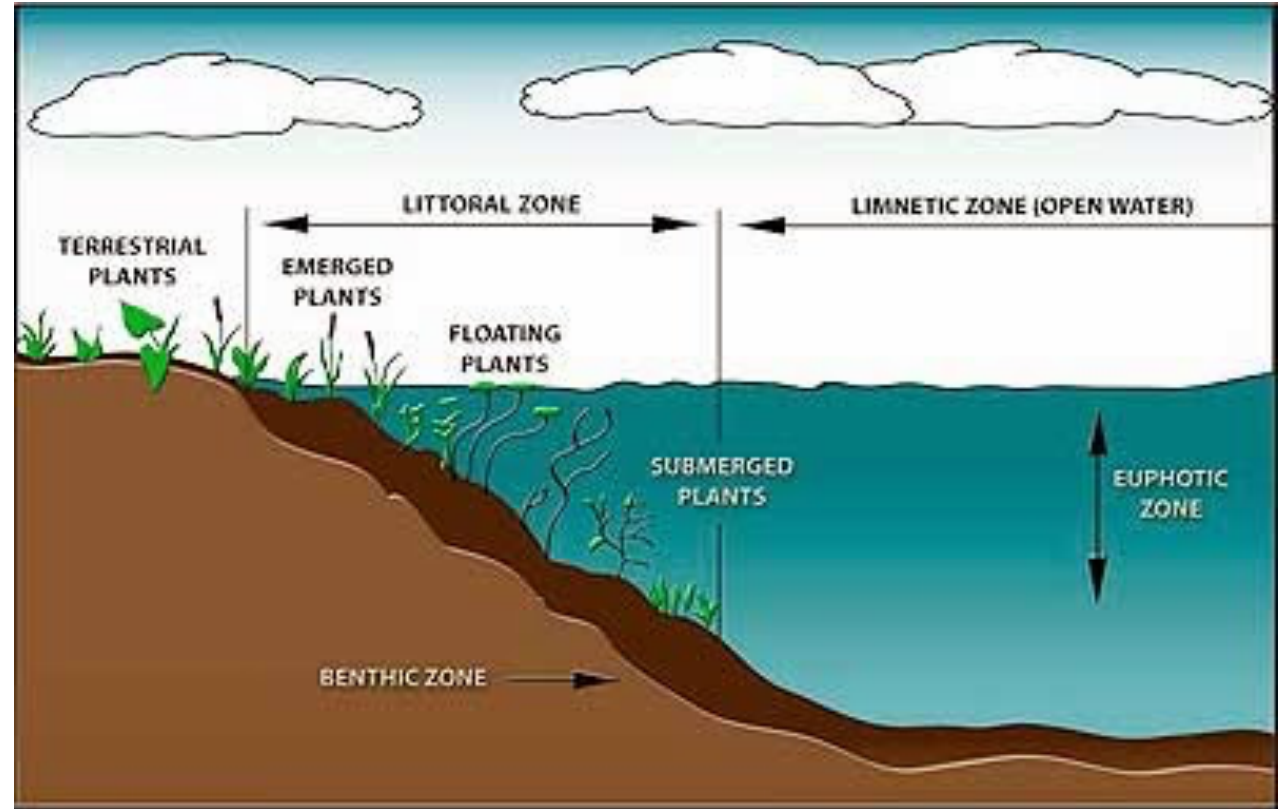
# Lake Stewardship Continued...

- Locate EWM:
  - The lake will be partitioned into manageable zones, 1 to 6.
  - One volunteer from each section will act as zone steward, receiving information from others in that zone, passing that on to a PLA board member or the lake steward.
  - **If you or someone you know would be able to do this, please send us an email.**



# Lake Stewardship Continued...

- Developing a 'Build Smart, Lake Smart' Initiative
  - The Build Smart effort will help provide a framework for understanding how we can best build/renovate/innovate on our lake properties, within 30 metres of the water, in order to preserve and enhance water quality in the long run.
  - The Lake Smart effort will guide us in understanding the importance of why and how to protect that part of our properties that are within 15 metres of the water.
  - In particular the zone known as littoral zone.





# Lake Stewardship Continued...

- Introduction of Citizen Science Programs
  - This program, or combinations of activities, suited the pandemic environment. Addressing some of the following:
    - Whole family involvement
    - Drawing attention to our property and lake environment
    - Some science around elements that contribute to our mission to uphold water quality
    - We encourage you to pick a project and organize to carry it out next season
    - Send us an email and let us know what you plan to do. If you agree, we will create a section on the webpage to let others know
    - A link to these programs can be found on our web page under the Quick Links tab.





# Lake Stewardship Continued...

- Work on a 'Cottage Binder'
  - A coffee table book for family and guests. A guide for life on our lake.
  - Eventually and essentially, a book highlighting important information about the who, what, when, where and why of lake life, directed at protecting water quality.



# Lake Stewardship Continued...

- Water Quality
  - Based on Secchi depth and surface water total phosphorus results in 2019 (Table 9, Figure 15) the lake maintains an oligotrophic status.
  - The water temperature and dissolved oxygen profile data from the 2019 sampling events are available in Appendix A.
  - All good news.

[Integrated Monitoring Report 2019](#)

Reference: Integrated Monitoring Report 2019-Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority



# Questions About The Lake Stewardship?



# Website

- The website ([palmerstonlakeassociation.com](http://palmerstonlakeassociation.com)) is now live! We launched April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020.
- The website has great content that we are still building.
- We are designing it to be the central source for information about the Palmerston Lake Association.





# Website Continued...

[Home](#)[About](#) ▾[News and Events](#) ▾[Our Lake](#) ▾[Boating and Fishing](#) ▾[Gallery](#)[Quick Links](#) ▾[Contact us](#)[Become a Member](#)

This graphic shows the key sections of the website

# Website Continued...

- What can I find on the website?
  - When is the AGM? What local events are happening? Where do I go to find out about septic systems? Building a new dock? Or how about getting involved in developing our Lake Management Plan? Where's that last issue of the Palmerston Post?
  - The website is also your one stop shop for Quick Links to building codes and regulations, local businesses, the Frontenac Township, waste and recycling, Citizen Science.
  - We even have a photo gallery – so submit your photos to see them up on the website!
  - And of course, all the information and steps to become a PLA Member, or renew your Membership.
  - And if you would like to volunteer, the areas where we are looking for help and how to volunteer.



# Questions About The Website?



# Newsletter

## PALMERSTON POST

### FALL 2020 VOL.2 ISSUE 2

- As most of us are closing our cottages and preparing for winter we reflect on the summer just passed. Your Palmerston Lake Association has been busy. Setting up and presenting our Website, virtual meetings, and phone calls. A Lake Stewardship Plan Committee was set up and is well on the way, connecting with the Township of North Frontenac, the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA), Canonto Lake Property Owners Association and watershed neighbours. This will be a comprehensive plan with recommendations for the future of Palmerston Lake.

- Our committee reports will be presented on the website and at our **Annual General Meeting**. This is scheduled for **Oct. 17, 2020 at 11 am. Until 12.00**. Because of Covid19 and travel restrictions etc. it will be by invitation to a virtual meeting on **"Go to Webinar."** Information regarding registration and procedures will be sent out to all members. We ask that you have renewed or joined for the year of 2020. Any questions about this can be directed to Robbie Viets, Membership Coordinator at [palmerstonlakeassociation@gmail.com](mailto:palmerstonlakeassociation@gmail.com) and our website <https://palmerstonlakeassociation.com>.

- Two directors have moved on during the season. Jason Lambert and Cille Harris. Both were active participants and we are sorry they are no longer available. We wish them well. This leaves two vacancies on the Board should someone like to volunteer their name. You must be a current voting member in good standing and have a member motion you forward. The term is 2 years. The directors standing for re-election are Robbie Viets (Membership chair), John Viets, (Lake Steward), Rene Van Diepen, (Website chair) and Joan Cotton, (Newsletter). Nikki Doyle, (Lake Stewardship Planning Committee) has one year remaining in her term as a director.. Jim Getman is finishing his term as President and will stand for election as a director. Andrew Waywell is will stand for election as President. Leslie Viets has agreed to continue as Secretary /Treasurer (Officer).

- We are also asking for more involvement in moving the association forward. We are looking for people with history of the Lake, Biology/geography, zoology, sciences, writing skills, legal skills, graphic design, regular submissions for our newsletter. If there is something you would like to get involved with please put suggestions forward (e.g. birding, bird counting, water sampling, fund raising, kids' programs, hiking, photography etc.)

- We are still looking for trades people interested in doing jobs for our membership. We would like to provide an easy access to our members looking for services.

- There has been more milfoil noticed of the Eurasian variety and our Lake Steward (John Viets) has put together a project plan. Please take a moment to read it and consider how you can help. This plan follows after the newsletter.





# Newsletter Continued...

## Advocacy, Policy & Program Updates:

### BREAKING NEWS:

**OEB orders Hydro One to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class** On September 17, 2020, the **Ontario Energy Board (OEB)** ruled that Hydro One will eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class and shall move all customers into one of their other, density-based rate classes. This decision has been preceded by numerous rate applications and intervenor submissions by FOCA and others over the past five years.

**FOCA remains extremely concerned** about the financial impacts this change will have on the estimated 78,000 seasonal customers that will be moving to the R2 (low density) residential class and will face increases of \$60/month or more, based on Hydro One's last estimates. Read more here: <https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>

It has been a different summer at the lake. We were not able to get there until June. Some people were able to drive to and isolate, but we had to wait until marinas and ramps were available. A lot of uncertainty hovered over us, but the heat and humidity also kept us from venturing too far. We noticed a fair number of unfamiliar boats cruising and being used as diving/swimming platforms. We suspect that those people usually travelling were staying close to home. We missed our US neighbours and can only imagine how difficult it must have been not to get away from some of the tragic circumstances they faced. We hope that all our members came through Covid 19 round #1 safely. With warnings of a second wave we must stay vigilant.

There was an abundance of moths and few butterflies. The night skies were wonderful and the fireflies were the most I have seen in years. The colours were spectacular this fall with lots of reds and brilliant oranges a brilliant finish to the summer. I read somewhere: "It's Mother Nature's way of showing us the beauty in letting go"!

We hope you can join us for the AGM. Stay safe.



# Questions About The Newsletter?





## Question Period

- At this time we are happy to take any questions/comments you might have. Please type your questions into the question box on your device and hit SEND to the organizer. The organizer will read your specific questions out loud and direct them to the appropriate committee member for reply.





# We need more Members!

- ✓ Reach out to your neighbours
- ✓ Tell them what we are doing
- ✓ Encourage them to come to the AGM
- ✓ Ask them to sign up and give their voice

Deeded property owners  
on Palmerston Lake

~ **200**

PLA voting  
members ~ **39**





# Thank you for your participation and interest!

